

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr M Brandon (MB) Chair, Mr V Meredith, (VM) Vice Chair, Mr E Watts (EW), Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance Mr Will Lovell, Cllr Steven Davis. Trevor Jones, John Field		
1 Apologies Cllr Gill Oxley and Zahra Sadry		
2 Open Question Time	None	
3 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations.	
4 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th September 2025	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th September 2025 were proposed as a true record by VM and seconded by EW	
5 Matters arising from the Minutes of 15 th September 2025	Most topics are included in the Agenda for this meeting. .	
6.County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	<p><u>Adult Social Care Loan team</u> Council has invested £6m in Technology Enabled Care for the Elderly. Adult Social Care have purchased 10 Electric Vehicles for their Equipment Loan Service.</p> <p><u>Flag Statement</u> has been published stating GCC will deal with flags on a case-by-case basis for safety reasons not politics.</p> <p><u>Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue</u> GFRS have won 2 awards, Road Safety in the Community Award and Public Sector Driver Award.</p> <p>Asian Fire Service Association award for Equality and Diversity</p> <p><u>Gloucester Library</u> moved to old Debenhams building.</p> <p><u>Trading Standards</u> Trading Standards seize 200 counterfeit toys as Christmas approaches £4,000 of illegal tobacco seized hidden in a car.</p> <p>Gloucestershire County Council's Trading Standards service and Counter Fraud Team (CFT) are at the forefront of a major new initiative to tackle fraud, with the launch of a new website.</p> <p><u>Highways</u> Additional £300k for 20 mph and Safer Roads announced. A start but not enough.</p> <p>Gritter fleet have been named e.g. Gritting Queen, Gritfire and Feathers McGrit amongst 29 names</p> <p><u>Active Travel Level 3 award</u>. One of 6 Councils to receive this.</p> <p><u>LGR Vote</u> in October at Gloucestershire County Council was overwhelmingly in favour in "one" unitary. The next stage should be Public Consultation.</p>	

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	<p><u>Budget for this year</u> has gone out for Consultation. The Council faces a £10m reduction in its Government Grant which results in a challenging budget.</p> <p><u>£1.1m Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund</u> finally launched (£20k per Councillor.) Applications can be made on line but please drop me an email letting me know what the request will be.</p> <p>Councillor Stephen Davies Cllr for Hardwicke and Severn Ward</p>	
7 District Councillor's Report Cllr Gill Oxley	No report received. However, If there is anything I can help with please contact me on 07546464405 or via the SDC website.	
8 Parish Councillors	<p>Following the resignation of Alison and advertising the vacancy, the committee welcomed the co-option of new Councillor Will Lovell. The committee agreed this unanimously.</p> <p>A Register of Member's Interest and Acceptance of Office forms were handed to Will Lovell.</p>	MB
9 Roles of Councillors	<p>New Roles?</p> <p>These would be discussed at the next teams meeting.</p>	
10 Finance Update	<p><u>Account update: FY 2025/2026</u></p> <p>The account remains in a healthy state with a balance on 15th December 2025 of £8,203.57 with funds available of £6,379.45</p> <p>PRECEPT for 2026. It was agreed that the precept request would remain unchanged.,. The Clerk agreed to implement this.</p>	DJ
11 Report from Severn Voice Meeting in August	There was no report from the most recent SV Meeting but the Verge Cutting contract situation was discussed.	
12 Highways Update	No Fly Tipping notices to be installed in the laybys. These need posts which must be installed by Highways. VM is working on this.	VM
13 Planning Update	EW is awaiting decisions on Hollow Farm planning. Barhouse Farm – no objections	EW
14 External Services	Grit Bins all appear to be full.	
15 Data	MB referred to the shared data G drive.	MB
16 Assets	<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Elmore Back Farm. TJ suggested researching the cost of a plastic box which might replace the rusting metal one. MB said he would ask Sophie Round if there was another location for it.</p> <p>Village Hall- power supply is temporarily disconnected. Defibrillator is OK but no light or , 'frost free' function there. It has an unmetered connection via Yew Trees House.</p> <p>First Aid training has been completed successfully in 2025.</p>	ZS

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17 Communications	Website is up to date The Bridge will be ready for delivery in late January.	
18 Special Projects	CCV Signs Graveyard	
19 Road Closures	Moor St, Framilode (by The Ship Inn) 18th to 20th February Kenton Green to Velthouse Lane will be closed on March 5th 0930 until 1530 High St, Saul will be closed 26th May to 28th May 0900 until 1600 Green Lane, Hardwick will be closed 28th May and 29th May 0800 until 1600 Pound Lane, Hardwick will be completely closed from 25th until 27th March	
20 Any Other Business	JF said that replacement recycling bins can be collected from Ebley Mill free of charge. Otherwise there is a charge for delivery.	
<u>2026 Meeting Dates</u> Monday 16 March 2026 Tuesday 18 May 2026 (Annual Meetings) Monday 14 September 2026 Monday 7 December 2026		
The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 755 pm.		
Signed..... Date		