

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

*Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Randwick Village Hall on Thursday
March 19th 2026*

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies Chairman

Alun Davies

Barry Chapman

Glenn Dooley

Jo Boldero

Nick Lythgoe

County Cllr John Patient

*1/3/26 **Apologies:** Cllrs Tyson and Newman.*

*2/3/26 **Public Forum:** No members of the public present.*

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

*4/3/26 **Minutes:** The minutes of the parish council meeting held on February 19th 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.*

*5/3/26 **Casual Vacancy:** To date there had been no applicants for co-option.
Action: The clerk to readvertise the vacancy.*

*6/3/26 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*

*7/3/26 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence in the clerk's report.*

*8/3/26 **Questions from Councillors:** Cllr Rob Davies asked the clerk to contact the tree surgeon about planting trees at Finn's Way.
Action: The clerk to notify GCC Highways.*

Cllr Boldero reported that she was following up her request to GCC Highways to clear the blocked gully in Redhouse Lane.

*Cllr Alun Davies reported that a parishioner had asked him about an unoccupied house in The Rylands with heavily overgrown gardens. The parish council had no powers to deal with the parishioner's request.
Action: The clerk to contact SDC officers who deal with empty homes.*

Cllrs asked about new SDC green waste collection arrangements. Cllr Chapman reported that the green waste sacks were made of paper and shouldn't be filled until shortly before a collection, which had to be booked.

*9/3/26 **District and County Councillors' reports:** District Cllr Jon Edmunds and County Cllr John Patient had sent written reports.
Cllr Patient spoke about:-*

- *the County Council budget set at £698.4 million for 2026/27. Individual county cllrs would no longer have an allocation for spending on road repairs in their divisions. £390,000 had been approved to expand the Cam and Dursley cycleway, to improve access to public rights of way, to provide air quality monitors at high-risk schools, to restore the Community Climate Grant and to support care leavers.*
- *GCC's Local Nature Recovery Strategy which suggested measures to restore nature, boost biodiversity and create a healthier future.*
- *Consultation on local government reorganisation; he asked parish councillors to consider responding the consultation.*
- *Elections for a shadow authority would be held in May 2027 in preparation for elections for the reorganised authorities in May 2028.*

Cllr Patient spoke about a film that was available about biodiversity issues including risks to food production and asked whether the parish council would like to see it and show it to parishioners. Cllrs asked him to send a link to the film so that they could review it .

Cllr Boldero asked whether the County Council had funding that could support an individual young person's severe health needs. Cllr Patient explained that the funding he had spoken about was generally for groups of disadvantaged young people.

*10/3/26 **Lease for Randwick Playing Fields:** The council was waiting to hear from RVH&PFC whether a new chairman had been elected. Cllrs decided to delay responding to Fields in Trust about a 'Field Change Request' concerning FIT's covenant, which would be necessary before drawing up a new lease between the parish council and RVH&PFC.*

***Action:** The clerk to contact the trustee dealing with making a new lease.*

*11/3/26 **Planning:***

*a) **Planning applications:***

S.26/0259/HHOLD - High Oaks , Chapel Fields - Erection of replacement porch, terrace, side extension & parking alterations – Comment – RWPC asks the planning authority to consider whether the proposed parking area would allow sufficient visibility for vehicles to move safely from the parking area onto the narrow lane and whether parallel parking might be safer - the importance of dry-stone walling noted in the Randwick Conservation Area Management Plan and supplementary planning advice - that planning conditions require a robust construction method statement.

Noted

Dismissed – Appeal – 6003254 Farm Lodge Redhouse Lane.

*b) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Alun Davies reported that a volunteer had joined the group and that the group had carried out a survey recently. 113 vehicles had been checked – 15 were under 20mph, 75 between 20 and 25 mph and 23 over 25 mph. The highest speed recorded had been 33 mph. The speeds had been reported to Gloucestershire Police.*

*c) **Vehicle Activated Speed Sign:** Cllrs hoped that the sign could be repaired and deferred any decision about a replacement.*

d) **Signage about parking:** Cllrs discussed draft wording for a notice about parking at Randwick Village Hall.

Action: Cllr Dooley to redraft the notice for consideration in April and contact a supplier for a price for a sign.

12/3/26 **Finance:**

a) **Bank reconciliation:** Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for February. Closing balance at February 28th was £423254.28

b) **Quarterly review:** Cllrs considered the quarterly review to March 19th. Some costs had been lower than budgeted for and there had been some extra unbudgeted expenditure. Expenditure at the year-end would be lower than the budget set in January 2025.

c) **Payments made by direct debit:** The council authorised the monthly payments by direct debit for the mobile phone service and an annual payment to The Information Commissioner.

13/3/26 **Environment:** Cllr Boldero reported on a Biodiversity workshop, 'Why Nature Matters', that she had attended at Standish Village Hall. Attendees had been members of other local councils, residents and representatives from local bodies concerned with climate action and the natural environment. Speakers addressed the relationship between humans and the erosion of the ecosystem and the value of biodiversity. Suggestions for improving the environment included reducing the use of plastics, planting more hedges, creating green corridors and supporting biodiversity locally.

14/3/26 **Heritage Trail:** Cllrs discussed the comments they had sent to Cllr Newman about the draft leaflet she had prepared.

15/3/26 **Items delegated to the clerk and items for the next agenda:** as above.

16/3/26 **Orders for payment:**

P Tyson	Expenses - Litter picker
Gardeners Tree Surgery	Work to trees at Finn's Way
Open Spaces Society	Subscription
Tesco Mobile	Phone bill
C Curtis	March monthly contract payment plus extra hours and expenses
B Parsons	March salary
HMRC	Tax due in 4th quarter

17/3/26 **Next meeting:** Thursday April 16th at Cashes Green School.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

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