Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Cashes Green School at 7.15 pm on Thursday October 16th 2025.

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies	*Barry Chapman*
Elisabeth Newman	*Alun Davies*
Jo Boldero	*Nick Lythgoe*

Councillor Mike Woods had died . He had served as a parish councillor since 2009. He had been a much-valued member of the community and had been the local milkman from 1962 until his retirement in 2021. He was always helpful, memorably during winters when heavy snow made it difficult to get in and out of the village and he would bring extra groceries up to the village for his customers.

1/10/25 ***Apologies****: Cllr Petronella Tyson: reasons approved by the council.*

2/10/25 ***Public forum:*** *There were eight parishioners present including County Cllr Craig Horrocks and District Cllr Jon Edmunds.*
A parishioner showed plans for an application at 'Ailnor' in Westrip. The alterations were intended to retrofit the building to 'off-grid' performance standards and included solar panels. She was thanked for speaking to the council.

A parishioner asked about work to the well leaze spring which a volunteer hadn't yet carried about and reported that wood stored by the Wap shipping container on Randwick Playing Field was being played with by children and left on the field.
Action*: The clerk to ask the Wap Committee to remove the wood, and ask that turf be lifted before the Wap bonfire and replaced to preserve the grass.*

It was suggested that there should be another parking space for disabled drivers by the Randwick Village Hall.
Action: *The clerk to ask RVH&PFC for its view.*

A parishioner reported that an oak tree on Randwick Playing Field had died and suggested that the tree guard be removed.
Action: *The clerk to contact the volunteer who planted the tree.*

3/10/25 ***Declarations of interest in items on this agenda****: None.*

4/10/25 ***Minutes:*** *The minutes of the parish council meetings held on August the 21st and September the 18th were approved and signed by the chairman.*

5/10/25 ***Co-option:*** *Mr Glenn Dooley was co-opted to serve until the next elections in May 2028.*

6/10/25 ***Report from the Officer of the Council:*** *Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*

7/10/25 ***Correspondence****: Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the clerk's report.*
A trustee of RVH&PFC had asked that brambles growing at the edge of Randwick Playing Field be cut back.
Action: *The clerk to ask the mowing contractor for a price for the work.*

8/10/25 ***Questions from councillors:*** *The Chairman spoke about Cllr Mike Woods who had died recently after a long illness.*
Action: *The clerk to send the council's condolences to Mike's family.*

9/10/25 ***District and County Councillors' reports****: County Cllr Craig Horrocks commented on recent GCC decisions and debates and spoke about the proposed local government reorganisation. Councils had been asked to consider three options for Gloucestershire. Central government would consider the options in 2026. GCC had appointed an external improvement partner to report on adult social care. GCC was consulting on its nature restoration strategy.*
He gave details of a pilot project 'Keeping Children Safe on Our Roads' and consultation with local residents about parking restriction in roads near Cashes Green School.
He would send the parish council details of the new 'Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund' and his written report.

District Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report. He spoke about the district council's Arts and Culture Strategy, the draft local plan, and local government reorganisation and neighbourhood partnerships.

10/10/25 ***Planning:***
a) Planning applications:

S.25/1937/TCA – Rhus tree at Chapel Fields *-Fell & replace tree with a suitable replacement. The tree was spreading over the road and there were concerns that it might blow over.*

The parish council had made this application following a request from RVH&PFC. The council did not submit any comment to the planning authority website.

b) Conservation Area: *Cllrs noted the planning authority's adoption of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and the boundary changes as supplementary planning advice, and the planning authority's decision to not apply Article 4 Directions to some properties within the Conservation Area.*

c) Community Speedwatch: *Cllrs Alun Davies and Petronella Tyson and a volunteer had met with the scheme co-ordinator and had borrowed a radar gun. They had identified five sites for monitoring speeds. An infra-red system would be deployed to validate the working group's data.*

d) Community 20s and Safer Roads Project:
Resolved: *To be considered for inclusion in the project.*

Action: *The clerk to submit the council's formal application.*

11/10/25 ***Finance****:*
a) Bank reconciliations: *Cllrs considered the bank reconciliations for August and September. Closing balance including reserves at September 30th was £50,831.28.*

b) Quarterly review: *Cllrs considered the review to September 30th.*

c) Investment:
Resolved: *To withdraw the money invested in the Nationwide and to apply for a one-year fixed rate bond with the Cambridge and Counties Bank.*

d) Christmas tree: *The council agreed to buy a tree for the churchyard and arrange disposal by Longfield Hospice after Christmas. Volunteers would be needed to put it up.*
Action: *The clerk to order a 15-foot tree.*

12/10/25 ***Environment:***
a) ***Parking area at Randwick Village Hall:*** *A visit would be arranged from a representative from Bodpave to advise about the condition of the temporary parking surface at Randwick Village Hall.*

b) ***Finn's Way****: A parishioner had asked the council to remove or pollard trees in Finn's Way next to his garden.*
Action: *The clerk to write explaining that the council's tree surgeon would be asked for his advice nest time he inspected Finn's Way.*

13/10/25 ***Heritage Trail:*** *Cllr Newman reported that the route of the trail had been planned and permission received to use photographs from the conservation area review in the leaflet. She was considering how much text should be included for each site in the leaflet that had been drafted by the printer. QR codes might be possible for each site.*

14/10/25 ***Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:*** *As above*

15/10/25 ***Orders for payment:***

TW Hawkins (SGMS)	*mowing 25/6/25-14/8/25*
C Curtis	*October monthly contract payment*
B Parsons	*October salary less tax due in 3rd quarter*
B Parsons	*Expenses - Poppy Wreath*
O2	*Mobile phone 12 Oct – 11 Nov*

16/10/25 Next meeting: Thursday November 20th at Randwick Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.