Minutes of the Uley Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 7:00pm at Uley Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Tony Mills - Vice-Chairman (TM)

Vicky Boroughs (VB).

Jo Dee (JD)

Geoff Keen (GK)

Sean Sage (SS)

In Attendance:

Circa 25 members of the public.

0826/1. To receive any apologies for absence:

Juliet Browne – Chairman (JB)

Tracy Mason-Fayle (T M-F)

County Cllr Richard Dean, District Cllr Martin Pearcy.

0826/2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Tony Mills, re no 6, Shadwell, owner.

Cllr Jo Dee, re no 6, Shadwell, near neighbour.

0826/3. To receive representations from members of the public:

A Green Close resident, who has objected to the development in the field behind her house, wished to have the opinion of UPC on the subject.

The owner of 7, the Green introduced the changes planned there.

A concerned resident, on the subject of the land at the Knoll, stated work had started to tidy the site following complaints, but with much left to do. It was also asked if UPC had received any news. Chairman replied – no updates received. The next stage is for Stroud District Council to submit a formal plan. A second resident questioned the proposed access to the site from South St as unworkable.

0826/4. To approve the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 1st July 2026:

Minutes approved and signed.

0826/5. To receive reports from County and District Councillors:

No reports received.

0826/6. Chairman's Report:

Firstly please may we record many thanks to Bill Bramley for fulfilling the post of Footpaths officer to the parish with such thoroughness and dedication. The parish has been very fortunate to have such a dedicated officer who has been responsible for many improvements to our extensive 27 miles of footpaths.
May we also record great thanks to Amanda Voss for all the hard work, time and energy, skill and enthusiasm that she has devoted to the young people of the village who have so enjoyed their time with the Uley and Tabard Youth Productions.

July was a very busy month!

Mark Baker completed the **South Street Road Safety Report.** This is a totally independent, unbiased report commissioned by the Parish Council, a copy of which is to be emailed to all district councillors, to Richard Dean, Richard Hall and Gary Wilson of GCC Highways, to Alison Fisk and her team at SDC and to Zoe Mandeville at the school.

Concerns about the state of **The Knoll**, the rapid deterioration of the buildings, the overgrown gardens and pathways and an apparent water leak on the main path have been sent in to the PC by several members of the community. These have been passed on to SDC and two members of the Council staff came and inspected but saw no need for any works to be done while it is still the nesting season. This matter should be raised again in September.

A local resident reported to The Chairman in understandable distress, that the **street sign for The Knoll** had been moved and repositioned in such a way as to indicate that South Street ended at The Knoll. This meant that carers and tradesmen were failing to find her house. Street signs must not be moved by unauthorised persons in this way. I have asked for the Knoll sign to be returned to its rightful position and I hope that this has been done by now. *Vice-Chair – it has.*

There have been many communications from members of the community about **Ewelme Meadow,** about the newly created access off Fiery Lane, the possible presence of asbestos in the rubble hard standing that has been put down at the entrance to the field and the container that has been placed there. These concerns have been passed on to the planning enforcement team at SDC who have set up a case for investigation. Many members of the community have written and spoken to us about the Planning in Principle application for three self-build houses, accessed via South Street. The high level of concern is clear from the number of comments and objections lodged on the SDC planning portal. This application will be discussed later in the meeting.

A young member of the community wrote us an excellent email suggesting repurposing the **BT exchange land** on Raglan Way to form a skate park. This idea will be explored with the owner of the land, a subsidiary of BT, and will be discussed at the September meeting.

We have received communications from local residents and interested parties about the **Raglan Way Car Park**. Concerns have been raised in response to a suggestion that SDC may

be selling this asset. Councillor Martin Pearcy confirmed that this is not now the case as this car park is required by the council for the residents of social housing on Raglan Way. It has been suggested that UPC or some other community body might apply to register this car park as an asset of community value. With LGR in train, it is unlikely that this process would succeed at the present time.

Five windows were knocked out of a bus by a tree at Rockstowes. This lead to Stagecoach announcing the **suspension of route 65** through Uley. This was addressed and resolved by UPC and GCC Highways.

Early in the month a **defective manhole cover** on The Green was reported to me. The gas and electricity boards denied responsibility and eventually Severn Trent accepted ownership. We have asked that the water junction contained in the manhole might be converted to a fire hydrant. STW are looking into this.

You will doubtless have noticed that one of the trees on **the Green** has been removed. This had to be felled as it was seriously diseased and potentially dangerous. The tree surgeons made an excellent job of clearing all the diseased timber and the roots but it would be unwise to replant in the same spot for some time.

0826/7. To receive an update on Highways and Footpath matters:

Areas at the top of Fop St and The Knoll have been cut back, but detritus has been left – Stroud DC thought to be responsible but unclear so far. It was not Robin Coates however.

Bill Bramley reported on footpaths in the parish. Thrust of work from Cotswolds Wardens in summer focused on clearing vegetation which landowners can't/won't address. However, Bridleway CUL2 and CUL3 has received its annual clearance. Landowners have been asked to clear certain paths and repair three broken stiles.

Shadwell – traffic cones along one side – it is unclear what Highways' intention is here. Gary Wilson at Highways has been chased, TM to report. An overhanging tree is obscuring the 30mph sign on main road from Dursley direction – Bill Bramley has reported to Fix my Street.

CUL 5 Uley Bury bridleway is deteriorating and is very muddy in wet weather. Very well used. Glos CC PROW dept to be made aware by UPC – TM to action.

