

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

25 November 2025 | 19:30 | Marianne Simpson

25/151 Attendance and Apologies

In attendance Cllrs Kate Kay (Chair), Alistair Thomson, Christina McDonagh, Hannah Hartop, Chris Blackwell, Miranda Waller, and County Cllr Robinson.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Seb Howells, Matt Peters, James Bowers

25/152 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

None

25/153 Approval of Minutes

The minutes, previously circulated, of the last meeting held on 28 October 2025 were confirmed as a true record and Council resolved to accept the minutes.

25/154 Chair's announcements

None

25/155 Consider changes to the order of business

None.

Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the Council

None

25/156 Receive reports from District and County Councillors

County Cllr Robinson circulated a report prior to the meeting, which was noted.

District Cllr Kay reported SDC voted to support the single unitary authority option. GCC voted for a single unitary authority, Cheltenham voted for two unitary option – consisting of West (Stroud, Forest of Dean, Gloucester) and East (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Cotswolds), The Forest of Dean voted for none of the above, Cotswold Council are still to vote. Two letters will be sent to the government minister. Each council writes their preferred option. A fair funding review has been carried out to re-distribute funding to areas of deprivation nationwide. SDC has had to set money aside for this as SDC is one of the few councils which hold reserves. 350 councillors will be reduced to 100. Intention is to set up neighbourhood partnerships. Elections will be held in 2027 for the shadow authority.

25/157 Clerk's report and Correspondence

The Clerk's report (for information only) and all correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

The GCC Road Safety Team have confirmed that the parish council can be reimbursed up to max £5,000 towards the cost of a replacement VAS.

RT Technologies have repaired the 2 old VAS devices with old parts which only have a 3-month guarantee.

Steve Robinson has loaned the PC a speed gun. Horsley volunteers have had training with the GCC Road Safety Officer David Holland. He has lent the group another speed gun for 6 months. He has also agreed to locate a speed box at the side of the road to collect traffic data. Parish Council to decide where this should be located.

25/158 Report on planning decisions and planning applications

Planning applications

- S.25/2198/OHL Overhead Power Line, The Fooks Horsley - Installation of 2 x wooden pole supports in the existing 11KV overhead lines.

Council agreed 'No comment'.

Planning decisions

None.

25/159 Update on the need for a housing needs survey

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) approached the parish council to request they carry out a housing needs survey (HNS). Cllr Kay and the Clerk attended an online meeting with a member of GRCC. GRCC could not explain why Horsley needed an HNS when the Horsley Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP) was still valid and the parish council did not want to update it as this stage and did not want a HNS to be carried out.

25/160 Update on the unitary reorganisation

Cllr Kay reported on this during section 25/156.

25/161 Authorise payments of the parish council and receive financial matters

161.1 Payments made between October meeting:

date	payee	description	Net	VAT	Pay
28/10/25	RT Technologies	repair of 2x VAS devices			£448.80
28/10/25	Matt Peters	Reimburse 2x VAS delivery costs			£73.20
	Matt Peters	Misc expenses – new door handle, VAS delivery, drain unblocker	£34.02	£6.80	£19.99 £40.82 £7.90
18/11/25	Clare Perla	Payroll July – Sept and backdated pay calculation			£65.00
18/11/25	Goldenstones Gardening	October hours	£325.00	£60.00	£390.00
18/11/25	Fred Stevens	Refund of ashes overpayment from error in SDC fee sheet - C510	£102.00	-	£102.00
14/11/25	PWL B	Public Works Loan Board	£1,428.80	-	£1,428.80
10/11/25	WaterPlus	Pavilion Water bill	£70.49	-	£70.49
07/11/25	NEST	Clerk pension	£28.33	-	£28.33
31/10/25	Lloyds	Service Charge – Community acct	£4.25	-	£4.25
25/10/25	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity			£546.14

161.2 Payments received between meetings:

date	from	description	total	pay
10/11/25	Lloyds	Commercial Instant Access bank interest	£13.11	FPI
24/10/25	Fred Stevens	Funeral Director burial fees HPC-2025-034	£306.00	FPI
19/11/25	Cottle Memorials Ltd	Memorial fees additional inscription	£66.00	FPI

161.3 Payments for authorisation:

date	payee	description	Net	VAT	pay
21/11/25	Mr J A Price Gravedigger	Ashes plot 24/10/25	£140.00	-	£140.00
23/11/25	RBL Forest Green/Nailsworth Branch	HPC Remembrance Wreath	£25.00	-	£25.00
29/10/25	Walker Fire	Pavilion Fire Risk Assessment – The	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00

161.4 Council received the monthly financial update and bank reconciliation to 31st October.

161.5 Council to consider quote for painting white parking lines on Village Hall carpark. Awaiting the carpark plan to obtain a full quote. A company has quoted their minimum half day rate for white line painting is £675 + VAT. A budget of £675 was agreed for 15 or 16 spaces.

161.6 Council considered budget items 2026-27. Budget items to be considered further at the next meeting.

25/162 Consider acquiring Stroud District Council assets prior to the unitary reorganisation

Council to consider taking over the SDC-owned car park at the entrance to Priory Fields.

25/163 Consider a grant application from the Horsley Youth Club

Council considered a grant application from the Horsley Youth Club. County Cllr Robinson has already agreed to give them £500 from his Horsley pot. Cllr Kay proposed a £1500 grant from the parish council, as per previous years, Cllr Thomson seconded, all in favour.

25/164 Approve the Football Club agreement and licence

Football Club review of revised licence. Cllr Kay to confirm agreement and the football club rent for 25-26.

25/165 Update on highways and footpaths

165.1 Update on the VAS speed signs. Awaiting delivery of the two VAS signs which are being repaired with old parts by RT Technologies. A new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) VAS is being considered to replace the old solar-powered VAS. This needs to be approved by GCC.

165.2 Update on the Horsley community speedwatch group. Speed gun training was carried out on 24th November by David Holland, GCC Road Safety Officer. He has loaned the group a speed gun for 6 months and will set up a speed survey box in Horsley, for a 7-10 day period, to monitor traffic speeds within the next couple of months.

165.3 Update on 20 mph traffic signs. The 'Go Slow and Wide' horse posters have been installed on a temporary basis on existing posts. The new 20mph signs have been designed in various colours and designs of wild animals.

165.4 Forestry England have been asked to cut back the overgrown trees and shrubs along Hartley Bridge.

25/145 Update on solar panels or a wind turbine on the playing field

Nothing to add.

25/146 Consider updating the SDC burial ground contract

Council considered putting the burial grounds maintenance contract out for tender for next year. Clerk to make some enquiries.

25/147 Review Horsley Orchard maintenance and licence

Previously agreed.

25/148 Update on areas in Horsley still awaiting a Gigaclear connection

Gigaclear have no immediate plans to complete connections in the hard-to-reach areas of Horsley. Put notice on the website, notifying parishioners who are still waiting for Gigaclear.

25/149 Councillor items for future discussion

Clr Hartop to review the funding options for a screen and projector to hold film nights in the 3in1 hall.

25/150 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th January 2026 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Chair's signature..... Date