

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the council held at Randwick Village Hall on Thursday May 21st 2026.

Present

Councillors

*Rob Davies Chairman
Jo Boldero
Nick Lythgoe
Elisabeth Newman*

*Barry Chapman
Glenn Dooley*

County Cllr John Patient

1/5/26 *To elect the chairman of the council: Cllr Robert Davies was elected chairman for 2026/27*

2/5/26 *To receive the chairman's declaration of acceptance of office: Cllr Davies completed and signed the declaration.*

3/5/26 *Apologies: Cllr Alun Davies and District Cllr Jon Edmunds.*

4/5/26 *Public Forum: Two members of the public were present; also Cllr Patient. No questions were raised.*

5/5/26 *Declarations of interest in items on this agenda: Cllr Newman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15a – Avalon – Fell Spruce tree.*

6/5/26 *Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on April 16th 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.*

7/5/26 *To elect a vice-chairman of the council: Cllr Boldero was re-elected as Vice-Chair.*

8/5/26 *To confirm service of summons and supporting papers for meetings by email:*

Resolved: *To continue to receive summons and papers by email.*

9/5/26 *Casual Vacancy: Cllr Petronella Tyson had resigned. The notice of casual vacancy had been published and sent to SDC. To date there had been no applicants for co-option to the existing vacant seat.*

10/5/26 *Report from the Officer of the Council: Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*

11/5/26 *Correspondence: Cllrs noted the correspondence in the clerk's report.*

12/5/26 *Questions from Councillors: A parishioner had spoken to Cllr Newman about over-full bins in the parish. These could be reported to SDC for emptying.*

Cllr Boldero reported briefly on a meeting about SDC's Nature Recovery Strategy and asked for this to be discussed at the June meeting.

13/5/26 District and County Councillors' reports: District Cllr Jon Edmunds and County Cllr Patient had sent written reports.

Cllr Patient commented on these items in his report:-The Lib Dem administration had chosen not to renew the Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group. The core Local Government Reorganisation portfolio team was now in place, but there was no further information about the proposed 'Neighbourhood Partnerships' which would cover twenty to fifty thousand people..

Cllr Patient was asked whether he had any information about a question from the parish council about the land at Randwick playing fields owned by GCC. He suggested following up the question through the County Council officers.

Action: *The clerk to ask whether GCC would consider gifting that area of land to the parish council before reorganisation took place.*

14/5/26 Lease for Randwick Playing Fields: *The clerk had been contacted by the solicitor advising the council. The solicitor advised that the council should request Fields in Trust to release part of the fields from the deed of dedication made in 2012 before drawing up a new lease for the two parts of the playing field to be leased to RVH&PFC. The field would need surveying. The solicitor had advised using a standard commercial lease and had sent a draft copy for the council to consider.*

Action: *The clerk to keep RVH&PFC informed and to arrange for a survey.*

15/5/26 Planning:

a) Planning applications:

S.26/0717/TCA – Avalon - Spruce (T1) – fell – no comment.

S.26/0697/HHOLD 3 Acre Place , Park End, Paganhill,- Installation of retaining wall and steps – no comment.

S.26/0727/FUL - The Poultry House, Sandpits Lane - Convert and extend former poultry house building to create a 2- bedroom dwelling (self-build) and erection of timber domestic garage- no comment.

b) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign: *Cllr Lythgoe was confident that the sign would be repaired.*

c) Signage about parking at Randwick Village Hall: *Cllrs considered Cllr Dooley's draft wording and Cllr Rob Davies's design. Two signs would be ordered.*

16/5/26 Finance:

a) Bank reconciliation: *Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for April. Closing balance at April 30th was £48,426.63.*

17/5/26 Environment: *Cllrs considered the ivy growing over the wall above The Well Leaze and trees overhanging the road.*

Action: The clerk to photograph the ivy and the trees and ask GCC Highways to cut the ivy back as it did last year. Also to contact the power company about trees near cables.

18/5/26 **To agree procedures for reviewing council documents in June:** The clerk to send all cllrs the documents to be reviewed.

19/5/26 **Items delegated to the clerk and items for the next agenda:** As above. Also the clerk to contact SDC about faded signs.

20/5/26 **Orders for payment:**

Tesco mobile	April phone bill
C Curtis	May monthly contract payment
B Parsons	May salary less tax
B Parsons	Expenses - Anti-Virus software & padlock
Tesco Mobile	May phone bill

21/5/26 **Next meeting:** Thursday June 18th at Cashes Green School.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed:

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