Minutes of the Uley Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 7:00pm at Uley Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Juliet Browne – Chairman (JB)

Tony Mills - Vice-Chairman (TM)

Jo Dee (JD)

Geoff Keen (GK)

Tracy Mason-Fayle (T M-F)

Sean Sage (SS)

In Attendance:

District Cllr Martin Pearcy, County Cllr Richard Dean, 5 members of the public.

0726/1. To receive any apologies for absence:

Cllr Vicky Boroughs (VB).

0726/2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

0726/3. To receive representations from members of the public:

Mr Dryden spoke about Ewelme Meadow, explaining the problems he has experienced and hoping that UPC would support his plan for a new permissive path. JB put the UPC position which was that, in matters of neighbourly disputes, it would normally seek to remain neutral. Mr Dryden would have the right to apply for a permissive footpath if he so chose.

0726/4. To approve the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2026:

Minutes approved and signed.

0726/5. Update on the Knoll and South St:

Two District councillors have visited the site, in preparation for the housing committee meeting. Parking was not as chaotic as normal, possibly due to the good weather with people walking to school. Few Uley residents attended the meeting on 9th June, which passed the application on to the next stage. JB stressed the need for residents to demonstrate the level of concern about the application. The public meeting for the application is still to come and this is the time to show up in numbers. SS said the housing committee meeting wasn't a proper debate. GK considered it a *fait accompli*, targets must be met and Uley's concerns were not being considered. JD agreed that a pre-determined response was evident. Meanwhile, it was asked why an asbestos contractor on site was not wearing protective equipment. A witness to the encounter might be prepared to make a

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statement. District Cllr Pearcy said it would be several months until the planning committee meeting hears the case of the Knoll – September or October at the earliest. He made the point that any views already given would not be taken into account at that meeting, so must be given again during the consultation period.

0726/6. To receive reports from County and District Councillors:

Reports have been circulated and taken as read.
County Cllr Dean highlighted the following.

- Funding for community speed cameras (which record speed data) has been withdrawn, but it still might be possible for a community to buy one. JB recalled UPC has previously rented one.
- A Community owned renewable energy project is being promoted – early days.

District Cllr Pearcy highlighted the following.

- The date for a decision on the shape of the new unitary authority for Gloucestershire is the 17th July.
- There are three Public Space Protection Orders re dogs and drinking. Cllr Pearcy encouraged participation in these consultations.
- The School is being asked to respond to consultee comments re their planning application.

0726/7. Chairman's Report:

Thanks were given to UPC members who had met District councillors on their visit to the Knoll.

JB has surveyed many of the verges in the parish – in many cases, owing to the length of vegetation, they are no longer a place of refuge for pedestrians, horse riders etc when traffic passes. Safety must be considered when biodiversity is promoted. TM-F highlighted parts of the Dursley road as being particularly dangerous for pedestrians and called for the vegetation to be cut back. TM recommended FixMyStreet to highlight the worst cases and prompt Highways into action - early reporting is key.

TM-F suggested updating the UPC Facebook page to promote actions taken by UPC. JB was unwilling for UPC to take on such extra work. The newsletter and Minutes should satisfy the interested reader.

Ragwort on Uley Bury needs controlling and JB has spoken to the landowner. Next spring, which is the season for ragwort control, where land is too steep for tractors, drones are to be considered to deliver the appropriate herbicide spray. JB warned anyone wishing to pull plants out themselves to always wear good gloves - it is toxic stuff.

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Dog fouling. On the whole, JB feels the situation is better than before, although individual cases were discussed.

A sunken manhole cover on the Green has been something of a hazard. GCC Highways have put a temporary yellow cover on it. The utility company responsible is yet to be identified (Gas has denied ownership) – the search goes on.

The sick chestnut tree on the Green is to be felled, chippings to go to the allotment. Ideas for replacement were sought. Like-for-like was not seen as an option, as disease transmission is likely. Options include a smaller variety, or no replacement, which would leave space for the remaining trees to flourish. More consideration required.

Should anyone have a point to raise at the Workshop for the new Stroud Local Plan on 28th July, District Cllr Pearcy offered to speak on their behalf, to save the need to attend in person. All agreed that road traffic is the biggest infrastructure concern UPC could have which should be represented, and it was agreed to consult together for the wording of a letter which District Cllr Pearcy would read to the Workshop.

Westhill Common - formalisation of the land registry entry is progressing well and nearing completion. Additionally, two further small pieces of land in the Village have been identified which are being formal registered at a cost of £840'

Martyn's Law - the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. Events with fewer than 200 attendees would be out of scope, but potentially affected organisations in Uley might be the village hall, the Lantern festival and the playing field and they might have to take certain, proportional, safety measures. More to be discussed.

