Birdlip Parish Council

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Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm
Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E. McKay, D Partridge M Crossley, O Hale and J Twydell.

9-26/1. **Apologies for Absence – to receive apologies and confirm the meeting is quorate**
Apologies received from Cllr Ritchie, District Cllr Judd and County Cllr Harris
The meeting was confirmed quorate.

9-26/2. **Declarations of Interest** None

9-26/3. **To receive requests for dispensation** None

9-26/4. **Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)** None

9-26/5. **Minutes**
i. **To approve minutes of meetings held on 17th June 2026** Approved and signed by Chair
ii. **Action points from previous meetings – unless currently itemed on agenda**

9-26/6. **To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** (sent in advance)
Cllr Crossley agreed to inspect condition of Milestone on junction of Ermine way and B4070 and report back to Clerk.

9-26/7. **To Receive District and County Councillor Reports –** Cllr Judd report distributed in advance.
It was noted the Council had responded to Cllr Judd regarding the possible closure of Birdlip Polling Station. The Council unanimously opposed the proposal put forward by Cotswold District Council and would await the outcome regarding formal consultation.

9-26/8. **To note ICO registration** Noted

9-26/9. **Water on Cirencester road from entrance to Birdlip House –** Update from Councillor Partridge
Due to the lack of rainfall during the summer months, the planned investigative dye test has not yet been carried out. The investigation will be undertaken when there is sufficient rainfall to enable the source of the water to be identified.

9-26/10. **To approve Wildfire and Summer Emergency Plan** Approved

9-26/11. **Winter Maintenance -** To note the Clerk has not yet received information regarding 2026 delivery of grit/salt from Gloucestershire Highways. Noted

9-26/12. **To Consider Grant Applications;**
Parish Connections
Birdlip with Brimpsfield PCC
The Council considered both applications on their individual merits and resolved as follows:

- **To make a donation of £300 to Parish Connections towards printing costs.**
- **To make a donation of £250 to Birdlip and Brimpsfield PCC towards churchyard maintenance.**

9-26/13. Stockwell Farm

Clerk has received following correspondence from the new owners of Stockwell farm.

- Woodland planting - proposed woodland planting plan at Stockwell which they aim to complete this autumn/winter - attached.
- New Grainstore - planning application Prior Approval not required - AGFO
- Daisy Bank Lane - the new owners have asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to write a letter of support for a tarmac finish which they feel is more appropriate and cost-effective option for the long-term road surface finish for Daisy Bank Lane. NB this lane is situated within Cowley Parish.

Council noted the woodland planting proposal and Grainstore application with no comment.
Council decided it was unable to provide a letter of support for the road surface finish for Daisy Bank Lane as the lane is situated in the Parish of Cowley.

9-26/14. Planning

For information only
25/00570/FUL Appeal Ref: 6006408 Land (E) 393711 (N) 213836, Cirencester Road, Birdlip GL4 8JL
The development proposed is the erection of agricultural storage and fruit processing building with ancillary distillery and office. **APPEAL DECISION ALLOWED**

9-26/15. A417 Missing Link To receive report from the Chairman.

The Chair will attend a meeting on 22nd October on behalf of the Council regarding the detailed plans for the B4070 and new WCH route. All previously determined unanswered questions would be put forth at the meeting.

It was noted that Cllr Ritchie had provided an advocacy video to National Highways on behalf of the Council, as requested.

9-26/16. Bus Shelter & defibrillator: To note bus shelter, defibrillator, CCTV, benches & village signs have been inspected. **All inspections had been carried out and had again identified the ongoing issue with the bench located on the verge near Parsons Pitch. It was resolved that a temporary hazard warning tape be added to the bench. See also item 9-26/17.**

9-26/17. Replacement Bench – to note clerk will send quotations for replacement for October budget meeting. It was agreed to look at different material options including traditional wood and metal.

9-26/18. CCTV Birdlip Village Update

i. Update – **Clerk had issued Press Release. Clerk would arrange training for Councillor.**
ii. Signage has been purchased and displayed - **noted**
iii. Agree unmetered electricity supplier update – **The Clerk confirmed she had now received the MPAN number (virtual meter reference) from National Grid. It was resolved the Clerk would accept the cheapest quotation/agreement on behalf of the Council.**

9-26/19. NCIL Payments

i. To note Clerk has received confirmation that the £2477.88 October 2024 NCIL payment relates to application: 19/01871/FUL - Erection of four dwellings, with associated access and landscaping at High Green Farm, Birdlip, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL4 8JH. **Noted**
ii. Clerk has received notice that the CIL payment made to the council for £34.20 was an overpaid as part of the April 2026 NCIL distribution. CDC currently looking to rectify the error. To agree a refund of payment to CDC. **Resolved to issue refund.**
iii. To note the remaining CIL of £1054.88 has now been spent - towards the final invoice for CCTV shielding. **Noted**

9-26/20. Finance

i. **To note payments made since last meeting and agree reconciled bank balance below and attached.**
ICO Direct Debit £47.00
Clerk Wages £408.75
Clerk Expenses August £26.00

Service charge £4.25
PATA UK £40.35
CR Signs Stroud £270.00
GALC Audit £250.00
Clerk Wages July £327.00
Clerk Expenses July £26.00
Service charge £4.25
Clerk Wages June £327.00
Clerk Expenses June £26.00
Service charge £4.25
Associated Electrical £913.20

ii. **To agree payment** £170.00 for website hosting and maintenance **Agreed**

9-26/21. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public

Budget update, Reconciliation, Requests and Draft Budget 2027-2028, Replacement Bench

9-26/22. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st October 2026, 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip.

The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.49pm

Signed…… Date……