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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 11th March 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

A G E N D A

Councillors: Cllr Laura Bromberg **Chair**
Cllr Ben Oldham
Cllr Christine Baglow
Cllr John Rutter
Cllr James Usmar
Cllr Matt Dimond-Brown
Cllr Jonathan Smith

Clerk

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

Apologies were received by the clerk and Cllr Dimond-Brown. The meeting was deemed 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.

No declarations pertinent to this meeting were received.

3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 11th February were accepted and signed by the Chair

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

No report was received by Cllr Stanley

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

Cllr McLain's report was read and received.

March report

On Tuesday, 24 February, in Full Council a balanced budget for 2026/27 of £13,939,914 was agreed This includes an increase in council tax for a band D property of £5 per year, from £149.36 to £154.36. Which is still one of the lowest in the country.

The government has launched a consultation on proposals for local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire.



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This consultation is set to run until 26 March 2026 Please encourage engagement and completion of the survey

<https://news.comms.gloucestershire.gov.uk/716BFA6C496705F2232D74055FC707D80C12598853B4AEF5BEE9400A4BEC9205/94F030A5DF7C493DAE6A8CBA3F4BBF81/LE35>

Sadly, Nick Bryant who was Director of Growth has left which is a pity as he did a very good job during his interim position. As previously mentioned, TBC are currently recruiting for the planning department.

Pete Tong Director of communities has also retired; he too did a good service to the borough during his 9 years in post.

The uncertainty of LGR is all consuming, causing additional work, second guessing and undoubtedly concern regarding certainty of jobs!

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

No members of the public were present

7. To consider any planning applications/receive decision notices

Applications:

APPLICATION NO. 22/00864/FUL

PROPOSAL: Hybrid application for full planning permission for the erection of a B2 unit and outline permission for a mix of B1 (E) B2 and B8 uses

LOCATION: Land Off Cursey Lane (Part Parcel 315) Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst Gloucester Gloucestershire

This application was debated by councillors. It was agreed that the concerns around access / highways remained the same as previous. Cllr Oldham notes that the Parish Council's previous comments were not included in the documents section of the TBC planning portal.

Action:

Clerk to return to DPC minutes from around October 2022 to note what comments had been made in the minutes and then complete a response on behalf of Councillors noting the concerns raised at the time.

APPLICATION NO: 26/00185/FUL

DESCRIPTION: Proposed dormer window, relocation of roof window and internal alterations

LOCATION: Thornbury Cottage , Gabb Lane, Apperley

GRID REF: 386195 228457

Action

Clerk to respond that the council has no adverse comments.

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

a. Receive reports:

Neighbourhood Development Plan

There have been two meetings held by DPC as part of the Reg 14 consultation exercise. Both meetings were well attended, and a number of emails have been received thanking the council for the presentation and work.

To date 44 responses have been received on line and 10 paper copies.

A Facebook 'badge' for engagement has been received and screen-shot by the Chair, noting that the previous NDP post had been viewed 500 times.

Actions:

- ***Councillors to follow up with neighbours to encourage more responses***
- ***Chair to speak to the school to encourage them to support the consultation***
- ***Clerk to continue to advertise the consultation and encourage responses on the community Facebook page twice weekly until 23rd March***
- ***Clerk to approach GRCC***

Play area

It was agreed unanimously to release c£700 for the purchase of a broken piece of play equipment

Action:

- ***Clerk to write to the Chair of DPPFA (copy Brian Leeke) to let them know that the equipment can be charged to the Parish Council***
- ***DPPFA to send some of their current reserves to DPC***

Allotments

Concern was raised about the delivery of a quantity of chippings to the allotments, which had caused deep ruts in the grass area of the playing fields which will need remedial work.

Actions:

- ***Cllr Baglow to approach Heather Remblance to find out who has ordered the chippings***
- ***Cler to write to the company requesting that it is rectified***
- ***Brian Leeke to be approached to ask community payback team for support to fill in the 'ruts'***

Consultation of Gloucestershire LGR proposals



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The different option under the consultation were discussed.

