

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.00pm held at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Allan, Koning, Russell (Chairman), Stead, Tullett, Walsh.

Officers: Carol Hinton (Clerk), David Stevens (Assistant Clerk)

District Councillor Adrian Birch, plus 4 members of the public. County Councillor Chris McFarling had sent apologies.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Cllrs Burgess, Swambo and Warby.
- b) **Resolved to approve for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllrs Burgess, Swambo and Warby.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.
Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.
- b) **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered. **None.**

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026.
- b) **To consider any questions** arising from those minutes. **There were none.**

4. DEATH OF COUNCILLOR DREW

Resolved to note that a Casual Vacancy notice has been notified to the District Council and posted on noticeboards and website.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Resolved to receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.

Diane Cave – had noted that the Gladman development plans mentioned cattle and odour tests. Are there likely to be any tests undertaken on road usage and air quality around the A48 at Tutshill? The Parish Council does not have data from tests carried out by Glos CC Highways over recent years. The Clerk confirmed that the PC is looking at the potential for air quality monitoring equipment in the Parish which is in the early stages of discussion.

Gerard Harte – two of the drain covers on the new Beachley Road roundabout are very noisy. This has been reported and Glos CC Highways have assessed them. Their response has been that the drains are safe and that the noise does not warrant repair. Assistant Clerk advised to report again through Fix My Street and the PC will report as well.

Michael Cave – now that the old Wye Bridge cannot be used, is the A48 bridge into Chepstow being regularly monitored considering the extra useage? The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the bridge is the responsibility of National Highways and that from previous experience their maintenance schedule is robust.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- a. **P1585/25/FUL** – Chascroft, Tidenham, Chepstow, NP16 7JQ.
Conversion of a stand alone stable block to create an annexe to the main dwelling.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this application.
- b. **P0049/26/FUL** – 1 Wyebank Road, Tutshill, Chepstow, NP16 7ER.
Erection of a detached garage.
Mr Harte stated that this was his application.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this application.

- c. **P1107/24/FUL** – Day House Quarry Tidenham Chepstow.
Erection of a warehouse to store equipment and vehicles and associated works (part-retrospective) (revised description).
Tidenham Parish Council supports this application.
- d. **P0095/26/FUL** – Sheercliffe, Coleford Road, Tidenham, Chepstow.
Erection of a two-storey extension and double garage.
Tidenham Parish Council does not support this planning application for the same reasons that were commented on in the previous planning application, P0388/24/FUL. These comments don't appear to have been addressed in this planning application.
- i. The new building on the left is not in keeping with the two other buildings, the original main house and new garage. This in itself can be attractive but in the Parish Council's opinion there is an extreme difference. The two precedent examples of similar architecture are not strong, one being a school not located in the middle of the countryside, the other is a residence but the strong difference in architecture is mitigated by using stonework in the same colour palette. If the proposal for the new black building would include some mitigation in the extreme colour difference, then this would be more acceptable.
 - ii. The proposed "Site plan" on the Planning portal shows next to the new garage a number of terraces, a flower bed and decking. In reality there is a stone build "folly" which has a length of about 10 Meters. The Parish Council's concern is that if this "folly" stays in place, the front of the whole building (from the new black building to the end of the folly) would be near to 40 meters which seems not to be in keeping with the other houses on the road. Because of its elevated position this would overshadow the local environment.
- e. **P0114/26/FUL** – The Vicarage, Gloucester Road, Tutshill, Chepstow.
Erection of 4no. infill dwellings, including replacement vicarage, with associated access and landscaping.
Tidenham Parish Council does not support this planning application. The Council agrees there is a need for housing but this need is more for affordable housing in the parish.
- f. **P1374/25/FUL** – 22 Bridget Drive, Sedbury, Chepstow.
Erection of single and two storey rear extensions with associated works.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this application.
7. **TO REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (s101)**
None.
8. **TO CONSIDER HIGHWAY ISSUES**
None.
9. **POLICING IN THE PARISH**
a) **Resolved to note** Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link.
[Tidenham and Sedbury | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)
10. **COMMITTEES**
To receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees already circulated, enclosed herewith or to be circulated and to consider any questions arising from them. **None.**
11. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.
Chairman reported that he, the Clerk and two councillors had attended Graham Drew's funeral.
12. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
Resolved to note reports from Chris McFarling and the District Councillors.
Cllr Birch - A vote of no confidence in the District Council leadership will take place at the meeting on Thursday 19th February for the decisions made around the new Draft Local Plan. Unpopular housing developments have had to be included due to the unrealistic housing targets imposed by the Government.

Cllr Koning – outraged to see that the DC will be required to contribute £1.5m towards the Local Government Re-organisation Fund, the re-organisation not being supported by local councils. Also – the proposals mention increased officer support for parish councils. Cllr Birch confirmed that this is the case. There is a lot of work going on around how the re-organisation will look and there is a possibility Gloucestershire as a unitary authority may be linked another neighbouring authority. There is still no detail on the effect of the re-organisation on parish councils.

