

# ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**DRAFT** Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Juliet Browne (Chairman)JB, Tony Mills (Vice Chairman) TM, Jo Dee JD, Sean Sage SS, Geo Keen GK and Tracy Mason-Fayle TM-F.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr. Martin Percy MP, County Cllr. Richard Dean RD, Bill Bramley (Footpaths Officer) BB and approximately four members of the public.

1. **To receive any apologies for absence.** JB reported that Allan Macdonald has decided that he sadly cannot continue as a Councillor as he does not have the time to commit. The requisite notice will be posted on the Parish Council website and the noticeboards. **Action:** Clerk to contact SDC with regard to advertising a Councillor Vacancy. As the Clerk is on holiday it was decided at the previous meeting that TM would chair this meeting so that JB can take the Minutes in the Clerk's absence so TM took the Chair at this point.
2. **To receive any declarations of Interest.**  
There were none.
3. **To receive any representations from members of the public. This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at this meeting.**
  - a. Bill Bramley BB asked if the shoot could alert the village to its shoot days. This has been raised before but was deemed impractical. Concern is to be voiced to the shoots about drives very close to footpaths. Guns should be 50m from footpaths and firing away from them. **Action:** Clerk to write to shoot managers reminding them guns should be 50m from footpaths and firing away from them.
  - b. BB reported flooding on the Shadwell lane because the grating at the lower end of the ditch was blocked. **Action:** TM to contact Robin Coates about keeping Shadwell grating clear.
  - c. BB reported a blockage in the sewer below the mills. Severn Trent Water is aware.
4. **To approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 3rd December 2025.**  
The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd December 2025 were unanimously approved.
5. **To consider matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, including progress with outstanding actions not included on the agenda.**

Update on actions as of 7th January 2026.

Date of Meeting and agenda item No.	What	Who	When	Update as of 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
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	BT contractors have attended site and continue to monitor. <b>WiP</b>

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07/25 10	Cllr. Tony Mills to work with Cllr. Martin Pearcy (SDC) 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	No update. <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.	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Cllr. Richard Dean continues to work with GCC Highways to implement speed controls. <b>WiP</b>
09/25 3	Cllr. Jo Dee to consult with Royal Mail with regard to getting Uley village post boxes repainted.	Cllr. Jo Dee	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	No further update from Royal Mail. <b>WiP</b>
10/25 10a	Cllr. Juliet Browne to request a financial contribution from the landowner for the cost of purchasing two new gates accessing the playground.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	The gates have been supplied and are waiting to be installed when the weather is better. <b>WiP</b>
11/25 8d	Clerk to coordinate development of UPC Risk Management Policy and Risk Register.	The Clerk	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Working Group met in November. Will meet again in the New Year. <b>WiP</b>
11/25 11c	Cllr. Tony Mills to report back on progress with re-instatement of Footpath Cul 67.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Clearance work to be completed. <b>WiP</b>
11/25 12b	Clerk to write to SDC Enforcement Officer to enquire about planning conditions for change of use of Lye Farm.	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Enforcement Officer acknowledged receipt on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025. Still waiting <b>WiP</b>

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11/25 17c	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to raise issue of drug packaging recycling at the next meeting of the next Uley Surgery Patient Participation Group	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle reported all packaging has to be taken to Boots for disposal <b>Complete</b>
12/25 7d	Cllr. Jo Dee to discuss with Millenium Green the construction of a structure for young people to use	Cllr. Jo Dee	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Millenium Green have confirmed that new structures cannot be erected. <b>Complete</b>
12/25 7d	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to research what other councils had done to support young people.	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	No report. <b>WiP</b>
12/25 11c	Cllr. Geoff Keen to contact <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report-it/dog-bin-overflowing/">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report-it/dog-bin-overflowing/</a> to report overflowing bin.	Cllr. Geoff Keen	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Bin can't be moved and will be regularly emptied. <b>Complete</b>
12/25 14	Clerk to include Remuneration of Councillors to the Annual Schedule of UPC business.	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	No report. <b>WiP</b>
12/25 15b	Cllr. Sean Sage to research on applying for a Public Works Loan.	Cllr. Sean Sage	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	No report. <b>WiP</b>

6. To receive an update from the Chairman of the Parish Council (TM continued to chair the meeting but, a chairman, JB gave her report)
- JB sought agreement to the change of date of the next Parish Council meeting to **THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026**. All agreed.
  - Allan Macdonald's resignation highlights the level of commitment required by Parish Councillors. JB thanked the Council for their hard work and dedication. Council must ensure that future applicants are aware of the level of commitment required.
  - A meeting has been arranged with Alison Fisk, Head of Property Services at SDC, for Wednesday 4th February. Alison has requested that this meeting be attended by parish councillors only. There will be further meeting

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- and a drop-in session where members of the community can ask questions and put their views. JB suggested that the Council should put together a clear list of topics for discussion, with evidence to support any concerns.
- d. Considering the planning application in Wotton to demolish 4 Swedish houses and replace with 8 units; only weeks were available between the Parish Consultation letter and the respond by date. There was only one response. An application can only be referred to the Design Control Committee (the local councillors' appeal body) if it has given rise to substantial public interest. District Cllr. Martin Pearcy confirmed this. Any comments upon an application need to be sent in, or repeated, during the three week window.
  - e. JB highlighted the curious situation where a planning application can be made to SDC by SDC's own Head of Property Services, with pre-application advice probably provided by one of SDC's case officers.
  - f. Severn Trent Water have reported to SDC that there are no problems with drainage and that "All is OK with the water supply".
  - g. GCC Highways has refused to respond to a resident's FOI request. Action: JB to write to GCC Highways.

