

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

26 August 2025 | 19:30 | Marianne Simpson

25/098 Attendance and Apologies

In attendance Seb Howells (Acting Chair), Alistair Thomson, Chris Blackwell, Christina McDonagh, Miranda Waller and County Cllr Robinson and District Cllr Dutton.

Also Present: Clerk Marianne Simpson and no members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Cllrs Kate Kay, Matt Peters, James Bowers

25/099 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

Cllr Blackwell declared an interest in the Barton End planning application.

25/100 Approval of Minutes

The minutes, previously circulated, of the last meeting held on 24 June 2025 were confirmed as a true record and Council resolved to accept the minutes.

25/101 Chair's announcements

None

25/102 Consider changes to the order of business

None

Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the Council

None.

25/103 Receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Robinson circulated a report prior to the meeting. Good news that Children's Services has now been graded 'outstanding' in two areas and 'good' in the remaining three areas, by OFSTED. He has had reports of trades people parking on the double yellow lines on Narrowcut Lane, which he has reported to the Enforcement Team. They have been enforcing the parking in Woodchester and Forest Green. There are a further 7 sites to get yellow lines. He has raised a request from Mark Kelly for a Gigaclear connection. There has been a general communication from SDC Chief Exec Kathy O'Leary regarding issues with Gigaclear which has now been addressed.

Cllr Dutton reported it is not a straightforward situation and there are some actions they can take with Gigaclear. Cllr Dutton to send correspondence from Gigaclear to the parish council. Cllr McDonagh reported a resident in Tickmorend has been in communication for 3 years. The PC is trying to resolve this.

Cllr Waller asked Cllr Robinson if Highways will allow some individually designed 20mph road signs, to be erected on existing posts along the main road. Cllr Robinson agreed they would be allowed if they are not

Highways designs and recommended a green circle, rather than red. Cllr Waller asked if a speed bump/strip would be permitted at the top of Nupend as vehicles are speeding round the bend as they enter the village and residents of Sealey Wood have raised the issue. Cllr Robinson recommended a GCC speed survey is carried out for a week to gain evidence of speeds.

Cllr Dutton reported there is a consultation on the Climate and Nature Strategy. Water, climate adaptation, built environment. Any feedback to be submitted by 30th September. Also, the bin in the SDC-owned Horsley carpark has been replaced.

Cllr Robinson and Dutton left the meeting.

25/104 Clerk's report and Correspondence

The Clerk's report (for information only) and all correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and confirmed. The Clerk had circulated the original agreement between SDC (owners of the burial ground) and HPC (responsible for maintenance of the burial ground). Cllr Thomson noted it had no termination or indexation clause.

25/105 Report on planning decisions and planning applications

Planning applications

S.25/1502/FUL Diversification of existing equine enterprise into equestrian holiday accommodation. Erection of 5no cabins with associated deck area, car parking and planting works - Barton End Stables Upper Barton End Lane Horsley

Cllr Thomson noted that the council has not supported other camping sites. He raised concerns regarding lack of evidence of how effluent or grey water would be managed, and that 5 cabins allowed now could lead to more later. Cllr McDonagh noted access, more cars, light pollution. The NDP promotes dark skies. Cllr Waller noted the Biodiversity Officer has requested a 30-year maintenance plan. The previous caravan site was rejected. Council agreed not to support the application.

Planning decisions

S.25/0924/CPE Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the land identified as 'the Garden Ground' as residential garden (C3 Use) - Marsden House Horsley Hill Horsley. Refusal

25/106 Authorise payments of the parish council and receive financial matters

106.1 Payments made between June meeting (no meeting in July 2025):

Date	payee	description	Net	VAT	total	pay
11/08/2025	NEST	Clerk pension - July	£25.82	-	£25.82	DD
11/08/2025	Goldenstones Gardening Ltd	Grass maintenance June and July	£1762.50	£352.50	£2115.00	
11/08/2025	Goldenstones Gardening Ltd	Orchard works June 7.5 hrs	£187.50	£37.50	£225.00	
06/08/2025	WaterPlus	Pavilion water	£61.54	-	£61.54	DD
04/08/2025	Spring CJ	Clean pavilion 2-27 June	£240.00	-	£240.00	
04/08/2025	PCC	Hall hire 3in1 HPC mtg 3 rd July		-	£21.60	
29/07/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge – Community acct		-	£4.25	DD
25/07/2025	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£454.41	£90.88	£545.29	DD
11/07/2025	WaterPlus	Pavilion water		-	£0.84	DD

09/07/2025	NEST	Clerk pension - June		-	£46.30	DD
01/07/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge – Community acct		-	£4.25	DD
25/06/2025	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£401.80	£80.36	£482.16	DD

17/07/25 £25,000 transferred from Lloyds Community Account to Charity Bank account.

