

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at**

**Elmore Village Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 pm**

<b>Present</b> Parish Councillors: Mr V Meredith, (VM) Vice Chair, Mr E Watts (EW), Ms Alison Inwood (AI) Ms Zahra Sadry (ZS) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance Cllr Steve Davies. Cllr Gill Oxley Mr Chris Camm		
1 Apologies Mr M Brandon (Chair) Trevor Jones		
2 Open Question Time	No questions were asked	
3 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made	
4 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>h</sup> December were proposed as a true record by EW and seconded by AI	
5 Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Most topics are included in the Agenda for this meeting.	
6. County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	The Local Plan for Stroud continues to be under discussion with disagreement on the development of house building locations. Until decisions are made there will be no chosen location of a new Secondary School. This continues the lack of detail for the 5 year housing supply and delivery for this area. Without this 5 year plan it may become difficult for planning for development to be refused. This could lead to changes to our existing Settlement Boundary protecting us from development, All two tier Councils will become Unitary Authorities by 2027. In Gloucestershire, Councillors are looking at our options. Our County Council budget reflects that we are solvent with extra investment in Roads, SEND services, 3 new Care Homes, Improving schools, Household Waste Recycling Centres and a new 200 place Special School.	
7 District Councillor's Report from Cllr Gill Oxley	A big development, not Housing, is being built on land near to the Gloucester Garden Centre (formerly Dobbies). There is a Make a Difference Award. Names to be nominated to Cllr Oxley.	
8 Finance Update	<u>Account update: FY 2024/2025</u> The account remains in a healthy state with a balance of £7000.78.	

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	<p>Annoyingly Lloyds Bank have changed our Account to a Community Account. Only change is that we are charged £4.25 per month for it. £50 per year!! No free banking!</p> <p>Audit Preparations The annual audit will be prepared before the next meeting in May. The papers will be circulated to all electronically. All Cllrs must read and be prepared to agree them at this meeting.</p>	
9 Severn Voice Meeting	Cllr Zahra Sadry will attend the next meeting and report back to our May meeting	
10 Highways Update	VM reported that the new rubbish bin for the Kenton Green Layby is on order for delivery in May. Highways will install this and empty it weekly.	VM
11 Defibrillator Management	<p>The defibrillators will be checked and reported to the Heartbeat Trust by ZS.</p> <p>Training in the use of defibrillators will be arranged when negotiations on cost and times have been completed. Possible providers: St John's – cost not known Heartbeat Trust - £175 Community Services (SDC) Active Lifestyle team - £190</p> <p>Fridge Magnets with the Defibrillator codes will be distributed when ready. Fastsigns quoted £54.60 for 50 incl VAT. Unit price 75p excl VAT.</p>	
12 Litter Picking Update	Hamish Pitt has this organised for Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025 10.30 Village Hall	
13 Planning Update	EW reported no change and 11 Elmore. Enforcement of planning regulation was due to start at the Haywicks Barn site.	
14 External Services	<p>AI reported that our new Community Warden is Matt Bristow.</p> <p>Winter Grit and Salt bins are all OK.</p>	
15 Data	<p>A google drive is used for storing and sharing PC documents.</p> <p>It was agreed that cllrs without access to this drive should contact Matt Brandon.</p>	MB
16 Assets	There was discussion about Ponds in the village. DJ agreed to forward notes recorded out Ponds to each Cllr.	

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17 Communications	Copy date for Bridge items is 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
18 Special Projects	Already covered in the minutes.	
19 Any Other Business	PC Zoom meeting will be held 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025. Mr Chris Camm questioned the need for a sign to Gloucester on the Stonebench Turn. The Cllrs have already been informed by Highways that they do not support any further signage at that junction.	
<p>Date of the next 2 Annual Parish Council Meetings - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00 pm</p> <p><u>2025 Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Monday 15 September 2025 Monday 8 December 2025</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date .....</p>		