

Birdlip Parish Council



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Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm
Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E. McKay, M Crossley, J Twydell.

- 6-26/1. To receive and accept apologies for absence and confirm that the meeting is quorate**
Cllr's Partridge, Ritchie and Hale
- 6-26/2. Declarations of Interest** None
- 6-26/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)** None
- 6-26/4. Minutes**
I. To approve minutes of meetings held on 20th May 2026 Approved and signed by Chairman
II. Action points from previous meetings – unless currently itemed on agenda
- 6-26/5. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** (sent in advance)
Councillors congratulated the Clerk on completing her CiLCA and achieving an Exemplary Award.
Council is pleased to have received confirmation from Gloucestershire Highways regarding Heritage sign and awaits quote for installation works.
- 6-26/6. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr Judd report distributed in advance
- 6-26/7. To note Internal Audit report and recommendations** – **Noted** - Clerk had already put these recommendations in place for 2026
- 6-26/8. Approve Annual Governance Statement** – Approved and signed by Chair and Clerk
- 6-26/9. Accept Annual Governance Accounting Statement** – Signed by RFO prior to meeting, signed by Chair
- 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. **New Policy with application form agreed.**
- 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 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.
The section of old A417 from Birdlip Junction to Air Balloon roundabout will permanently close from 29th June, road users are advised to allow additional journey time whilst works continue. Disruption is expected on neighbouring village during this period.
- 6-26/14. Bus Shelter & defibrillator:** To note bus shelter, defibrillator, CCTV, benches & village signs have been inspected. **All inspected with no issues unless previously reported.**
- 6-26/15. CCTV Birdlip Village Update**
- Update on Progress – CCTV is online, with some small interference issues. Clerk awaiting input from contractor and will contact Ofcom.**
 - Agree expenditure for signage - £300 agreed expenditure for signage – Press release to be issued once signs are displayed.**
 - Agree unmetered electricity supplier – Clerk to gain quotes and accept best value.**
- 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.
- The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 19.31

Signed.....

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