14/07/25 £5,000 transferred from Lloyds Community Account to Charity Bank account.

106.2 Payments received between meetings:

date	from	description	total
20/08/2025	Fred Stevens	Burial fees (HPC INV 028 and 029)	£1572.00
11/08/2025	Lloyds	Commercial Instant Access bank interest - Aug	£17.74
09/07/2025	Lloyds	Commercial Instant Access bank interest - July	£31.48
25/06/2025	British Gas	Pavilion Gas refund standing charge Feb-June 2025	£134.22
24/06/2025	Community shop	Community Shop energy contribution 1 Apr 2024 – 31 March 2025 *	£1500.00

* The shop previously paid (May 2024) the full £4800 (£4000 net) for the replacement air-conditioning unit. The HPC did not pay a half share of £2000.

NOTE: Solar payment of £517.22 Feed in Tariff (FiT) payment for 08/01/2025 to 17/06/2025.

106.3 Payments for authorisation:

date	payee	description	Net	VAT	pay
05/08/25	SLCC Enterprises	Cemetery and Churchyard Safety Memorialisation course 6 August 25	£24.00	£6.00	£30.00

106.4 Council noted the Bank Reconciliation (at 26/08/25) and the second precept payment to be made in September and agreed to transfer £20,000 to the Charity Bank notice account.

106.5 Council approved the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report 2024-25.

The report allocated £5000 spend for the Horsley Play Area project in March 2025 which included new posts for the sunsail, replacement log stepping stones and improved entrance area with new gravel grids.

Remaining CIL funds of £11,531.15 to carry over to 2025-26. Council agreed to allocate spend on the Village Hall carpark in the 2025-26 CIL report.

25/107 Agree the Football Club review of licence and a Football Club sign on Pavilion

Defer to next meeting.

25/108 Update on highways and footpaths

108.1 Update on the VAS speed signs. RT Roadside Technologies Ltd have repaired the lower VAS sign but not returned it. The Nupend sign is to be sent to them for repair.

108.2 Update on a community speedwatch group. Clerk to contact Nailsworth Town Council and the PCSO to arrange a date for training in the use of the speed gun. Council agreed to submit an expression of interest for the GCC Community 20s and Safer Roads initiative.

108.3 Update on traffic signs. Council agreed a couple of 'Go Slow and Wide' horse posters can be erected on a temporary basis on existing posts. Actions: Cllr Waller to finalise design of the 20mph road signs and obtain costs. Clerk to obtain cost of GCC speed survey.

108.4 Update on build back better fund payment report for Cycling Project. Includes Transition Stroud donation, cost of 20mph signs, plus VAS repair costs.

108.5 Update on repair of damaged bollard outside the Pavilion. It is difficult to claim on this as the witness needs to report it online. Action: Obtain cost for replacement.

25/109 Consider the burial ground and Churchyard memorial testing

Cllr Blackwell reported he had carried out some checks of headstones in the Churchyard and will carry out some minor repairs to glue the loose ones.

25/110 Review Horsley Orchard

The Orchard maintenance work in June was a one off tidy up after no mow May. Update on Horsley Orchard Project (HOP) group to be considered at the next meeting.

25/111 Update on areas in Horsley still awaiting a Gigaclear connection

A few properties in Horsley are still waiting to get a Gigaclear connection. This was discussed in item 2025/103 and is on-going.

25/112 Councillor items for future discussion

Cllr Howells noted there has been a change in the Audit requirements for 2025-26 and it is recommended all councillors use their .gov.uk email address.

25/0113 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:20 pm

Chair's signature..... Date