

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke  
Village Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

The clerk and 12 members of the public.

**1294 Apologies for absence**

1294.1 Apologies were received R Gifford.

**1295 Declarations of Interest**

1295.1 None received.

**1296 Written Requests for Dispensation**

1296.1 None received.

**1297 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.**

1297.1 The minutes of the last meetings were approved.

**1298 Public Question Time**

1298.1 The meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

**1299 Clerks Report**

1299.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

**1300 County Councillor's Report**

1300.1 No report.

**1301 Borough Councillor's Report**

1301.1 No report.

**1302 To receive a Police Report**

1302.1 No report from the Police.

**1303 Finance**

1303.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
28/06/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	279.07	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/06/2025	EH & UckingtVillage Hall	OB120	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
27/05/2025	Lloyds Service Charge	DD	4.25	0.00	Bank Charges
28/07/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	279.07	0.00	Clerks Salary
01/07/2025	Bryan Edwards	OB121	150.00	0.00	Noticeboard Repairs
25/07/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB122	116.79	0.00	Clerks Expenses
17/06/2024	J Preece & Sons	OB123	144.00	0.00	Grass Cutting
24/06/2025	Lloyds Service Charge	DD	4.25	0.00	Bank Charges

1303.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation be accepted.  
Proposed Councillor Chaudhry seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.

- 1303.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's expenses be approved Proposed Councillor Chaudhry seconded Councillor Jones.Unanimous.  
 1303.4 The budget for 2025/26 was reviewed and agreed.  
 1303.5 The Asset Register was approved.

#### **1304 Planning**

- 1304.1 **Elms Park Development** – The Planning Permission has been granted. Building will take up to 10years.

- 1304.5 Comments on the following current planning applications

Appl Number	Location	Application	Result
25/00252/FUL	3 Homecroft Drive Uckington Cheltenham Gloucestershire	Proposed demolition of lean-to single-storey extension and construction of 2-storey rear extension and single-storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation	Permit
25/00376/FUL	Chestnut Farm The Green Uckington Cheltenham	Application to Remove Condition (h) of 88T/5797/02/02 (Agricultural Occupancy Condition) following the granting of a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development in 2014 (14/00674/CLE	No objections
25/00459/FUL	Parcels 4239 5200 And Part Parcel 6100 Tewkesbury Road Uckington Cheltenham	Construction of a new three-arm signalised junction, associated drainage, formation of footway and cycleway, and associated soft landscaping.	Comments submitted 23/7/25
25/00508/LBC	Butlers Court Cottage Withybridge Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire	Replacement single storey rear extension and internal alterations to improve energy efficiency	No comments

#### **1305 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.**

- 1305.1 The documentation is now in draft form and ready to be distributed when approved.  
 1305.2 There will be a 7/8 weeks consultation period.  
 1305.3 Councillors will meet to approve the documentation and deal with logistical aspects.

#### **1306 To discuss the Local Government Reorganisation engagement.**

- 1306.1 National Government is proposing significant changes to how local councils operate. Currently, Gloucestershire comprises one county council and six smaller district councils, each responsible for different services.  
 1306.2 The proposal aims to replace them with fewer, larger councils that manage all services, known as 'unitary' authorities. Currently three options are under consideration:
- One council covering the entire county.
  - Two councils, divided east (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, and Cotswold) and west (Gloucester, Forest of Dean, and Stroud).
  - Two councils, one being an enlarged Gloucester city (referred to as 'Greater Gloucester'), and one for the remainder of the county.
- 1306.3 Input is required on how local services can best meet the needs of residents now and in the future. Feedback will help shape the proposals submitted to the Government this autumn.  
 1306.4 [County-wide local government reorganisation survey | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)  
 1306.5 Also refer to the Parish Council Web Site [Local Government Reorganisation \(LGR\) engagement – Uckington Parish Council](#)

#### **1307 To update progress as to overgrown hedges and footpaths particularly at the bus stop.**

- 1307.1 **Action:** The Clerk wrote to the new County Councillor Richard Stanley requesting assistance to help resolve this long outstanding issue but no progress has been made.  
 1307.2 The Chairman expressed his concern at the total lack of response, and he felt that we had no option but to proceed on a legal basis and take legal action as the GCC has a legal obligation attend to the issues raised. Cllr Jones agreed with this course of action as GCC had a duty of care and it had become a safety issue.  
 1307.3 In view of the Chairman's legal background, the clerk asked for a draft letter from the chairman to send on to the appropriate authorities.

- 1307.4 The clerk raised the issue of legal costs which could be significant as there was no budget for this course of action.
- 1307.5 Other Highways Issues: **It was agreed that** the verge cutting contract with Ken Preece be renewed. Proposed Cllr Chaudhry, seconded Cllr Jones. Unanimous.
- 1308 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues**  
1308.1 No issues reported.
- 1309 To discuss GCC's Community 20s and Safer Roads initiatives**  
1309.1 **It was resolved** that the Parish Council was broadly in support of this initiative but variations may have to be excepted in local circumstances.  
1309.2 Autospeedwatch system was agreed in principle but the clerk will provide and update at the next meeting. View web site [Autospeedwatch](#)
- 1310 To update progress with regard to maintenance of the noticeboards.**  
1310.1 Work completed
- 1311 To discuss the posting of notices on noticeboards or just electronic.**  
1311.1 The Parish Council are considering going to a digital platform for all parish notices including agendas and minutes. Also the email alert system would be promoted.  
1311.2 Parishioners feedback would be encouraged,
- 1312 To discuss future dealings with the County council and Borough Council representatives.**  
1312.1 **Action:** The Clerk will invite the BC and CC to a pre-meeting before the next meeting including the police representative commencing at 7.00 pm.
- 1313 Items for Future Agenda**  
1313.1 Autowatch system  
1313.2 Update of Coombe Hill junction  
1313.3 To discuss fly tipping and litter picking.

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

**Date of the next meeting 25/9/25 at the Uckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**All meetings from November onwards will commence at 7.00pm.**