Cllr Allan – although the Forest of Dean Council is not in agreement with the LGR and chose not to support any of the proposals, what are their plans and should the DC be stating their position for which preference? Cllr Birch – this position will be decided on Friday and there will be a press release to inform the public. The difficulty is how to engage the public.

13. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and consider the Parish Clerk's Report. All items requiring the council to make a decision were specified separately on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk had had the placing of the speed cameras confirmed and they will be in place by the end of the financial year.

The Clerk will meet with DC Councillor Nick Evans to progress the Emergency Plan.

Cllr Koning asked that the push to introduce a new logo and corporate identity begin now. Cllr Allan to approach Wydean School to seek engagement of pupils on design and community engagement.

14. CASUAL VACANCY – ELLIOT CRACKNELL

Resolved to note the District Council Electoral Services have not received any requests for a by-election and that the Parish Council may now co-opt to fill the vacancy.

15. PARISH ONLINE

Resolved to approve subscription to Parish Online (digital mapping service) of £216.00 total price (£180.00 ex VAT) for 21/01/26 to 21/01/27.

16. LAPTOP MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Resolved to approve renewal of annual Hardware Maintenance and Support Contract with Tate Computer Technology for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk's Council laptops at £300.00 plus VAT, total cost £360.

17. FINANCE

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for January 2026.

b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for January 2026.

c) **Resolved to approve** continuing payment of the annual Information Commissioners Office fee by direct debit. 2026/27 fee £47 including discount of £5 for payment by direct debit.

18. FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REVISED DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

To consider the Revised Draft Local Plan for the District 2025-2045 and responses to the consultation.

Resolved – working Group to include Chairman and Vice Chairman and other councillors to be set up to continue discussions and produce response for approval at the March meeting. This to be done after the DC event at the village hall on 25th February.

19. CONSULTATION ON GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION PROPOSALS

To consider responses to the Government consultation on the three proposals from Gloucestershire.

Resolved after much discussion on this item, and considering that councillors feel that the views of local government have not been taken into account during the process – the consultation questions bearing this out – the response from Tidenham Parish Council should simply be that it supports one unitary authority.

20. SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL

a) **Resolved to approve** quotation from Futurecell Ltd for replacement low energy lighting at the hall as recommended in the recent energy audit. Cost including fitting £1170 plus VAT – total cost £1404.

b) **Resolved to note** urgent repairs carried out by Shane Weldon to fencing, door handle, guttering and installation of bike rack totalling £270 including £80 for materials.

- c) **Resolved to approve** quotation for entrance matting in the lobby of the hall from Manor Carpets at £283.34 plus VAT – total price £340.
- d) **Resolved to approve** quotation from Shane Weldon to repair and prepare the concrete floor at the entrance to the hall of £110 no VAT if matting at c) agreed.
- e) **Resolved to note** the Clerk had been unable to obtain further quotes for the lighting or entrance matting. Futurecell Ltd are preferred suppliers Financial Regulations App 1.

21. RELOCATION OF CCTV CAMERA

- a) **Resolved to approve** relocation of CCTV camera from overlooking the Sedbury playing field to Pipistrelle Close as requested by Gloucestershire Police. The camera is currently being repaired at the manufacturers and the Amenities Committee have agreed the cost of its remounting.
- b) **Resolved to note** the Parish Council is now likely to be charged for the electricity used by the CCTV cameras mounted on Gloss CC street lighting.
The Assistant Clerk had had confirmation, since the agenda was issued, that the Council will in future have to pay for the electricity used by the CCTV cameras. This will be on an unmetered supply basis, as with the defibrillator at Loop Road, and will be paid under the Council's current MPAN account with Npower.

22. REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF GDPR POLICIES

- a) **Resolved to review and approve** re-adoption of Tidenham Parish Council Privacy Policy.
- b) **Resolved to review and approve** re-adoption of Tidenham Parish Council General Privacy Notice.
- c) **Resolved to review and approve** re-adoption of Tidenham Parish Council Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders.
- d) **Resolved to review and approve** re-adoption of Tidenham Parish Council Subject Access Requests Policy.
- e) **Resolved to review and approve** re-adoption of Tidenham Parish Council Inventory of Data – February 2026.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to receive and consider any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.

24. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Resolved to receive and note any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

Cllr Tullett – following an accident on the corner of Sedbury Lane, the lamppost at the back of her house is now facing into her garden which may be a safety issue. Needs to be reported through Fix My Street.

25. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Finance and Probity Committee followed by Mopla Cottages and S&BVH Committees.

Wednesday 11th March 2026 – Amenities Committee.

Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Full Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2025hrs