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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 10th September 2025 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 Christine Baglow
Cllr Laura Bromberg **Chair**
Cllr Matt Dimond-Brown
Cllr Ben Oldham
Cllr John Rutter
Cllr Jonathan Smith
Cllr James Usmar

Also Present: Clerk, Cllr Stanley

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

Apologies accepted from Cllr Rutter. 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.

Cllr Dimond-Brown (item 9 as a member of TBC planning committee, and item 13 as DPPFA member)

3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2025

The Minutes were agreed as a true record correcting the spelling of Cllr Dimond-Brown's name under item 11.

Chair requested that actions be put in bold.

4. Chair's announcements

Chair thanked Ernie Lowinger for his work on the noticeboard

Chair thanked Gill, the Locum Clerk, for her work over the past few months

Chair welcomed the new Clerk into post.

5. To receive and request reports from the County Councillor (Cllr Richard Stanley) and update on County Council matters:

County - Full Council:

As you will no doubt be aware the County Council has had three meetings of the full council since the County Election, the first where the cabinet roles were appointed and chair of the council selected. The 16th July was a fairly lengthy meeting with a lot of public questions and



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motions to council, appointing of honorary alderman and some procedural changes to meetings. Next week is full council for September and the agenda is a number of motions.

For the September meeting I submitted a question regarding the Fix My Street App - asking for statistics on cases completed. Roughly 15% of cases are closed with action not undertaken and the lead member has committed to improving this as well as feedback and communication on the site.

I submitted two petitions - one on road safety on the A38 and one on support for a single unitary for Gloucestershire which recieved over 2000 signatures to date.

I also submitted a motion to full council in support of Adopted and Special Guardianship Children. In brief it is calling for more help for Adopted Children after the Government cut the funding for their support, the motion was approved unanimously at council and was supported by special guardians and adopters charity Kinship Carers

UK. <https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=333&MIId=11840&Ver=4>

Roads and Highways:

Following on from my previous report having had in person meetings with Max Kelly our Highways manager, I have also set up a fortnightly teams meeting with him to keep regularly raising any highways matters. I have raised the residents and parish wish for digital speed signs and speed measures. These do appear to be harder to obtain than we were lead to believe at the speed meeting with the polic (I am told there is no stock of these signs held).

As discussed at Parish...

I have also set up a roads and speeding survey with our MP Cameron Thomas. This is for residents across the constituency to be able to raise with us any road and highway safety concerns. We have also created a petition to County Highways for a safety review of the A38, this was following a meeting with County Highways officers where they suggested that although there have been a number of accidents and fatalities on certain stretches of this road, we would need to demonstrate public support for this to be fully reviewed by highways. I have shared the survey and petition online and will also be shared through a residents newsletter

. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ3IsjSF0y5OkCaLGcHo25eM_4p-y1xPauKVTXm_3wFEmgUA/viewform

Councillor Surgeries:

I committed during the election to being available for residents across the constituency both online and in person. I have therefore set up a number of Councillor surgeries across the Severn Vale which I hope will ensure that residents from across our large division are able to meet with me to raise questions, concerns and ideas about the things they would like to see in our county. If any parish councillors would like to join me at any of these you would be more than welcome. My surgery meeting date are going to be held on the last Saturday of the month so the coming dates are 26th July, 30th August, 27th Sept, 25th October.

Times are:

10am-11 New Location to be confirmed

11:30am-12:30 The New Dawn Inn, Norton.

1pm-2pm Shurdington Community Hall.

2:30pm Bishop's Cleeve Library.

Chair to liaise with local pub as possible location for Cllr Surgery



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Borough and County Grass Cutting:

There have been some issues in some areas of Tewkesbury Borough regarding the cutting of County Council Grass by Tewkesbury Borough Council and that the ending of this contract has caused loss frequent cutting leading to frustration from some residents. Council approved an interim grass cutting approach and following the approval it is for Borough Councillors to request any cuts above the standard two cuts policy from county. A further paper will be brought in the Autumn to look at a more long term solution. I hope this is helpful and please work with myself and the other district councillors on this if you need help in this area.

Council to raise with Cllr McLain

Fostering and Children's Services:

The County has just announced it has received a 'Good' OFSTED inspection. Whilst this is obviously good news, as a member of the Children and Families scrutiny committee I will be keen to scrutinise the full report, see where the council can still improve and to continue to raise the importance of ensuring all Children in Gloucestershire receive the best possible care.

