

Birdlip Parish Council



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MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm

Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E. McKay, M Crossley and J Twydell.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

7-25/EX1. Apologies for Absence Cllrs Partridge, Ritchie and Hale.

7-25/EX2. Declarations of Interest None

7-25/EX3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed) None

7-25/EX4. Planning

To consider new plans and information from Highways. **25/01791/FUL** Proposed porch extension at Birdlip View Cirencester Road Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JL

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal= SXQG9BFIJT100>

OBJECTION Birdlip Parish Council has reviewed the additional drawings and supporting information submitted by Gloucestershire Highways and Cotswold District Council Planning. The Council note the applicant would need to obtain a Stopping Up Order from DFT and leave a minimum of one meter of verge next to the highway. Following this review, the Council maintains its objection to the proposed erection of a porch at Birdlip View.

The Council notes with concern that the application lacks a revised elevation plan, especially as the porch would span some 3 meters across the original cottage and extension. There is no clear specification of the materials to be used in the construction of the porch, the only reference is the term "boarded," which is vague and open to broad interpretation, raising uncertainty about the final appearance and quality of the structure.

Although the property is not listed, the proposed porch would be highly visible from the highway in the Cotswold National Landscape (AONB). The Council believes it is essential that any new addition be in keeping with the heritage style of Birdlip View and the surrounding properties. A design primarily using timber or materials that give an industrial appearance could result in a porch that looks incongruous, more like an afterthought than an integral part of the building.

The Council urges the planning officer to obtain clear details of the materials, finished design and dimensions to ensure compatibility with the local character and setting. Looking at similar porches in the vicinity this may include Cotswold stone to a half height, graded timber and a Cotswold stone tiled pitched roof.

7-25/EX5. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public

7-25/EX6. Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th August 2025 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip.

Meeting closed at 19.24