

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present:- Cllr M Manning (Chairman), Cllr H Dunn (Deputy Chairman) Cllr Mrs W Fabian, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr T Rickard

Also in attendance:- County Cllr Mrs G Moseley. Apologies were given by District Cllr P Burford.

There were no members of the public present

5.0 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5.1 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 4 December 2025

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 4 December was proposed by Cllr , Mrs Turner, seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously approved.

5.2 Matters Arising

P.6 2.5.5 Cllr Dunn reported that following the bridge repairs having now been undertaken a further repair to the wall needed to be carried out following a further impact by another vehicle.

5.3 Finance/Sundry payments

Finance/Sundry payments were unanimously agreed as follows:-

Village Hall - Hire of hall 5 x £10

Clerk's salary - 25/26 £2740.92 minus

HMRC tax £548.18 Plus homeworking £312

5.4 Bank Reconciliation

Members were furnished with a bank reconciliation showing figures to the latest bank statement. Balance as at 18.02.2026 £7059.02

5.5 Correspondence

5.5.1 Glos Ambulance Trust – Grant funding application

A Grant funding application had been received from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity The Trust advised that any funding would partly fund one of their life saving missions. Gloucestershire was their busiest region in 2025 with 677 people needing the specialist skills of GWAAC's crew. It was agreed to by 4 votes in favour, 2 against to agree a grant allocation in the Council's budget in the sum of £150.00. Proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Rickard.

5.5.2 To give consideration to Revised Draft Local Plan – February 2026

Members considered the Revised. Draft Local Plan and agreed to respond that the Parish Council is concerned that the two proposed housing settlements - Glynchbrook at Redmarley, and Churcham would increase traffic movement considerably into Gloucester and also on to the M50. The exit of Glynch book is

Upleadon Mill – the water and tarmac will have an adverse effect on Upleadon and will exacerbate flooding. The river meadows are frequently under water at the moment and the biosphere will be adversely affected as a result of this development.

Planning for Newent. Newent needs a new Doctors' Surgery and a new building for the secondary school.

There are concerns about the increased traffic on the B4215

Upleadon would welcome a small development even if outside of the planning boundary.

5.5.3 FoDDC Call for Sites 2025 Strategic Housing and Economic land availability (SHELLA)

It was agreed to highlight this matter to a local land owner who had previously put forward potential land as available.

5.5.4 GAPTC – consultation Local Government Reorganisation in Gloucestershire

Members considered the consultation re the Local Government Reorganisation in Gloucestershire and unanimously agreed that they would prefer a Unitary Authority to the other two options put forward. It was agreed to also add the Council would like to know further details of how the Local Government Reorganisation would affect Parish Councils.

5.5.5 Forest of Dean District Council – consultation Draft Nature and Climate Emergency Strategy

The Clerk advised that the consultation would begin on 19 March and would run for a period of six weeks and that the Parish Councils would be invited to take part. It was agreed that a meeting of the Parish Council would take place on 23 April 2026 in order to consider this matter.

5.6 Business

5.6.1 Atlas Tower – mast to improve mobile coverage update

Cllr Manning advised that he and the Clerk had been in correspondence with Atlas Tower and that he had reached out to parishioners on the Village website and the matter was on the Council's website and noticeboard. He advised some clarification was needed on the way forward and it was unanimously agreed that he should contact them in this regard.

5.6.2 To give consideration to appointment of Internal Auditor 2025/2026 End of Year Accounts

It was agreed to appoint Mr Chris Fearn as in previous years to carry out the Council's internal audit. Proposed by Cllr Manning seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and agreed.

5.6.3 Maintenance – refurbished footpath for forthcoming season – Gloucester Rd to Forge Lane

Cllr Dallow agreed as in previous year to undertake maintenance to the footpath for the forthcoming season. The Clerk requested an updated Risk assessment.

5.6.4 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next scheduled meeting would be on Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 7.30 pm.