

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00pm held at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Burgess, Russell (Chairman) Stead, Tullett and Walsh.

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

1. ATTENDANCE

a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Cllrs Allan and Swambo.

b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllrs Allan and Swambo. Apologies had also been received from County Cllr McFarling and District Cllrs Birch and Lane

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 17th June 2026.

b) **To consider any questions** arising from those minutes. Cllr Chris McFarling has not yet arranged the meeting about the proposed Biosphere.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To receive and consider any questions from the Public. **None Present.**

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a. **P0518/26/FUL** – Riverside Nursery School, Powder House Farm, Coleford Road, Tutshill. Installation of a prefabricated modular outbuilding with classroom space, a kitchenette, and accessible sanitary facilities.

Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.

b. **P0692/26/FUL** – Land South East of Garden Cottage, Stroat.

Change of use of land from agricultural to equine, including the construction of a new stable block and menage.

Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.

c. **P0785/26/AG** – Severndale Farm Tidenham Chepstow.

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of grain and feed.

Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.

d. **P0788/26/AG** – Severndale Farm Tidenham Chepstow.

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural general purpose building.

Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.

e. **P0766/26/FUL** – 38 The Martins, Tutshill, Chepstow, NP16 7DP.

Erection of a two-storey extension to existing single garage to create home office, car port and cycle and bin storage and erection of an outbuilding to rear of property to house hot tub and sauna.

Tidenham Parish Council does not support this planning application because Councillors are concerned the upper floor could overlook neighbouring properties and impact their privacy. Tidenham Parish Council will defer to the planning officer's experience and guidance on privacy.

6. TO REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (s101)

None.

7. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED RE HIGHWAY ISSUES

None

8. POLICING IN THE PARISH

- a) **Resolved to note** Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link, however Nick Evans, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, has explained that, following a change in computer systems, erroneous results had appeared. This is being addressed and the stats should be available online again soon. Clerk to chase as no stats still showing.
[Tidenham and Sedbury | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

9. 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.**

10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting. **There were none.**

11. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Resolved to note reports from Chris McFarling and the District Councillors. **Clerk to contact Cllr McFarling regarding his support for a crossing in Gloucester Rd.**

12. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

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

13. FINANCE

- a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for June 2026.
 b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for June 2026.
 c) **Resolved to note** the cost of repositioning the CCTV equipment from the office at S&BVH was £30 plus VAT more than the original quote from MJ Security as whilst on site the camera power unit also needed to be repositioned. MJ Security invoice for £490 plus VAT – total £588.00 included on Financial Statement.

14. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR

Resolved to note a re-declaration of pensions compliance was made to The Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 (or, for Northern Ireland, the Pensions Order 2008). This re-declaration is required every three years.

15. TUMP FARM SOLAR PARK – COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- a) **Resolved to note** the Community Benefit amount for 2026 (year 10 of 25) is £7642.62. This has been invoiced.
 b) **Resolved to approve** earmarking the Community Benefit amount of £7642.62 for the Council's open spaces Buttington Road project.

16. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

- a) **Resolved to note** there has not been a request for an election for the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Dr GJ Koning so the vacancy may be filled by co-option.
 b) **Resolved to note** there are now 4 councillor vacancies. Advertisements have been placed on the noticeboards and website.

17. SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELD EQUIPMENT

Resolved to note the annual play equipment inspection identified a moderate risk for some play equipment that has deteriorated rapidly recently. In view of the potential risk, and after consulting the Chairman, removal of the equipment by Shane Weldon for a total cost of £360 was agreed as an item of emergency expenditure.

18. BUTTINGTON ROAD OPEN SPACE

Resolved to note fly tipping of a sofa by the path to the allotments. This has been reported to the District Council. The Clerk reported that it has now been removed.

19. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT POLICY

Resolved to approve adoption of Risk Assessment and Management Policy.

20. WHAT WE DO LEAFLET

Resolved to approve content and use of What We Do leaflet. Clerk and Cllr Walsh to liaise on suggested amendments.

21. COMMUNITY STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Resolved to approve support and introduction of an annual Dr Jan Koning Excellence Award, donated by Dr Koning, for a student who has shown exceptional, pioneering and inspirational leadership within a school community. To be funded by Dr Koning for two years with voucher given to 11+ age group award winner at both Wydean and St John's on the Hill Schools. Clerk to share details with councillors and aim to launch September 2026.

22. ANTI RACISM IN SCHOOLS

Resolved to approve councillors willing to contact their respective schools to explore whether anti-racism training would be of interest to them. This can be provided by a Welsh council Community Safety Engagement Officer who undertakes such training. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Walsh regarding provision of training.

23. PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING EVENT

Resolved to approve priority invitation for 3 councillors/staff to attend the free showing of the film on the climate and nature crisis on 22nd September 2026 at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall. Cllr Walsh to attend. Clerk to contact absent councillors. Cllrs Burgess and Stead may attend if individual circumstances allow.

24. GLOUCESTERSHIRE GATEWAY TRUST

Resolved to approve request from Glos. Gateway Trust to use the Buttington Road open area for a free summer activity event for families on 28th July 2026. Confirmation of suitable insurance received.

25. OPENSACES GROUP UPDATE

Resolved to note update from the Open Spaces Group on the proposed Buttington Road family park.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

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

An abandoned motor boat had been reported on Parish Council land. Clerk to attach notice for it to be removed and to arrange removal if owner does not move it.

A resident had expressed an interest in co-option to the Council. Clerk to meet with them to discuss, ready for possible co-option in September.

27. 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 Stead – had attended the Forest Health Forum's Big Health Debate on Monday 13th July at Lydney Town Hall. This had been very informative and she had made contact with several key people, particularly regarding the NHS cross-boarder difficulties. Also – Dial a Ride now travel to Tesco in Chepstow and they would be willing to visit to explain their service. Perhaps this would be useful for Sedbury Space.

Cllr Walsh – had attended the Community Renewable Energy event at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall on 8th July. She will be keeping in touch with contacts made and a community project may be something the Parish Council may like to endorse at a future date.

28. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Finance and Probity Committee Meeting, followed by Mopla Cottages and Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Committee meetings.

Wednesday 9th September 2026 – Full Council Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1955hrs