

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025, 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, Sean Sage, Geoff Keen and Tracy Mason-Fayle.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr. Martin Pearcy, County Cllr. Richard Dean, Bill Bramley (Footpaths Officer), approximately four members of the public and the Clerk.

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Allan Macdonald.

2. To receive any declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To receive any representations from members of the public. This was the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at this meeting.

- a. The normal printer of Uley Village News has suspended operations for the time being. The Clerk noted that another potential printer touting for business had recently contacted him and he had passed on details to the Editor. The Chairman congratulated the Village News editor, Angela Jones, for significantly increasing the amount of advertising, thereby lowering the cost of production.
- b. A number of residents commented on the proposed Knoll development. See item 6 below.

4. To approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 5th November 2025.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th November 2025 were unanimously approved. It was also agreed that the written reports from the District and County councillors would no longer be published as appendix in the minutes. Matters relevant to Uley will continue to be published in the main body of the minutes.

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 3rd December 2025.

Date of Meeting and agenda item No.	What	Who	When	Updates as of 3 rd December 2025
05/25 10d	Clerk to check list of maintenance works.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	11 th May 2025	List of village maintenance has been received. Complete

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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 th June 2025	Contact has been made and the issue is being given priority. WiP
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 st August 2025	WiP
07/25 11a	Cllr. Juliet Browne to liaise with potential members of a Flood Working Group.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	28 th July 2025	Councillors agreed that this should be considered as part of the Flooding Update which is a standing item on the agenda. Complete
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 th July 2025	Cllr. Richard Dean continues to work with GCC Highways to implement speed controls. WiP
09/25 3	Cllr. Jo Dee to consult with Royal Mail with regard to getting Uley village post box repainted.	Cllr. Jo Dee	1 st October 2025	This action refers to the post box at the bottom of the village; not the one by the Community Shop. Request is "on the list." WiP

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09/25 14d	Cllr. Sean Sage to circulate proposed action plan resulting from ROSPA Playground inspection report.	Cllr. Sean Sage	25 th September 2025	Work has now been completed. Complete
10/25 7f	Clerk to progress change of registrar of .gov.uk domain name with Kemp IT.	The Clerk	4 th November 2025	NetWiseuk is the new Registrar and registration has now been completed. Complete
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 th October 2025	It is likely that the Countryside Fund will fund the new gates. WiP
11/25	Clerk to witness Tracy Mason-Fayle Declaration of Acceptance of Office and get a UPC.gov.uk email address set up for Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle.	The Clerk and Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	07/11/2025	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle's Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been received by SDC. Complete
11/25 7f	Clerk to deliver UPC Laptop to Cllr. Tony Mills	The Clerk	10 th December 2025	See email from Cllr. Tony Mills Sat 08/11/2025 13:43. Complete
11/25 8d	Clerk to coordinate development of UPC Risk Management Policy and Risk Register.	The Clerk	1 st December 2025	Working Group met in November. Will meet again in December. WiP

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11/25 11c	Cllr. Tony Mills to report back on progress with re-instatement of Footpath Cul 67.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 st December 2025	No further development. Owner not responded to minutes of meeting. WiP
11/25 12	Clerk to request an extension for Planning Application S.25/1923/LBC.	The Clerk	12 th November 2025	See Item 12 below. Complete
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 th November 2025	Enforcement Officer acknowledged receipt on 17 th November 2025. WiP
11/25 15	Clerk to publish Code of Conduct 2025 on the UPC website.	The Clerk	20 th November 2025	Complete
11/25 17b	Cllr. Sean Sage to instruct Greenfields to install new posts in the playground.	Cllr. Sean Sage	30 th November 2025	Work was completed on 28 th November 2025. Complete
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 th November 2025	Dr Cat Bristol at Cam Surgery has stated that blue inhalers can be recycled. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to report back from a meeting with the PPG in December. WiP

6. To receive an update on the Knoll development proposal

- a. Cllr. Juliet Browne reported on various recent written and verbal communications with Alison Fisk (SDC Housing Manager). Cllr. Juliet Browne had also written to Gary Luff, the chair of the SDC Housing Committee, noting that membership of the committee had changed significantly and she would welcome the opportunity to

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update members on the outcome of the public meeting in April 2024. Cllr. Juliet Browne noted that some residents supported the development while others were opposed to it in its current form. Alison Fisk reported that there was no evidence of any problems with the traffic or the drainage in South Street as there is no record of any complaints.

