

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Randwick Village Hall at 7.15 pm on Thursday January 15th 2026

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies

Elisabeth Newman

Nick Lythgoe:

Jo Boldero

Glenn Dooley

Petronella Tyson

Barry Chapman

*1/1/26 **Apologies:** Cllr Alun Davies: reasons approved by the council. Apologies received from District Cllr Edmunds.*

*2/1/26 **Public forum:** No parishioners present. County Cllr John Patient attended the meeting.*

*3/1/26 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.*

*4/1/26 **Minutes:** The minutes of the parish council meeting held on December the 18th were approved and signed by the chairman.*

*5/1/26 **Casual vacancy:** The vacancy had been notified to SDC; there had been no call for an election and the clerk had advertised for volunteers for co-option. To date there had been no candidates for co-option.*

*6/1/26 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*

*7/1/26 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the clerk's report.*

*8/1/26 **Questions from councillors:** Cllr Boldero had been asked by a parishioner about a tree at Finn's Way: the tree surgeon would be asked to replace it.*

Cllr Tyson asked whether there was any update on repairing or replacing the fence around the children's play area at Randwick Playing Field.

***Action:** The clerk to write to RVH&PFC enquiring about recent actions by the Committee.*

Cllr Newman reported on a meeting of The Stroud Strategic Forum that she had attended. The subject of the forum had been promoting business in the district: she had been impressed by the effectiveness of the forum.

*9/1/26 **District and County Councillors' reports:** County Cllr John Patient had sent a written report and commented on recent GCC consultations and strategies, including the budget, the Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund and Bird Flu*

In December parish councillors had wondered whether proposed local government reorganisation would affect any GCC policy on disposing of land. In

the past the PC had understood that if GCC decided to sell the land earmarked for a potential new school, the upper part of Randwick's Jubilee Playing Field, it would offer the land to the parish council. The clerk had contacted GCC officers for clarification of GCC policy. That area of land was also registered as an asset of community value, which meant that the parish council would be notified of any sale.

Cllr Patient was asked whether he could find out what GCC policy on this matter was.

District Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report, commenting on recent SDC council and committee meetings' business.

10/1/26 Lease: Fields in Trust had raised complications arising from the deed of dedication made between the parish council and The National Playing Fields Association operating as Fields in Trust. FIT stated that Randwick Village Hall should have been excluded from the area dedicated and maintained that FIT had not known there was a building on the playing field. The plan sent to FIT with the deed clearly showed the village hall.

FIT's cost for dealing with the matter were very high. After discussion with the Chairman the clerk had written to FIT asking them to deal with the complication as an administrative error on their part and to clarify their costs before submitting a 'field change request'.

11/1/26 Planning:

a) Planning applications:

S.25/2047/HHOLD - Ailnor, Westrip - Raise roof and convert loft, add section of green roof, new cladding, replacement fenestration, solar panels. Erection of pergola and greenhouse, new Cotswold stone wall and ramp – no comment.

S.25/2422/HHOLD - Five Acres, Church Road, Erection of two storey side extensions, single storey rear extension rear pergola, alterations to fenestration and installation of solar panels. Alterations to landscaping – no comment.

Noted: Appeal 6003254 Farm Lodge Redhouse Lane.

b) Community Speedwatch: No report. The working party had not monitored traffic speeds recently.

12/1/26 Finance:

a) Bank reconciliations: Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for December. Closing balance including reserves at January 15th was £46249.

b) Handyman's hourly rate:

Resolved: To increase the handyman's hourly rate from April in-line with inflation, as in the contract., by 3.5%.

c) Financial regulation 5.12: The quotation for grounds maintenance for 2026 had not arrived so the decision was deferred.

d) Grounds maintenance contract:: The quotation for grounds maintenance for 2026 had not arrived.

e) Budget for 26/27: Cllrs considered the draft budget, anticipated expenditure and reserves.

Resolved: The budget was set at £20,195.60.

f) Reserves: Cllrs discussed the need for reserves: the estimate of reserves at March 31st 2026 was £39,458; £24,476 of this was earmarked reserves; the unearmarked reserve was estimated to be £14982.

g) Precept: Cllrs decided to use some of the reserves to fund the budget and keep the precept at the same figure as 25/26

Resolved: To set the precept for 26/27 at £17,850.

13/1/26 **Environment:**

a) Parking area at Randwick Playing Field: A contractor had been asked to quote for replacing the damaged Bodpave 40 tiles, but due to illness had not yet sent a quotation.

14/1/26 **Heritage Trail:** Cllrs discussed the draft leaflet that Cllr Newman had sent to councillors. The chairman asked cllrs to send any suggestions or amendments to Cllr Newman for a second draft. Cllrs suggested that both The Carpenters Arms and The Vine Tree should be shown in the leaflet and that a reference to a past route of The Cotswold Way through the village should be left out of the leaflet.

15/1/26 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As above

16/1/26 **Orders for payment:**

Information Commissioner Data Protection Fee

Zurich Insurance Select for Parish Councils policy

RVH&PFC room hire

SLCC. Membership

TW Hawkins Hedge cutting and brambles

C Curtis January monthly contract payment

B Parsons January salary less tax due in the 4th quarter

17/1/26 **Next meeting:** Thursday February 19th at Cashes Gren School

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.