0826/8. To consider any Planning Applications received to date:

Land At South Street Uley Gloucestershire
Ref. No: S.26/1185/PIP. Erection of a phased development of up to three self-build dwellings (Class C3). 85 comments from residents on Stroud DC website. **UPC, having identified 5 Stroud DC policies which are breached by this application – Object.**

Wresden Farmhouse Uley Road Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AD
Ref. No: S.26/1073/LBC. Conversion of storeroom with thermal upgrade and alterations to fenestration. **UPC – Support.**

Wresden Farmhouse Uley Road Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AD
Ref. No: S.26/1072/HHOLD . Conversion of storeroom and alterations to fenestration.
UPC – Support.

4 Fop Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AJ
Ref. No: S.26/1197/TCA. Holly Tree – Fell. **Already approved.**

7 The Green Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SN
Ref. No: S.26/1091/LBC. Conversion of Coach House. **UPC – Support.**

70 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SJ
Ref. No: S.26/1261/HHOLD. Garage Conversion. **UPC – Neutral, with comments re extent of cladding.**

14 The Green Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SN
Ref. No: S.26/1252/TCA. T1 Cherry: Crown reduce by approximately 0.5 metres.
UPC – Support.

3 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AG
Ref. No: S.26/1230/LBC. Replacement boiler and relocation of flue. **UPC – Support.**

Horts House 22 Whitecourt Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5TG
Ref. No: S.26/1297/TCA. Mature Thujia – Crown lift 3-4 feet. Growth near house to be trimmed back. **UPC – Support.**

6 Shadwell Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5BW
Ref. No: S.26/1234/HHOLD. Erection of front extension and a carport.
Resubmitted, smaller footprint. **UPC – Support.**

0826/9. To receive the Finance Report:

The report from TM was received and he ran through it for the meeting.

a) *Summary*
As part of the month end reconciliation checks, it became apparent that the bank accounts and cash book did not reconcile as usual. On investigation it was found that the approved £1006 payment to WSP was in fact set up with Unity Bank as £1060. This payment was subsequently approved and paid. The error was picked up and WSP contacted with a view to getting a refund of the difference, £54. As the payment was a part payment 'on account' for the WestHill Common work it was decided that leaving it as is was the best approach and to raise a £54 payment in the Cashbook, to reflect the additional payment already made. This £54 payment is included in the Payments for Approval for the August meeting.
Following the meeting last month but before payment was made, we were informed that we did not have to pay the £840 to WSP that had been approved in the meeting. This was rejected from the bank payments list and the Cash Book value set to £0. This will be presented for approval in the future when it becomes due.
The Precept/Reserves ratio has fallen to 13.1 months due to the non-earmarked

reserves payments in July but still remains a healthy value.

b) *Precept Budget*
Apart from the one payment discussed above all payments approved at the last meeting have been paid. Overall, the Precept budget is showing 26.81% spent which is an acceptable level at this part of the Financial Year. All budget centres and line items are tracking well.

c) *Reserves Budget*
No payments in June from the General reserves and only the one payment to WSP from the non-earmarked reserves budget.

d) *Looking forward*
All the Precept budget Payments for Approval in the August meeting are within budget. The cost of removal of the of the tree on the Green was unexpected but there is sufficient contingency in the budget centre to cover it.
We also have the payment for the South Street Traffic survey which is being funded out of non ear-marked reserves. This will have a small negative impact on the Precept/Reserve ratio.

e) *AGAR and Accounting and Governance Improvement plan.*
One of the points identified in the AGAR report was that we were missing a step in the Finance checking we do. Whilst Reconciliation checks are done every month by the RFO and/or Finance Councillor we are also required to have a double check on the Values in the Cash book entry, on the actual invoice and on the bank statement to make sure they are all the same. A volunteer is required from those Councillors who do not approve payments at the bank to do a visual check of the amounts and sign to say that they have been checked. GK volunteered for the role, gratefully accepted.

f) Also it was seen as a good idea for a member of the council to undergo budget and precept training as support for the RFO. JD volunteered, with thanks.

0826/10. To receive any reports from PC Representatives, including the Playground:

VB – still waiting for completion of certain land registrations, but it was thought to be just a matter of time. Uley Trees and Meadows – recent event was really positive, 60 plus people attended and consciousness raised around biodiversity. VB praised John Dauncey for keeping trees watered through the drought. Also, VB attended the Stonehouse Arboretum tree care event which was excellent and again, eye-opening for the present and future health of our trees in a changing climate.
JD – The Dash at the weekend will hopefully will be a good day. Sports field changing room floor is to be re-done, at some expense, before the next cricket match.
SS – Playground going well. ROSPA playground inspection paid for but report not yet issued, it has been some time. SS to chase.
GK – Prema – some building repair required, some rodent infestation. Prema not well attended lately. Stroud DC funding uncertain, Arts Council grant good for two more years. JD suggested a greater level of advertising of what it has to offer.

0826/11. To consider articles for the website and newsletter:

VB to write newsletter piece.

TM – traffic report copies are on website and in village shop - Knoll street sign replaced.

SS – grants availability reminder, brief t&c's.

VB – Thanks to Amanda Voss for her youth club work - The speed sign on Crawley Hill still awaits replacement although Glos Highways have scheduled it. Tree on the Green.

JD – bus shelter repaired.

0826/12. To confirm the date of the September meeting as Wednesday 2nd September at 7.00pm: Confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20.35pm