- b. It is now clear that the current proposal is for 18 units (2,3&4 bedroom) to house up to 63 people; some being social housing, some affordable or shared ownership. This would replace the eight current dwellings – including the four Swedish houses.
- c. One resident reiterated the concerns of two local residents who had sent a written report of their experience of flooding ‘downstream’ of the Knoll – see https://irp.cdn-website.com/cc377155/files/uploaded/2024.02.05_Flooding-Sewers_and_Further_Development_in_Uley.pdf. He also noted that GCC had finally responded to his Freedom of Information request re preliminary traffic surveys saying they couldn’t be made public because they were provisional and would not be helpful to publish in their current form.
- d. Residents who live on South St. raised concerns about access for emergency vehicles and parking. There were already issues with regard to parking, especially when there are events at Prema. They were also concerned about access during the construction phase and about drainage issues.
- e. Cllr. Richard Dean reported that he had met Gary Luff (Chair of SDC Housing Committee) and they had discussed how new residents in the village might support the school, community shop and Prema in the future. Each dwelling would have sufficient parking spaces and bike parking. Local residents will be given preference when letting commences.
- f. Cllr. Sean Sage noted that there are no pavements on the bend of South St (an existing hazard for children and parents getting to school); double yellow lines are suggested as a solution which was not thought practicable. The Council is very supportive of social housing. Cllr. Sage will collate a list of addresses that residents should write to in order to provide evidence of the problems they experience with traffic, parking, access for emergency vehicles and drainage.
- g. Cllr. Tony Mills noted that the development included an absolute minimum number of parking spaces, which in practice would probably not be sufficient.
- h. Cllr. Martin Percy noted that SDC would build social housing. He thought that if the development was not viable, SDC might dispose of the land and it would likely be built on by commercial developers.
- i. In conclusion, councillors were fully supportive of the building of social housing on the Knoll. However, they expressed concern about the adequacy of planned sewers, the likely levels of car movements on South St and the further congestion which would result from over-development.

7. To receive an update from the Chair of Uley Parish Council.

- a. The Chair welcomed Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle back to the Council.
- b. Noted the severity of an accident on Lampern Hill at the junction of the track with Lye Farm. On-site discussions with GCC Highways and the village maintenance team indicated a contributory factor being run-off from the Lye Farm track. **Action:** Clerk to write to owner of Lye Farm track to ask for a meeting to discuss potential flooding issues onto Lampern Hill.
- c. Proposing a Village fund-raising event for a third defibrillator once new ones are installed.
- d. Attended a meeting with councillors from neighbouring parishes. Little support was expressed for abolition of district councils. All agreed on the need to provide more social opportunities for young people. **Action:** Cllr. Jo Dee to discuss with the Millennium Green Committee the construction of a structure where young people could meet and hang out. **Action:** Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to research what other councils had done to support young people.

8. To receive the Clerk’s Monthly Report.

- a. Noted two communications from residents and the responses.
- b. The Community Infrastructure Levy report had been returned to SDC and published on the UPC website.
- c. West Hill Common update: Further evidence has been supplied to WSP Solicitors with regard to Robin Coates’ maintenance of the site on behalf of the Council since at least 2009.

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- d. Councillors supported the proposal to not include verbatim written reports from the district and county councillors in the minutes. See Item. 4 above.

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

a. County Cllr. Richard Dean

- i) noted that the County Council had voted in favour of unitarization. He personally had abstained along with nine other councillors.
- ii) Maternity service in Gloucestershire are included in a national investigation into maternity services. In addition, he noted that planned home births in parts of the County temporarily suspended, partly as a result of understaffing.
- iii) He was likely to support as part of the Grass Roots fund the Parents and Carers alliance in Dursley, which provides support for people with learning disabilities; the Door Project in Dursley operating out of the Vibe – helping boys to learn how to cook; and the installation of Solar panels on a local school building.

b. Cllr. Martin Percy

- i) noted that SDC had also voted in favour of unitarization.
- ii) Development of a new Local Plan would commence in Spring 2026
- iii) Stroud District Council is asking residents to help identify and map organisations across the district that support women and girls - The goal is to create a comprehensive directory of organisations working in this area. This will help strengthen partnerships, improve access to support, and identify gaps in provision. This is intended to help build a safer district by sharing organisations supporting women and girls at the start of 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence.
- iv) SDC are supporting proposals for national regulations to minimise litter discarded near fast food outlets. It is also proposed that fast food outlets encourage customers to dispose of the packaging responsibly.

10. To receive an update on flooding issues.

- a. See Item 7.b above re accident on Lampern Hill.
- b. Bill Bramley (Footpaths Officer) noted that at Shadwell, the hedge topping the bank on the left as you go up had been cut but not all debris had been removed from the roadside.

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

Bill Bramley (Footpaths Officer) reported that:

- a. There were two trees down on Giant Redwood bridleway behind Elcombe. He has removed one and will use a chain saw to remove the other.
- b. Footpath off Fiery Lane – will replace stile steps.
- c. Cllr. Geoff Keen asked if the dog waste bin on the Church wall might be moved as, when full, the smell affected those attending the church. **Action:** Cllr. Geoff Keen to contact <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report-it/dog-bin-overflowing/> to report overflowing bin.

