

# ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Juliet Browne (Chairman), Tony Mills (Vice Chairman), Jo Dee, Tracy Mason-Fayle, Vicky Boroughs and Geoff Keen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Cllr. Richard Dean, William Bramley (Footpath Officer) two members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman warmly welcomed Cllr. Vicky Boroughs to her first Uley Parish Council meeting.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Martin Pearcy and Cllr. Sean Sage.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Representations from members of the public.**

There were no representations by members of the public

**4. The Knoll update**

In written communication with the Chairman, Alison Fisk (SDC Head of Property Services) had explained that publishing many of the documents that had been shared with Uley Parish councillors would likely create a lot of additional work and provide little clarity. This is because aspects of the current proposal are likely to change before it goes to the Housing Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to attend that meeting in person. However, Alison had agreed it would be helpful to publish the Knoll Milestones document on the UPC website. **Action:** Clerk to publish on the UPC website The Knoll: Key Milestones and ask that the Uley Facebook publicise the link.

**5. Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The following written amendments were approved: 15c Millennium Playing Fields replaced with the Playing Fields and 'they' was replaced with 'the Cricket Club'. The amended minutes of the Council meeting held on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** were unanimously approved.

**6. 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Update as of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
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	No update received. <b>WiP</b>

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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 has spoken with Gary Wilson (GCC Highways). Will report back on further progress. <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	Little progress reported. Clerk to re-schedule working group. <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	William Bramley (Footpath Officer) noted that there had been little if any progress in recent weeks. <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	SDC Enforcement re-confirmed on 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 that there was no breach. <b>Complete</b>
12/25 7d	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to research what other councils had done to support community people by young people.	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle expected to update the Council at the April 2026 meeting. <b>WiP.</b>

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12/25 14	Clerk to include Remuneration of Councillors to the Annual Schedule of UPC business.	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Included on draft Annual Schedule for consideration in October. <b>Complete</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	<b>WiP</b>
01/2026 6g	Cllr. Juliet Browne to write to GCC Highways to ask for an update on GCC H'ways report on South St.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	Some initial progress but another letter is required. <b>WiP</b>
01/2026 14f	Clerk to advise successful grant applicants.	The Clerk	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	<b>Complete</b>
01/2026 3a	Clerk to write to shoot managers reminding them guns should be 50m from footpaths and firing away from them.	The Clerk	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	It was suggested that a letter to the shoot managers should be included on the Annual Schedule of business. <b>WiP</b>
02/26	Clerk to witness Vicky Boroughs' Declaration of Office and get a upc.gov.uk email address for her.	The Clerk	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Witnessed on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Complete</b>
02/26 4	Cllr. Sean Sage to discuss current safety concerns re drop-off and pick-up with the School Head Teacher	Cllr. Sean Sage	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>WiP</b>
02/26 4	A UPC Councillor to join Cllr. Richard Dean and GCC Highways Gary Wilson on a visit at School drop-off time.		4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Cllr. Richard Dean to discuss with GCC Development Coordinators and report back. <b>WiP</b>

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02/26 8b	Clerk to include West Hill Common as an agenda item for the March 2026 meeting.	The Clerk	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	This is included in the Chairman's report at Item 7 below. <b>Complete</b>
02/26 10a	Cllr. Sean Sage to discuss potential flooding issues with School Head Teacher.	Cllr. Sean Sage	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>WiP</b>
02/26 11a	Clerk to review files and forward the outcome of a previous reference to GCC Highways regarding a new access on Fiery Lane.	The Clerk	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Enforcement Planning Breach
02/26 12	Clerk to contact SDC and ask for advice with regard the removal of a hedge and erection of a new fence on The Street.	The Clerk	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<b>WiP</b>

