

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Present**

Councillor K Preece (Chairman) and Councillors Lewis, Stephens and Garside.

**In Attendance**

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk), Councillor P McLain and Councillor H McLain.

**1288 Apologies for absence.**

1288.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Powell.

**1289 Declarations of Interest**

1289.1 No declarations were made.

**1290 Requests for Dispensation**

1290.1 None requested.

**1291 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

1291.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**1292 Clerks Report**

1292.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

**1293 County Councillor's Report**

1293.1 Councillor P McLain distributed his report (See Attached). No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

**1294 Borough Councillors Report**

1294.1 Councillor H McLain gave her report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council

**1295 Finance**

1295.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Garside, seconded Councillor Preece. Unanimous.

1295.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Garside, seconded Councillor Preece. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/06/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
25/05/2024	EH & Uckington Village Hall	OB093	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
26/05/2024	John Troughton	OB094	200.00	0.00	Mowing
06/06/2024	J Preece & Sons	OB095	300.00	50.00	Mowing
19/07/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/07/2024	D Roscoe (Expenses)	OB096	90.24	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1295.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous

1295.4 The budget for 2024.25 was reviewed and approved.

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## 1296 Planning

1296.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
23/00959/FUL	Phoenix House Elmstone Business Park Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke	Removal of Condition 4 of planning application ref 15/00968/FUL	Permit
24/00405/FUL	T Booth Engineering Ltd Longhill Elmstone Hardwicke Tewkesbury	Erection of a portal frame factory unit. (Revised design of planning permission reference 10/00589/FUL)	No objections from the Parish Council

## 1297 To receive an update from Severn Trent and an update regarding the pumping station.

1297.1 Councillor Garside confirmed that CCTV had identified some areas where there should have been some lining.

1297.2 A site meeting is planned and Councillor Garside will contact Seven Trent again

## 1298 Risk Register

1280.1 No issues reported.

## 1299 To report any new Highways Issues.

1299.1 Cursey Lane. Councillor McLain confirmed that a small amount of work had been done but he would meet with Max Kelly to progress further.

## 1300 To receive an update regarding J10 M5.

1300.1. Please see the full report from Councillor P McLain below.

## 1301 To discuss replacement noticeboards.

1301.1. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotations for replacement noticeboards from the Parish Noticeboards Company and has agreed a spend of £685 plus VAT per noticeboard subject to further ratification. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

1301.2 Councillor P McLain has agreed to approve a grant of £2100 for three noticeboards from the Build Back Better Fund.

1301.3 Councillor Preece will obtain a quotation for erecting the new noticeboards.

## 1302 The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time

1302.1 The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

## 1303 Items for Future Agenda.

1303.1 To discuss Speed Indicator Devices (Elan City) and Councillor Garside will contact the Police and Crime Commissioner for possible further support.

1303.2 To discuss defibrillators.

**The meeting ended at 8.25PM**

**The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at Elmstone Hardwicke and Uckington Village Hall commencing at 7pm.**

### **REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MCLAIN 18/7/24**

As colleagues will appreciate, decisions and announcements by both GCC and TBC were put on hold during the General election purdah period so I'm afraid there's not a lot to add to previous comments. My GCC report (some of which you may have already seen) is copied below.

Re: J10 and Coombe Hill. I'm conscious you had a fairly recent briefing from Highways, but just to confirm that over the last quarter

. Coombe Hill Junction - further work on the necessary land assembly including work with developers Vistry to secure changes to the adjacent residential planning permission to enable the Coombe Hill scheme works, HoT for land acquisition being drafted for all necessary property acquisitions.

. The M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme has reached a major milestone, following acceptance of the application for development consent by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State in January. Continuation of land acquisition as per agreed programme. Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Contractor, Galliford Try, continue to work on developing value engineering proposals with a view to working towards agreement of a Target Cost for the main works by December 2024, this will enable early instruction of detailed design to support the planned programme for the construction stage commencing in 2025.

. The J10 DCO submission has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and has now completed the necessary Section 56 consultation. Relevant representations from the Section 56 process are expected to be published soon and this will inform the upcoming examination which is anticipated to be underway from June to November 2024.

. A Cabinet paper was presented at the March 2024 Cabinet to set out the funding status of the M5 J10 and Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) funded schemes, the paper aligned the funding situation with that set out in the DCO funding statement and is in accordance with the strategy to secure funding from developers via Section 106 contributions. During the period January to March 2024 meetings have taken place with relevant authorities and developers regarding the methodology being used to determine the requests for contribution with a view to understanding if the approach needs to be modified in any way.

