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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 11th February 2026 at 7pm in Apperley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

Elizabeth Bromiley (Clerk/RFO)

If anyone wishes to record or film this meeting they should make themselves known to the Chair before the meeting starts

MINUTES

Councillors:

Cllr Christine Baglow
Cllr John Rutter **Acting Chair**
Cllr James Usmar

Clerk and Cllr McLain

1. To Receive and consider apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate

Apologies received from Cllr Bromberg (Chair), Cllr Oldham (Vice-Chair), Cllr Dimond-Brown, Cllr Smith.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Cllr Rutter be appointed Acting Chair for the duration of the meeting.

The meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of interest pertinent to the agenda for this meeting

Members & Officers to declare any interest that they may have in a matter to be discussed at the meeting (incl provision of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992). Members & Officers are requested to identify the matter of any such interest as prejudicial or personal.

3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2026 Agreed

4. To receive and request reports from the County Councillor (Cllr Richard Stanley)

None received

5. To receive and request reports from the Borough Councillor (Cllr McLain)

The Unitary debate rumbles on. All seven local councils have responded to the Government consultation. as discussed previously, there is only one proposal the single unitary, that meets their criteria so it seemed like a fairly pointless exercise. However, four councils, including TBC, supported the single unitary.

The only nay sayers were Gloucester City and Cheltenham who proposed their own versions. Forest of Dean didn't reach a conclusion other than that they didn't want a unitary at all - which isn't an option. The government has now opened the consultation up to the public.

residents will have seen the serious financial problems at Gloucester City which could see the authority going the way of Birmingham and turning to possible central govt intervention. Chelt finances have been reported to be in a difficult position too. Thankfully TBC budgets remain balanced if under pressure.

you will also have seen that Cheltenham asked the govt to delay their own May 2026 elections. This has been agreed. It is too early to know whether the proposed 2027 elections for our area, whether TBC or a new shadow council will go ahead.



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All these issues may have implications for the unitary authority when it is finally decided by the govt, probably over the early Summer, with November given as the latest current date for a decision. Emphasis on current - given the recent postponement of elections elsewhere in the country - there is a school of thought that this may be long- grassed by the government.

Worth noting that we face a likely equalisation of c tax when we move to a single unitary. Current work anticipates that for Tewkesbury residents of band d this would see an increase of £62. By way of background Stroud would see a reduction of £41. Given we all pay the same rates to GCC, this proposed equalisation sees us picking up costs of other districts. something of a kick in teeth to TBC for years of keeping costs down, which has historically been some of the lowest in the country.

At the recent full council, TBC had a robust debate about TBC enforcement officers extending their role to take on the golden valley development, which falls within Cheltenham's boundaries. Discussion focused on costs and the concern over lack of capacity within the Tewkesbury team to take on additional areas when they are struggling to manage our own.

You will be well aware of the consultation on the latest iteration of the Strategic and local plan.... And the proposal to turn Apperley into a service village. I've had my say as an individual resident and will certainly have something to say during the TBC debate.

Ongoing financial work re junction 10. Parish Councillors will have seen the recent Govt announcement re funding, however TBC are still required to divert £10m of SIL money within the next financial year to the project!

TBC has agreed to recruit three additional planning officers for £225pa with a focus on major applications. The costs are significant! But they do represent the market pressures on LAs, particularly those that with job uncertainty, given the likely demise of TBC.

TBC full council last month agreed the financial strategy and management. This will need to be confirmed by Full Council. It reflects the underlying pressures of reducing govt funding to shire authorities and the redistribution to councils whom the govt consider to have more areas of multiple deprivation.

The TBC administration has proposed a council tax increase -for a band d - of £5 this year, this is the max allowed without a referendum. It will be coming to TBC full council shortly. However, parish councillors will be aware that this restriction has already been lifted by the government for a number of other LAs, eg Westminster, whose central govt funding has been slashed quite significantly. It is possible that this will be extended to other LAs inc Gloucestershire in future financial years.

6. Adjournment for public participation – Questions relating to items on the agenda will be heard

No public in attendance

7. To consider any planning applications/receive decision notices

Applications:

APPLICATION NO: 26/00071/FUL

DESCRIPTION: Proposed first floor extension on side (west) elevation and single storey extensions on the rear (south) and side (east) elevations.

LOCATION: 1 Westview, Apperley, Gloucester

GRID REF: 386201 228391

Comments: The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the proposed development.

However, the Council requests that appropriate measures and conditions are put in place to ensure that highways, access routes and the safety of road users and pedestrians are protected throughout the construction phase should the application be granted.

Decisions:

APPLICATION NO. 25/00430/FUL

DESCRIPTION OF DEVT. Change of use of yard and associated land from private equestrian to a mix of private and commercial equestrian use, including provision of extension to existing stable block and covered shelter over existing outdoor riding arena.

LOCATION Manor Barn Deerhurst Walton Tewkesbury Gloucestershire

GRID REF 388741 228121

Permit

8. To receive written and verbal reports and Council to deliberate only as highlighted:

a. Receive reports:

Neighbourhood Development Plan



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A brief update was heard on recent work on the NDP

9. Clerk's report & Correspondence received

Severn Trent visit

Councillor Register of Interests

Insurance adjustment

Internal audit now underway

10. Finance and Governance

a. Agree the bank reconciliation as at end of January 26 Agreed

b. Agree interim payments to date and upcoming payments Agreed

c. Receive the budget report to end of January Noted

d. Agree and adopt IT policy Agreed

e. Agree and adopt data protection policy Agreed

f. Agree and adopt Publication Scheme Agreed

g. Agree and adopt Privacy Notices Agreed

h. Consider and agree the date, time and venue of the Annual Parish Meeting Clerk to liaise with Chair

11. Matters Arising

Cllr Usmar advised he is working on the NDP questionnaire

12. Date of Next Meeting

11 March 2026

Meeting ended 19:49



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Actions Arising – Parish Council Meeting 11 February 2026

Action	Responsible	Deadline/notes
Submit planning comments	Clerk	Emailed TBC 16/02/2026
Severn Trent – liaise with Cllrs re info they want	Clerk/Cllrs	
Annual Parish Meeting date	Clerk/Chair	