## 7. Update from the Chairman of Uley Parish Council.

- a. West Hill Common application for possessory title. The sign indicating UPC's ownership of the land is to be photographed. David Lungley to investigate closing off all public access during the course of establishing possessory title. A series of invoices from Uley Valley Trading indicating maintenance paid for by UPC have been passed to John Penley. UPC minutes from 2009 confirming actions relating to John Penley to be sent to John Penley. **Action:** Clerk to review 2009 UPC Minutes for evidence that UPC was applying for ownership and forward to John Penley.
- b. The Vice Chairman had done some investigation which indicated that the Maintenance Contract was under £3000 annually and so may not need to be put out to formal tender.
- c. Cllr. Tony Mills and Cllr. Martin Percy had attended the Greenway Feasibility Study meeting. Three routes are being considered.
- d. The Village Hall has both a Loop and a PA System. **Action:** Cllr. Juliet Browne to contact Norman Leate for advice on which system could best improve accessibility at Village Hall events.
- e. It has been reported that a hedge has been grubbed out at Ewelme Meadow. **Action:** The Clerk to report hedge removal at Ewelme Meadow to SDC Enforcement.
- f. The consultation on Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution is open until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. See <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/local-government-reorganisation-and-devolution/>
- g. **Action:** Clerk to report possible planning breach to SDC re erection of fence at 37b The Street.
- h. SevernTrent have appointed a Community Representative that could prove to be a good point of contact. **Action:** Cllr. Juliet Browne to consider inviting the new Severn Trent Community Representative to a future council meeting.

## 8. Clerk's Monthly Report.

- a. The Clerk had attended the SDC Parish and Town Council Strategic Forum. There had been some discussion about parish and town councils acquiring SDC assets in future. **Action:** Clerk to contact SDC and ask who is the point of contact for sale of assets such as Raglan Way car park.
- b. The Dursley and District Association for the Transport for the Disabled and Elderly locally known as DATE has been operating a twelve-seat minibus in the district for more than 40 years. The association is volunteer run and relies on income from its user groups, and grants and donations from various sources and organisations. It can be booked through Sylvia Woods on 01453 545828.

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

- a. County Cllr. Richard Dean from his Community Grant allowance had provided support to the Parent and Carer's Allowance and Dursley young film makers. He is also volunteering at Energy Cafes located at GL11 in Dursley. Dursley United – mental health of kids re phone access during school day. Will fund 2/3 of cost of pouches at Rednock School.
- b. Cllr. Martin Percy's report was taken as read.

## 10. UPC's Biodiversity Policy (2026-27) and Review of 2025-26 Actions (circulated by email)

Having previously circulated a copy of the Report by email, David Lungley presented a summary of the actions completed in 2025-26 and proposed actions for 2026-27. He highlighted the fact that a good number of local volunteers had helped with the plan and mentioned the contributions of Chris Shaw in particular. The Council heard that the Group had Officer Insurance and public liability insurance. The Council unanimously approved the 2026-27 Biodiversity Plan.

## 11. Update on flooding issues.

In spite of the excessive rain over the winter, there were no flooding issues to note.

**Action:** Cllr. Juliet Browne to seek a councillor to update the 2013 Flood Management Plan at <https://irp.cdn-website.com/cc377155/files/uploaded/ULEY-PARISH-LOCAL-FLOOD-MANAGEMENT-PLAN-2013-cd6d6bae.pdf>

## 12. Update on highway, car parks and footpath matters.

William Bramley noted the following:

- a. The bridge on Cul 28 is scheduled for replacement, but this has yet to be completed.
- b. CUL 39 – behind the Old Crowne Inn: Rob Dryden has agreed to pay for a new gate which will replace the existing stile.