Actions:

- Clerk to put in a response from the Parish Council, noting that they unanimously agreed that moving to a two-tier system was not in the best interests of the County and that they believe would not make the promised savings. Given the options under consideration, they believe that the options to keep Gloucestershire as 'one unit' would be the best option.

9. Clerk's report & Correspondence received

Severn Trent visit

Severn Trent's proposal that they could meet Councillors between 7.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday was discussed, and everyone agreed that they would not be available at 7.30am.

Actions

- Clerk to send some suggested dates to Councillors offering a selection of dates (after 9am)

Councillor Register of Interests

Actions:

Councillors were reminded to print a copy of the pecuniary interests form and return it to the clerk with a wet signature. The Chair offered to collect them until she next sees the clerk.

Precept correspondence

Correspondence has been received by the clerk from a parishioner asking for a copy of the Deerhurst publication scheme 2026 regarding the raising of the precept. This has been forwarded to him.

10. Finance and Governance

- Agree the bank reconciliation as at end of February 26. Agreed
- Agree interim payments to date and upcoming payments. Agreed
- Receive the budget report to end of February. Agreed
- To approve the risk assessment policy for 2026/27. Agreed
- To approve risk assessment for 2026/2027

Action:

Chair to pass on the current DPC risk assessment. Format of risk assessment to be improved for readability.

h. Consider and agree the date, time and venue of the Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided that the annual parish meeting would take place in the Annex of Apperley Village Hall from 6pm, prior to the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13th May, 2026

11. Matters Arising

Atlas Tower Group



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A discussion was held around the lack of clarity provided by Atlas Group on the potential location of any sites for a new phone mast. Both the map and photos provided were unclear.

It was agreed that the location near Oaklands can be dismissed as it had been made clear by the Parish Council that citing near residential properties would not be supported.

Actions:

Clerk to write to Atlas Tower Group requesting:

- *The criteria that they need to follow for a site to be a possibility*
- *Send improved photos and maps – using 3 little words so that sites could be located easily*
- *A quiet, rural location near Deerhurst was suggested as a possible site*

Traffic working group

Cllr Usmar updated the group on the recent visit from Gloucestershire County Council Highways. It was noted that DPC can apply for matched funding when spending the agreed £5k CIL money allocated to improve road safety in the Parish. Cllr Usmar was thanked for his persistence in achieving this meeting.

Village hall ‘entrance’ fencing

Action:

- *It was agreed that £250 could be released for the purchasing of some fence post to replace the fencing in the entrance to the village hall carpark. The community payback team will be approached to complete the work.*

Village Hall carpark potholes

Action:

- *Cllr Oldham to oversee quotes to have the potholes in the carpark made safe*

Retirements / resignations

Cllr Rutter gave notice of his intention to retire as soon as a replacement Councillor has been found.

A letter of resignation has been received by the Chair from Cllr Oldham, who had kindly agreed to remain a Councillor until March 2026 whilst two new Councillors were being inducted. Cllr Oldham is to continue to offer IT support to the Council (in particular setting up email addresses and supporting the running of the website) until an alternative solution is in place. Cllr Oldham was thanked for his many years' service, and for the considerable difference that he has made to the residents of the Parish. In particular Cllr Oldham supported the introduction of Gigaclear Broadband to the Parish – something that became a lifeline to residents during the Covid pandemic, and which home workers and residents now find invaluable. Cllr Oldham has also taken a lead in supporting the upkeep of Apperley Village Play area – and liaising with Apperley Village Hall committee. He was thanked unreservedly for his commitment and support over the last 8 years, and wished well for the future.



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12. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to move the next Parish Council meeting from 8th April to 15th April, as the current meeting falls two days after Easter when councillors and the public are likely to be on holiday.

Action:

Clerk to change the room booking from 8th April to 15th April

Clerk to extend the room booking on 13th May to 6pm

The meeting closed at 20:07