0726/8. To receive an update on Highways and Footpath matters:

Bill Bramley reported on footpaths in the parish. Pig resistant stiles to be installed at Quiggies Piggies, at GCC's expense, in the next two months. Vegetation clearance is the major work at this time of the year. Landowners have responsibility here to keep paths clear.

The speed sign on Crawley Hill is still missing, although the post reappeared quite quickly. TM to chase Glos Highways.

Following the point made earlier by County Cllr Dean, regarding the purchase of a speed camera, District Cllr Pearcy noted that Coaley PC would be interested in sharing the cost (and use) of one, should UPC be willing.

Shadwell – traffic cones along one side – it is unclear what Highways' intention is here. County Cllr Dean to ask Gary Wilson at Highways.

GK drew attention to the exit from Fop Street onto the Dursley road, and the poor visibiity for emerging traffic. He was encouraged to cut back the offending vegetation.

0726/9. To consider any Planning Applications received to date:

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Erection of porch.
51 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SL
Ref. No: S.26/0865/HHOLD | Received: Mon 18 May 2026 | Validated: Thu 04 Jun 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration. Consultation closure - Wed 01 Jul 2026
UPC – Support.

Remove lower branches from 1 metasequoia. 3 branch removal about 3-4 metres.
8 The Green Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SN
Ref. No: S.26/1027/TCA | Received: Mon 08 Jun 2026 | Validated: Thu 18 Jun 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration. Consultation closure - Thu 09 Jul 2026
UPC – Support.

T1 Cherry tree - Fell, T2 Holly tree - Symmetrical crown & the crown raised to the height of the hedge.
1 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AG
Ref. No: S.26/1054/TCA | Received: Tue 16 Jun 2026 | Validated: Tue 16 Jun 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration Consultation closure - Fri 10 Jul 2026
UPC – Support.

Horse chestnut (T1): Remove to ground level. - Land At The Green Uley Gloucestershire
Ref. No: S.26/1094/T5DAY | Received date: Tue 23 Jun 2026 | Status: Pending Decision |
UPC – Support.

0726/10. To note recent Planning Decisions by Stroud District Council:

Dead Damson Tree – remove. Coombe House Fop Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GA11 5AQ.
Ref No: S.26/0995/T5DAY | Received date Mon 08 June 2026 ! Status: Application Approved

0726/11. To receive the Finance Report:

a) The report from TM was received and he ran through it for the meeting. To summarize –

Precept/Reserve ratio is a healthy 13.4 months. All outgoings are in line with expected spend for the time of year and budget variances are within tolerances.

AGAR improvement plan update – should be available next month to discuss.

b) The Payments for Approval were presented, Approved and signed.
Highlights were –

Lantern Festival – a grant application form has been received and a £500 payment from the special events budget was recommended. Approved.

West Hill Common title regularisation– last year a £1500 payment to WSP Solicitors was approved by UPC and a £500 deposit was paid. An invoice for £1006 has now been received. A further invoice will be forthcoming, which when offset by the VAT

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reclaim, will result in an overall payment of £1585. The payment of £1006 to WSP Solicitors was approved.

A payment of £840 for the registration of UPC ownership of two small pieces of land, as mentioned in the Chairman's Report above, which will be reduced by a VAT reclaim of £131. The payment of £840 to WSP Solicitors was approved.

0726/12. To receive any reports from PC Representatives, including the Playground:

TMF – attended meeting at Cam & Uley Practices about the 'PULSE' group – 'Planning & Upgrading Local Services for Everyone'. To add to website and more to come.
GK – Uley Society meeting – whole winter program planned. GK has also been co-opted as Friends of St Giles rep to the Fabric committee of the church. Clock and wheezing organ need attention. Walled garden teas and rounders match to come as fund raisers. The St Giles Room refurbishment is now complete. JB commented that Dame Gillian Lynne, the benefactor of the St Giles room, would be pleased.
SS – Playground going well.
JD – Millennium Green – AGM on the Green - all going well. The big expense is maintenance and insurance. The bottom bank has been worked on to encourage biodiversity.
David Lungley - Dursley United charity doing well. However, Dursley ancient woods have been affected by both mountain bikers and their opponents.

0726/13. To consider articles for the website and newsletter:

JB - Ragwort. TM-F – encourage website users to read Minutes. SS – Brief update on dog fouling.

0726/14. To confirm the date of the August meeting as Wednesday 5th August at 7.00pm:

Confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20.36pm

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