## 13. Planning Applications

**S.26/0182/TCA** 3 Whitecourt, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area Yew (T1): Reduce height by approximately 1.5m and trim sides. Lapsed beech and ash hedgerow (G1): Reduce height by approximately 5-6m. **Support**

**S.26/0189/HHOLD** 10 The Knoll, South Street, Uley, Dursley. Householder Application Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Support**

**S 26/0007/HHold** – Thurlow House Shadwell Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5BW **Neutral**

**S.26/0263/TCA** 37C The Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area Bay (T1): Removal to ground level due to inappropriate position. **Support**

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

**S.25/2444/HHOLD** 15 The Green, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Householder Application Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension. **Permission.**

**S.26/0029/TCA** 8 The Orchard, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area 2026 Dogwood (T1) - Remove to ground level. Holly (T2) - Remove to ground level. **Consent**

**S.26/0031/TCA** 38 The Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area (T1) - Crown reduce by approximately 1.5 - 2m from top, 1 - 1.5m from sides. **Consent**

**S.26/0099/TCA** 5 Fiery Lane Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5DA. Trees in a Conservation Area Leylandii trees x2 -reduction to stump. **Consent**

**S.25/1923/LBC** 3 Fop Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AJ Installation of soil pipe. **Consent**

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## 15. Finance Report.

**Summary** The cashbook and Bank account balances are reconciled as usual and the Precept/Reserves available ratio has again remained stable at 11.7 months.

**Precept Budget** Payments approved at the February meeting have been paid and all budget centres remain within limits.

**General Reserves Budget** There was no General reserves spend during February.

**Looking forward** As of the end of February 2026 we have £10.3k of unspent budget with £1.6k projected to be spent in March, which is the last month of the Financial year. We are therefore looking at a surplus of circa £8.7k. Reviewing each of the budget centres individually suggests that the surplus has come mainly from the Website and Mail Services budget line item where the Council chose not to spend circa £3k on specific IT services. The rest has come from;

- a. £1.3k saving in the Salaries budget where we used up previously paid credit we had with the HMRC.
- b. A nearly £1k saving we made on Insurance and Audit costs due to lower than expected increases.
- c. A surplus of £1.9k in the Playground and Village maintenance budget which is hard to predict accurately due to reactive nature of the spend.
- d. There is a further surplus of circa £0.8K where elective spend budget line items have not been fully used.
- e. The remainder of the expected surplus is simply due to unused contingency funds assigned to individual line items.

Once the 2025/26 Financial Year is closed we will review the surplus and as appropriate increase General Reserves in specific areas.

The payments listed in **Annex A** were unanimously approved for payment.

It was unanimously agreed that invoices from GAPTC and Uley Valley Trading received before the end of the month should be paid as soon as possible so they could be included in the 2025-26 accounts. They would be noted at the 1<sup>st</sup> April UPC Meeting.

## 16. Reports from PC Representatives, including the Playground.

- a. Cllr. Tony Mills reported he had repaired the Playground wooden blocks.
- b. Cllr. Juliet Browne reported that the Allotments Association were looking for a new Trustee.
- c. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle would be attending a meeting of the PPG on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- d. Cllr. Tony Mills reported that he will imminently circulate a plan for Defibrillator training in the Spring. Defib training – Red Cross 2 hr course for up to 12 people.
- e. A resident had proposed to undertake litter picking as the volunteer element of his Duke of Edinburgh course. **Action:** Clerk to request school expectations regarding volunteer D of E placements.

## 17. Articles for the Village News and imminent meeting dates:

### Meeting dates

UPC Annual General Meeting: 6.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 Village Hall

UPC Meeting 7.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 Village Hall

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## Village News Articles

Welcome Cllr. Vicky Boroughs

Advanced notice of Annual Parish Meeting and UPC Annual General Meeting

Defibrillator Training details

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No wet Wipes down the toilet!

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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.*

## Appendix A Payments approved at the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Meeting

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<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (&amp;)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Adam Biscoe	Clerk's Salary	571.04	
HMRC	Tax bill / payments	187.33	
Charles Goldringham -	Allotments rent	500.00	Cheque for £500 received from Allotment Association.
Uley Village Hall	Village Hall rent	150.00	
Mr Robin Coates	Village Maintenance	196.90	

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