

# ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Cllr Jo Dee, Cllr Geoff Keen and Cllr Tony Mills (Chairman).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr Martin Percy, William Bramley (Footpath Officer) and three members of the public and the Clerk.

**1. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Juliet Browne, Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle, Cllr Sean Sage and Cllr. Richard Dean (GCC).

**2. To receive any declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To receive any representation from members of the public. (This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at this meeting)**

- It was asked if GCC Highways might undertake repairs to the pavement at the same time as SevernTrent were installing the new water main along the road to Dursley. The Clerk explained that this had been explored by GCC Cllr. Richard Dean with GCC Highways, but it was concluded that this was unlikely for a number of practical reasons.
- It was also asked whether there was a plan to fix the potholes along Fop Street that is being heavily used as a diversion to get to Dursley. Cllr. Tony Mill recommended to notify GCC of road issues via Fixmystreet.

**4. To approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting, including progress with outstanding actions not included on the agenda**

**Actions resulting from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 meeting.**

Date of Meeting and agenda item No.	What	Who	When	Update 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
02/10/2024	The Council to request the views and feedback of local children on the playground via the VN.	Cllr Tracy Mason-Fayle	Spring 2025	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle had previously reported this as complete. <b>Complete</b>
03/25. 11b	Cllr Melanie Paraskeva to check with previous clerk if ROSPA need to be asked or if they just inspect as a matter of routine.	The Clerk	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Inspection has been completed. <b>Complete</b>

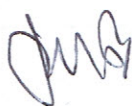
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04/25 12c.	Cllr. Sean Sage to ensure replacement of Playground sign.	Cllr. Sean Sage	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	WiP
05/25 10d.	Clerk to check list of maintenance works.	The Clerk	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	WiP
06/25 10a.	Cllr. Juliet Browne to report back to next council meeting on maintenance of Footpath CUL 62.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	WiP
06/25 15f	Clerk to contact Gary Wilson at GCC Highways to see if he can find a contact number for the BT land at Raglan Way.	The Clerk	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Cllr. Jo Dee proposed that I ask Gary Wilson to pass on my phone no. to BT and they can then initiate communication. WiP
07/25 1	Cllr. Juliet Browne and Cllr. Tony Mills to draw up a job description and the Clerk to administer the co-option of a new councillor in accordance with the NALC guidelines for Co-opting a councillor.	Cllr. Juliet Browne and Cllr. Tony Mills	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Notice of Election runs til 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2025. If no nominations, co-option can be initiated. WiP
07/25 4	Cllr. Jo Dee to draft a 'do's and don'ts' for insertion in the Village News.	Cllr. Jo Dee	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Complete
07/25 9	Clerk to write to WSP Solicitors to initiate First Registration for Possessory Title of West Common.	The Clerk	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Progress with the Registration will henceforward be reported in the Clerk's Monthly Report. Complete





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07/25 10	Cllr. Tony Mills to work with Martin Pearcy to see what the best approach was to how we can keep it as a car park.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	Cllr. Martin Pearcy promised to maintain pressure on SDC staff to progress this matter. <b>WiP</b>
07/25 11a.	Cllr. Juliet Browne to liaise with potential members of a Flooding Working Group.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>WiP</b>
07/25 11b.	Clerk to write to Gary Wilson (GCC Highways) and ask for a key to the recently installed Shadwell Lane grating.	The Clerk	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Key copied and to be held by Robin Coates. A second copy to be held by the Clerk. <b>Complete</b>
07/25 12a	Cllr. Geoff Keen to research legal ownership of the Vicarage.	Cllr Geoff Keen	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Approval was given to pay 2 x £7 fees for searches. <b>WiP</b>
07/25 12b	Clerk to reply to resident to say that Council will look into what can be done. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to coordinate Shadwell Lane traffic calming proposals.	The Clerk and Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Feedback has been sought from local residents on the nature of the problem and possible solutions. <b>WiP</b>
07/25 12civ	Cllr. Tony Mills and Cllr. Juliet Browne to inspect accessibility of CUL64 path.	Cllr. Tony Mills and Cllr. Juliet Browne	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Cllrs. Juliet Browne and Tony Mills to meet with the PROW on-site hopefully in September 2025 <b>WiP</b>
07/25 12d	The Clerk to send a letter to GCC PROW re the status of The Folly Footpath.	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>WiP</b>



