

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke
Village Hall on the 22nd May 2025**

Present

Cllrs Peter Badham (Chairman), Councillors N Chaudhry, R Jones and R Gifford.

In Attendance

The clerk and 3 members of the public.

1275 Apologies for absence

1275.1 No apologies were received however Councillor Nolan inform the Council of her resignation. The Council expressed their gratitude for all the work and support she has provided.

1276 Declarations of Interest

1276.1 None received.

1277 Written Requests for Dispensation

1277.1 None received.

1278 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 27th March 2025.

1278.1 The minutes of the last meetings were approved.

1279 Public Question Time

1279.1 The meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

1280 Clerks Report

1280.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1281 County Councillor's Report

1281.1 No report.

1282 Borough Councillor's Report

1282.1 No report.

1283 To receive a Police Report

1283.1 No report from the Police.

1284 Finance

1284.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry seconded Councillor Gifford Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
28/04/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	279.07	0.00	Clerks Salary
06/04/2025	EH & Uckington Village Hall	OB116	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
28/05/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	279.07	0.00	Clerks Salary
29/04/2025	Iain Selkirk	OB117	150.00	0.00	Audit Fees
21/05/2025	Community First Insurance	OB118	375.01	0.00	Insurance
23/05/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB119	137.80	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1284.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation be accepted. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Gifford Unanimous.

1284.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's expenses be approved Proposed Councillor Badham seconded Councillor Chaudhry Unanimous.

- 1284.4 The budget for 2025/26 was reviewed and agreed.
1284.5 The Asset Register was approved.
1284.6 **It was resolved that** the Internal Auditor Report be approved. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.
1284.7 **It was resolved that** the Governance Statement 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Gifford, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.
1284.8 **It was resolved that** the Accounting Statement 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Jones. Unanimous.
1284.9 **It was resolved that** the Certificate of Exemption 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Gifford. Unanimous.

1285 Planning

- 1285.1 **Elms Park Development** – The Planning Meetings are to take place on the 29/5/25 at TBC in the morning and CBC in the afternoon.
1285.2 The Officers Report (Paul Instone) is on the web site with a recommendation to delegate authority to Head of Planning to permit the application subject to a raft of conditions.
1285.3 Cllr Badham will speak at one of the spots reserved for Parish Council representation focusing on general Environmental issues. The Parish Council approved this approach.
1285.4 The Combined Approach to SIL / Section 106 for Elms Park offer. No further action would be taken.
1285.5 Comments on the following current planning applications

Appl Number	Location	Application	Result
None			

1286 To receive an update as to the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan and to consider if any further action is required.

- 1286.1 Nothing further to report.

1287 To receive an update as to the M5J10 Scheme.

- 1287.1 The minutes of the meeting with Paul Instone on 3/4/25 will be published on the website.

1288 To respond to email from neighbouring parish council regarding the UPC approach to Devolution.

- 1288.1 It was agreed that we would keep an eye on progress and no definite actions will be taken at this point in time.

1289 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1289.1 The Council was informed that we had now got to the Regulation 14 Consultation Stage and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee will be meeting to finalise delivery of leaflets and letters to parishioners together with the display of notices.

1290 To update progress as to overgrown hedges and footpaths particularly at the bus stop.

- 1290.1 **Action:** The Clerk will write to the new County Councillor Richard Stanley requesting assistance to help resolve this long outstanding issue.

1291 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues

- 1291.1 No issues reported.

1292 To discuss noticeboards.

- 1292.1 **It was resolved that** the quote from Bryan Harper amounting to £150 be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.

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1293 Items for Future Agenda

1293.1 To discuss future dealings with the County council and Borough Council representatives.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm. Date of the next meeting 24/7/25 at the Uckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.