I have been advised that during the current quarter

. The J10 DCO team are engaging with any relevant representations and progress Statement of Common Ground discussions with key stakeholders including National Highways, Host Authority, Environment Agency and others. The team will also prepare for the upcoming examination stage of the process. The ongoing engagement with developers and relevant authorities will need to consider the timescales of both the DCO process and the planned timescales for a number of the large dependent developments proceeding to planning committee. Developers will not be able to progress to Planning Committee unless Section 106 agreements have been reached.

Full timetable will be confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Anticipated progress with securing options agreements to secure agricultural land required for scheme delivery. Continued work with ECI contractor on Target Cost design.

Last Wednesday(10.7) I held meetings seeking an update - it was observed that the change of Government is seeing a potentially significant change in planning approach, so funding for the whole scheme including developer contributions from major land holders like CBC remains under detailed discussion and may have currently unknown implications. (Sorry if that sounds vague - it is - to borrow from others - a known unknown!

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) activities are being rolled out over the Summer Holiday - for families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. This summer, using grant funding, GCC is once again able to extend fun, enriching holiday activities to all children and young people through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

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Both the HAF and HAP summer programmes are running across four weeks during the school holidays and families are encouraged to check their local district HAF webpage to see what's happening near them. Activity booking opened at midday on Monday 1 July.

Once again, there are lots of great options to choose from including drama and science workshops, sports and games, art and crafts, music and dance, indoor and outdoor activities, as well as the ever-popular ticketed attractions. More information about the programme is available at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf).

If they haven't done so already, families are encouraged to:

- Register for the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS) now to make sure they can view the activities which will be available in their district, and select their choices
- Follow their district lead on social media to see what is happening in their area.

Families who require additional support to choose, book or attend HAF activities, can receive support from six HAF Community Connectors, one for each district of Gloucestershire.

We have now had the outturn from 2023/24 budget which has had an underspend of £10 million. This is partly made up of £4.41 million of additional electricity income generated by Javelin Park. From this £4.41 million we are putting an extra £2 million into Highways projects, these are:

- £500k to maintain 8 Find and Fix gangs throughout the year
- £500k for refreshing lining across the network
- £300k to fund Cheltenham Spa access ramp
- £200k for further vegetation (grass and tree) cutting gangs to improve safety on the network
- £200k towards maintaining footways in our town centres
- £100k increase to the schools safety programme
- £100k to refresh zebra and other crossings across the network
- £100k to deliver the Merrywalks bus station resurfacing

There will also be an allocation of £2.41 million to address some financial risks arising within the current year's budget including, but not limited to, the cost of children's placements, additional expenditure required to support the forthcoming CQC inspection and the introduction of the Procurement Act. The remaining £5.59 million will be put into general reserves.

The ZEBRA 2 joint bid (with operators) to DfT for up to 58 electric buses has been 100% successful. It means just £1.5 million from GCC has released £6 million from DfT and will now release a further £22 million from operators (£29.5 million in total). This is amazing news for Gloucestershire and will mean that 20% of the County's bus fleet will be electric zero emission by 2026.

Our three new Robin services are now all up and running. Tewkesbury's started on 3rd June; South Cotswolds on 10th June, and Berkeley Vale on 17th June. We've had some good early feedback from satisfied residents.

As referenced in previous reports the new discretionary fund for Homes for Ukraine to continue to provide support Ukrainian refugees fleeing from war has now been signed off and is in place.

Work well advanced to procure a new care provider for five care homes where care is delivered by Gloucestershire Care Partnership. GCC own the estate for The Combs (FoD), Rodley House (FoD), Henlow Court (Stroud), Grevill House (Chelt,) and Paternoster (Cots).

No change at this time for Staff and residents.

Market Position Statement(MPS) for Adult Social Care Services 2024.

With consultation and data the evidence is that the growth in the older population and in particular the older age groups within the older population, means that the demand for ASC will grow rapidly in the next 10 years.

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Adults of working age with social care needs are not growing significantly in number. However the demand for bed-based nursing and dementia care shows a significant increase and will out strip supply if we do not address the shortfall.

Over the same period the working age population will relatively static, which has an impact on Social care workforce as there will be a need for more but with a limited growth in supply.

GCC have now installed 200 EV chargers across the county towards a target of 1,000.

We recently had a Western Gateway sub-national Transport Body visit to the A417 missing link to review progress with National Highways. Construction is cracking on at pace with major works for preparation completed, including a lot of archaeology, the subject of recent press coverage and an exhibit in Gloucester.

<https://cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk/a417-missing-link-unveils-gloucestershires-hidden-treasures/>

Approved funding for the continued development of plans for the J9/A46 M5 junction improvements and a Mass Rapid Transit scheme. Still several years away so no short term changes.