12. To consider the following Planning Applications

- a. **S.25/1923/LBC** 3 Fop Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Installation of soil pipe. Response date: **5th December 2025**. Looks fine. **Support.**
- b. **S.25/2165/TCA** Daunceys Mill, Lampern Hill, Uley, Dursley. Trees in a Conservation Area Francesca Ind francesca.ind@stroud.gov.uk 14 November 2025 Row of 11 mature Apple Trees - Prune all over to near previous. Remove all growths from along the main branches to leave a bare scaffold to regenerate in Spring. Fell trees 2, 4 and 5 (counting from the house end). Weeping Willow in the paddock - Reduce hard all over and

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reduce to leave tree approximately 10m with an average radial crown spread of approximately 4m. Response date: **5th December 2025. Support.**

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

Councillors noted that they had not received from the Clerk two recent notifications of planning decisions.

- **S.25/1885/TCA** 14 The Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Apple (T1): Remove to ground level. **No objections.**
- **S.25/1771/HHOLD** 3 Weavers Drive, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Erection of shed, all wood construction, pent roof. **Permitted.**
- a. **APP/C1625/D/25/3369615** 14A Shadwell, Uley, Gloucestershire GL11 5BW The development proposed is a first floor extension and porch. **Appeal upheld – development permitted.**

14. To receive a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel - Parish Councillor Allowances.

Councillors had mixed views on the proposal. They all agreed that they were content not to be paid as councillors. However, some noted the small amount of payment being proposed (£330 per councillor), which may have tax implications, and the contrast with the £2200 being proposed for Stroud Town Councillors. Should all seven current councillors decide to take the remuneration it would add approximately 7% to the proposed precept. Nonetheless, it was recognised that a payment may encourage some members of the community to consider becoming a councillor. Councillors voted to reject the remuneration of councillors (one in favour, four to reject and one abstention) for the time being. It was agreed to review councillor remuneration again in September 2026 ahead of the annual budget setting process. **Action:** Clerk to include Remuneration of Councillors to the Annual Schedule of UPC business.

15. To receive the Finance Report.

Summary The cashbook and Bank account balances are reconciled. We have had no unexpected spend so the Precept/Reserves available ratio remains stable at the acceptable 11.6 months.

There was an inaccuracy in the report commentary last month that stated that at the end of October there was circa £12,000 left in the current account following the transfer of the excess to the savings account. This figure should have been circa £22,000. It was a simple misreading of the data when preparing this report. As such there is at present enough cash in the current account to last through to the financial year end. The Financial Report itself that was presented in October was accurate.

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

General Reserves Budget There were no General reserves spent during November.

Looking forward All items included in the payments for approval at the December meeting under the Precept budget are expected and will not exceed any budget limits. The payments for approval include £3,270 (once an official invoice had been received) for two new defibrillators that the Council discussed in previous meetings. The £3,270 cost includes VAT which will be recovered bringing the effective cost to the council down to £2,725 which is more than the £2,000 allocated in the Village Maintenance budget. Whilst this may result in an overspend on this particular budget line, we expect to have a surplus in other budget lines which will ensure we do not overspend on the total Precept budget during this financial year.

Payments for Approval Appendix A below summarises the payments unanimously approved by the Council.

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Draft budget proposal Councillors noted the proposed budget for 2026-27 and a likely slight decrease in the precept.

Grant Application The Grants Sub-Committee had received a late application from the Church for £800. Councillors unanimously approved the application.

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

- a. Cllr. Geoff Keen reported that the Society is currently well financed and has a new archivist – Thoss Shearer.
- b. Cllr Sean Sage agreed to research the idea of a Public Works Loan (<https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending/about-pwlb-lending/>) with regard to the development of Uley Primary School. **Action:** Cllr. Sean Sage to research on applying for a Public Works Loan.
- c. **Playing field.** Cllr. Jo Dee noted that the AGM had been held and that the Playing Field association was generally in positive financial health.

17. To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter and confirm the date of the next meeting Wednesday 7th January 2026.

In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that Cllr. Juliet Browne would minute the January and February 2026 UPC meetings and that Cllr. Tony Mills would chair.

Village News updates: The Knoll and SDC's 16 days of activism concerning violence against women.

Actions outstanding from 3rd December 2025 meeting

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The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting of Uley Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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.

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Appendix A

Councillors approved the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount (£)	Notes
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	6.00	
Adam Biscoe	Clerk's expenses	315.52	
Kemp IT Services	IT maintenance	204.00	
Adam Biscoe	Clerk's salary	571.04	
HMRC	PAYE and NICs.	187.33	
Community Heartbeat	2 off Replacement Defibrillator	3,270.00	Subject to receipt of a satisfactory invoice
PCC	Village News	72.00	
PCC	Village Hall Ground Rent	40.00	
Greenfields	Playground repair	607.87	
PATA	Payroll services	37.35	
Total		5314.11	