Funding for community organisations

There is currently community funding available as well as new scheme just announced. The close on the current scheme is 28th September so there is still some time to get in any applications: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/our-communities/thriving-communities-grants/>

Local Government Reorganisation :

There is/was a public engagement survey which I hope you have been sent a copy of. The Survey is not a full consultation on the options and is more around engagement to give people the opportunity to feed into the process with further work to follow. It would be really helpful. The close for this was Saturday so I am hoping you all got to see this before the close: Link here <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/gloucestershire-county-council-local-government-reorganisation-survey?preview=true>

Timeline for what is happening now and next:

- Proposals are currently being worked on for 1 & 2 Unitary Councils (including a Cheltenham proposal of East/West split and a Gloucester proposal for a Greater Gloucester). My preference as Tewkesbury Leader is for a One Gloucestershire Model but I am constructively inputting to One and East/West, (I have not seen an Gloucester proposals yet to contribute towards).
- 28th November Gloucestershire to Submit Final Proposals to the Secretary of State
- 2026 Onwards - Secretary of State makes Structural Changes Order
- 2nd May 2027 - Elections to the shadow authority - Responsible for County Functions and Transitions only
- April 2028 Vesting Date for new councils, current 2 tier ceases to exist and new council assumes all responsibility.

I am happy to give a fuller update at the next meeting but I note from the clerks report that you are accessing information on this through the Association of Town and Parish Councils. There will also be a district council, town and parish council seminar session later in the year to cover LGR.

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

Cllr McLain was not in attendance, no report received.



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7. To welcome and receive update from the new Bromford Housing Association Coach

Bromford Coach sent apologies prior to the meeting

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

9. To consider any planning applications/receive decision notices

Applications:

25/00455/FUL Erection of rear extension. The Folly , Hoo Lane, Deerhurst – **ratify decision** – no adverse comment

25/00608/LBC& 607FUL Proposed balconies (for use during flood events), solar panels, porch and replacement doors for flood defence purposes. Malt Lodge Haw Bridge Tirley Gloucester

25/00687/FUL Construction of one replacement dwelling and one new dwelling. Highfield Farm Lodge Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst Gloucester Gloucestershire GL19 4BP

No comments

Decision by TBC:

25/0003/TWR3MJ Additional Lights at Traffic Light Junction Coombe Hill - Consent

25/00483/CLE Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use to ensure planning is still valid. 1 Court Drive – Grant Certificate

Noted

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

a. Council to appoint Lead Members to Footpaths and Traffic Working Groups –

Cllr Usmar voted in as lead member for Traffic Working group.

Cllr Baglow voted in as lead member for Footpaths working group.

b. Receive written reports:

Footpaths Working Group – Deferred to next meeting, **Clerk to draft TORs.**

Traffic Working Group – Cllr Usmar advised expression of interest sent in the safer roads initiative and will attend Tirley PC's info sharing.

Neighbourhood Watch report – **Clerk to review representatives/responsibilities and circulate to Council (06.05 item 5)**

Village Hall report - Cllr Oldham reported Village Hall to replace fence posts.

Allotments Inspection report **Cllr Baglow & Clerk will review allotment holdings**

Action plan updates

Noticeboard update **Clerk to contact landowner re Noticeboard**

11. Finance and Governance

a. Agree the bank reconciliation as at end of August 25 agreed

b. Agree interim payments to date and upcoming payments agreed

c. Receive the budget report to end of August agreed

d. Receive and discuss the independent internal auditor report – **Clerk & Cllr Usmar to review, to discuss at October's meeting.**

e. Confirm the appointment of the permanent Clerk/RFO and terms, contracted hours, additional hours for training and office allowance, not mentioned in contract (LC1 SCP13) – Closed session, Clerk left room for this item.

f. Agree to purchase Microsoft Office for PC use – Agreed, two Cllrs abstained.

g. Agree to purchase a mobile phone for clerk – **Clerk to provide business case**

h. Allotment fees outstanding for payment and agree action – **Clerk to follow up**

i. Discuss CIL expenditure (2021 values) – **Clerk to request unspent CIL amounts/deadlines**

j. To ratify payment of invoice for £3569 plus VAT for cleaning the tennis courts (costs slightly higher than anticipated) A donation towards this cost has been received agreed

k. Agree registration with SLCC for Clerk – **Clerk to provide cost**

l. Agree Chair's expenses – **Chair to provide expenses receipts**



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12. Apperley Village Green

Council noted that Apperley Village Green is already listed as Common land

<https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.html>

13. Forward Planning

a. Strategic Plan – agree next steps

b. Playing fields/tennis courts/play area/carpark management plan/DPPFA Council noted it would like to review DPPFA lease at future meeting

14. Date of Next Meeting

8th October 2025