## 7. To receive any update from County & District Councillors.

- a. **County Cllr. Richard Dean** wished everyone a Happy New Year. The County's draft budget had been considered that day. Gloucestershire doing well, within budget and with healthy reserves. The Green party has agreed with the Liberal Democrats to applications for funds to promote natural flood management schemes, e-bike loans, green ways and youth schemes.
- b. **District Cllr. Martin Pearcy** reported that SDC has agreed funding for scheme to refresh active lifestyles Dursley. A voluntary code of practice has been agreed with Food on the Go premises, making them responsible for litter to which their businesses give rise. MP noted the enormous amount of work that the District Council Litter champion is achieving in the district, promoting litter collection and litter prevention measures.
- c. New Local Plan to be updated in next 18 months. Pressure on budget due to the cost of local government reorganisation and government cuts. SDC will cease to exist by end of March 2028. MP was asked what happens to town and parish councils after unitarisation; he thought that not much would change for these bodies. Some SDC assets might be transferred to parish and town councils.
- d. The Knoll could be sold off if the current proposal founders. A smaller development would not be financially viable for SDC nor would refurbishment of the current houses as it would not be possible to raise the EPC ratings sufficiently to comply with current regulations and attract higher returns.
- e. MP has received correspondence about The Knoll from residents. He and RD visited South Street at the end of the Christmas term. Residents must communicate with SDC through the planning process.

## 8. To receive an update on flooding issues.

No current problems to report.

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

Bill Bramley (Footpaths Officer) reported that:

- a. The fallen tree above Elcomb has been removed
- b. The materials for replacing the bridge below Windsor House are ready to be installed but drier weather needed.
- c. On CUL39, the landowner has agreed to the replacement of the stile with a gate.

## 10. To consider the following Planning Applications

- a. **S.25/2376/TCA 21** The Green. All agreed. Support

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

- a. **S.25/2165/TCA** Daunceys Mill, Lampern Hill, Uley, Dursley. Trees in a Conservation Area. Approved.
- b. **S.24/0514/HHOLD** Bencombe Lodge application withdrawn

## 12. To receive the Finance Report.

- a. The cashbook and Bank account balances are reconciled. Income from our savings account in December £235.88 has resulted in the Precept/Reserves available ratio inching up by a point to 11.7 months.

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## b. Precept Budget

- i) Payments approved at the December meeting have been paid and all budget centres remain within limits. One exception is the payment approved for the purchase of two new defibrillators to replace the existing 10 year-old devices. We did not receive the expected invoice for this so it could not be paid. The company has been contacted and we expect to have the invoice early in January and it will be paid immediately.
- ii) All Precept budget centres are tracking to end the year as either on budget or under budget. One exception is Staff Expenses, which currently shows as £23.83 over budget (6%) which was due to some back-dated expenses needing to be paid, some of which go back to the 2024/25 FY.

## c. General Reserves Budget

- i) There was no General reserves spend during December.

## d. Looking forward

- i) All items included in the payments for approval at the January meeting under the Precept budget are expected and will not exceed any budget limits.
- ii) The payment schedule for January (see Appendix A below) was agreed by all and signed.

## e. 2026/27 Precept Budget

- i) Following the December meeting's agreement in principle to the Precept Budget proposed, the Council was asked to formally approve the 2026/27 Precept Budget to be set at £33,350. This matter was put to a vote and all agreed.
- ii) This is a reduction of 0.41% on the 2025/26 Budget
- iii) A Council Tax Band D Property owner in Uley will pay £60.64 (2025/26 £61.97)
- iv) Based on Precept amount per resident our 2025/26 Precept amount ranked Uley 13th out of 23 similar sized Parish Councils in Gloucestershire and 4th out of 7 similar sized Parish Councils under Stroud District Council

- f. The Clerk is to be asked to advise the organisations who applied for grants the outcome of their application. This should be done every January in future so that organisations can budget for the upcoming year. **Action:** Clerk to advise successful grant applicants.

## 13. To receive any reports from PC Representatives, including the Playground

- a. **JD** reported that the recent **Millennium Green** meeting had shown healthy financial accounts. Saturday 31st October 2026 is suggested for the Lantern Festival. The AGM will be held on the Millennium Green at 7pm on 1st June 2026, postponed to the next day if raining.
- b. **GK** reported for **The Friends of St Giles**. A fund raising Quiz Evening will be held on Saturday 7th February 2026.
- c. **TM-F** reported for the **Uley Patients Participation Group** that opening hours at the Uley Surgery are now the same as at Cam and are shown in the Village News. The purchase of Uley Surgery is progressing

## 14. To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

- a. **TM** The defibrillator at the Village Hall is NOT working therefore currently the only working defibrillator is the one at the Playing Field. Two new units are on order.
- b. **SS** to write a piece about keeping dogs under control, following an incident in the village. The rules have changed and dogs now have to be kept constantly under control. Dog mess must be picked up and put in the bins provided.
- c. **JB** Change of date of the next UPC meeting.

## 15. To confirm the date of the next meeting Thursday 12th February 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm



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## Approved payments

Description	Value
P58 - Community Heartbeat - 2 loff Replacement Defibrillator	3,270.00
P63 - Adam Biscoe - Clerks Salary	571.04
P64 - HMRC - Tax/NI payments	187.33
P65 - Kemp IT - M365 renewal	654.24
P66 - GAPTC - Clerk networking event	35.00
P67 - Robin Coates - Village Maintenance	432.00

*Uley Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps with 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.*

