

Birdlip Parish Council



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10th June 2025

Councillors: J Lavington, E McKay, P Ritchie, D Partridge, M Crossley, O Hale and J Twydell

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm

AGENDA

- 6-26/1. Apologies for Absence**
- 6-26/2. Declarations of Interest**
- 6-26/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)**
- 6-26/4. Minutes**
- I. To approve minutes of meetings held on 20th May 2026
 - II. Action points from previous meetings – unless currently itemed on agenda
- 6-26/5. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** (sent in advance)
- 6-26/6. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr Judd report distributed
- 6-26/7. To note Internal Audit report and recommendations** – **Note** - Clerk had already put these recommendations in place for 2026
- 6-26/8. Approve Annual Governance Statement** – To agree and sign
- 6-26/9. Approve Accept Annual Governance Accounting Statement** – Signed by RFO prior to meeting
- 6-26/10. Public Rights Notice** - Notice Of Public Rights And Publication Of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return started on 3rd June 2026 until 14th July 2026.
- 6-26/11. To Review** Grants Policy to include application form.
- 6-26/12. Planning**
- 26/01442/AGFO** Prior notification for erection of an agricultural building at Land East Of Highclere Cirencester Road Birdlip Gloucestershire. Although this application is defined as being in Brimpsfield Parish, access to and neighbouring properties are within Birdlip Parish. Council agreed via email that an objection would be put forward to CDC Planning Officer for consideration.
- The proposed barn is considered to be extraordinarily large and therefore disproportionate in relation to the scale of an agricultural enterprise it is intended to support, comprising approximately 1,040 square metres of floor space for a holding of only 6.6 hectares.
 - Due to its scale and massing, the barn would appear visually obtrusive within the surrounding landscape and would adversely affect the rural character and appearance of the area.
 - The application site comprises scarce lowland meadow habitat, and development in this location would be contrary to the need to avoid and mitigate impacts on biodiversity.

- A recent application within the adjacent field, involving a smaller barn and fruit processing facility, was refused following advice from the Cotswold District Council Biodiversity Officer on the grounds of unacceptable development affecting lowland meadow habitat.

Outcome by CDC Planning

A Prior Approval is considered necessary in this instance, to establish if the siting and external appearance of the proposed building are considered to be reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture and establish whether they would have an undue negative visual impact on the intrinsic rural landscape character of the Cotswolds National Landscape. Officers do not consider that the justification provided is a substantive enough for the proposed building. It does not demonstrate that the building is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the site for the above mentioned reasons. Furthermore, the case put forward to justify a new building on the land requires further consideration. Prior approval is therefore required, so that the potential impacts of the proposed development can be fully and robustly assessed.

Conclusion: As such, the proposed building is considered to require prior approval.

6-26/13. A417 Missing Link To receive report from the Chairman.

6-26/14. Bus Shelter & defibrillator: To note bus shelter, defibrillator, CCTV, benches & village signs have been inspected.

6-26/15. CCTV Birdlip Village Update

- i. **Update on Progress**
- ii. **Agree expenditure for signage**
- iii. **Agree unmetered electricity supplier**

6-26/16. Finance

To note payments made since last meeting and reconciled bank balance below and attached.

Zurich £399.29

Birdlip Garden Cooperative £100.00

Brimpsfield with Birdlip PCC £300.00

Clerk Wages May £408.75

Clerk Expenses May £26.00

Service charge £4.25

6-26/17. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public

6-26/18. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th August 2026, 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip.

Signed: *Elaine Lavington* (Clerk to the Parish Council)