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07/25 13	Cllr. Sean Sage to purchase a new storage box for the Playground.	Cllr Sean Sage	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	See Agenda item 15 below. <b>Complete</b>
07/25 16	Clerk to remove Melanie Paraskeva from list of signatories.	The Clerk	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Relevant signed authorising form to be forwarded to Unit Bank on 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2025. <b>WIP</b>
07/25 17d	Clerk to write to Mr Stowe at Stouts Hill noting danger of trees likely to fall across road, and copy in Gary Wilson. (GCC Highways).	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Letter sent 20 July 2025. Response awaited. <b>Complete</b>

## 6. To receive an update from the Chairman

- Although in his absence, many thanks to Cllr. Richard Dean for his timely efforts to ensure a minibus service to alleviate the travel issues caused by the planned work by Severn Trent to lay a new water main along the main road between Dursley and Uley.
- Uley Parish Council has registered an interest in transferring ownership of the Raglan Way Car Park with Stroud District Council.
- Shadwell – it was noted that a gutter along the road is breaking-up and that traffic cones are in place to mark the issue. GCC Highways are aware of the issue.

## 7. To receive the Clerk's Monthly Report

- Ride and Stride event. It was noted that Owlpen and Uley churches are involved in the event. Councillors recommended that the organisers contact St Giles' Church and ask them and the shop to put up posters. **Action:** Clerk to email to Ride and Stride recommending they contact St Giles Church to help publicise their event.
- Planning Appeal (Resubmission of S.24/1536/HHOLD after refusal) 4 Garms Close, Uley, Dursley, Gloucs. Erection of a two storey and single storey side extension, porch and rear dormers. UPC submitted its view on the application in March 2025 and there is no opportunity for further submission.
- First Registration for Possessory Title of West Hill Common. WSP Solicitors have been instructed to proceed. Upfront payment of £500 to be made in August 2025. Clerk has presented his ID to WSP. John Penley and Charles Goldingham have agreed to provide Essentials and a Statement of Truth.
- SDC Consultation on a new draft Climate and Nature Strategy: Cllr. Tony Mills will attend on-line consultation event on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025. David Lungley will also attend one of the online sessions.10.00am.
- Clerk to commence CiLCA training for Clerks in January 2026. To improve its reporting, the Clerk will no longer attend Planning Working Group meetings.

## 8. To consider Gloucestershire County Council's Community 20s and Safer Roads initiatives

Gloucestershire County Council over the next three years are seeking to implement lower speed limits, across rural and urban areas of Gloucestershire where there is public support and where they are appropriate for the location. This will include 'Community 20s', 20mph limits where communities live and work. Councillors unanimously were in favour of Uley being considered for Community 20s on some roads within the area and that there are other (higher speed) roads that would benefit from a reduction in speed limit where there are currently safety concerns – for example Lampern Hill and Fop Street. **ACTION:** Clerk to reply to letter informing



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GCC that Uley Parish Council are in favour of Community 20s on some roads within the area and a reduction in speed limits on roads with known safety concerns.

## 9. Updates from County & District Councillors

Cllr. Martin Pearcey's report is at Appendix A.

- a. Cllr. Martin Pearcey thanked UPC for formally signing off permission for progressing the Greenway Survey. GCC Highways approval is now being sought.
- b. Cllr. Martin Pearcey encouraged UPC to reflect further on possible natural flood management initiatives to alleviate flooding in the Uley Valley.
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- d. SDC will be launching a free 'small electricals' collection service in early 2026.
- e. SDC Local Plan: National Highways Report (in particular M5, Junction 14) anticipated by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. report next week.
- f. In terms of the Government's Devolution proposals, SDC supported GCC joining the existing West of England Combined Authority (WECA) (rather than Worcestershire and or Herefordshire) as this would ensure that it continued to be part of the Southwest Region.
- g. Cllr Geoff Keen noted the demise of SDC grants for PREMA Arts Centre. Cllr. Martin Pearcey referred to SDC's new Cultural Strategy which focuses on support for artists rather than venues. **ACTION:** Cllr. Geoff Keen to discuss with Cllr. Martin Pearcey future of SDC support for PREMA.

## 10. To receive an update on flooding issues

Nothing to report.

## 11. To receive an update on highway and footpath matters

- a. CUL 67 and 64 issues will be addressed at another on-site meeting with landowner and Sarah Macaulay-Lowe (GCC) in September 2025.
- b. CUL 28 bridge replacement has not yet been scheduled owing to holiday constraints.
- c. There are two fallen trees that have still not been cleared by PD Carter, the managing land agent (on CUL8 and CUL30). Chased again on 6 August.
- d. Encroaching vegetation is being cut back, where encountered, for example CUL6 on 6 August.

## 12. To consider the following Planning Applications

**S.25/1434/TCA** 16 The Green, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area. Conifer hedgerow (H1) - Removal to ground level. **Response date: 27th August 2025.** As the application was only received by UPC on 5<sup>th</sup> August Clerk to seek an extension until after the next Council meeting.

## 13. To note recent Planning Decisions by Stroud District Council

**S.25/0788/HHOLD 20** Shadwell, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Revised Consultation on a Planning or Associated Application. Erection of a single storey rear extension and expansion of existing parking area. **Permission**

**S.25/1063/TCA** Dauncey's Mill, Lampern Hill, Uley, Dursley. 2 x Lawson Cypress - Fell. **Consent**

**S.25/1018/TCA** Gardeners Cottage, The Green, Uley, Dursley. Spruce tree - Fell. **Consent**

**S.25/1158/TCA** Ground Floor Flat, 68 The Street, Uley, Dursley. Chinese Willow - fell. **Consent**

**S.25/1100/HHOLD 16** The Green Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SN Erection of single storey rear extension **Permission**





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**S.25/1033/HHOLD** 70 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SJ Alterations to garage to create summerhouse (new fenestration, cladding and pitched roof). **Permission**

## 14. To receive an update on the Playground

- Box purchase and installation complete. Cllr. Sean Sage will send a message to Uley Facebook to ask users to look after the blocks and box.
- ROSPA safety inspection report has been Received. Cllr. Sean Sage will report back at the September UPC meeting.

## 15. To receive the Finance Report

**Summary** Cashbook and bank accounts reconciled at the end of the month as usual. Following an interest payment on savings account the Precept/Reserves available ratio has improved slightly to 11.7 months.

**Precept / Budget** All approved payments from the July meeting were paid plus the usual Bank service charge. All budget centres remain within budget limits. The spend to date stands at 30% of the budget which is appropriate for 4 months into the financial year.

**General Reserves Budget** There were no Earmarked or Non-Earmarked reserve spend in July.

**Looking forward** The new Local Government Pay Scales for Clerks pay has now been reviewed and is effective from the 1st April 2025. Our Payroll provider will adjust and arrange the back pay as necessary.

Also, over the last few months we have not been paying the HMRC PAYE and NIC contributions as we were in credit with the HMRC. This credit is likely to be depleted next month, so we will expect to see HMRC contributions going forward. This has been budgeted for.

**Payments for approval in August** All items included in the payments for approval at the meeting under the Precept budget are expected and will not exceed any budget limits. These payments were unanimously approved, including two for Robin Coates for village maintenance. There is one additional payment of £500 to WSP solicitors for legal expenses which will be paid from the non-earmarked Reserves. This relates to the First Registration for Possessory Title of West Hill Common which was agreed in principle at the July UPC meeting.

## 16. To receive any reports from PC Representatives

- Cllr. Geoff Keen reported that PREMA's Arts Council funding will end in 2026.
- Cllr. Geoff Keen CUL58 (between Court Way and the Street) to be reported via Fixmystreet.
- Cllr Jo Dee Pavillion Meeting: Jane Overton is new Chair. VE Day Appeal raised £7k and VE Day Event raised £2.5k. Football team have offered to paint inside.. Changing Room floor to be fixed and maybe replace floor in main room.

## 17. To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter and confirm the date of the next meeting (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025)

- Uley Village News articles: UPC grant application process is now open and next steps in filling the councillor vacancy
- ACTION:** Clerk to prompt Uley Surgery to put a message in VN about how to book an appointment.

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*Uley Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps within its power to counteract it. We wish to create an environment where all forms of discriminatory or oppressive behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect. Please note that this meeting may be recorded / TCA.*