

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday January 5th 2026

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Ian Butler

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

01/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hannah Day, and Andrew James

02/26 Declarations of Interest

There were none

03/26 Public Questions

There were none

04/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 1st were approved as a correct record and signed by The Chair.

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 1st 2025

05/26 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported on a number of activities relating to the County Council;

- The County's Trading Standards Team had reclaimed £4,000 worth of stolen tobacco.
- The Fire Service had won an award for its work with Minority Groups
- Agreement to undertake traffic and speed monitoring through Pound Lane, Church Lane and Green Lane, (likely to be in February)

Cllr Graham Brearley reported that on traffic was travelling too fast through the lanes and a young person had been knocked off their bicycle. A woman driver was verbally abused and confronted by a male driver who insisted that she reverse into a driveway to allow him to pass. It was noted that driving schools and examiners are regularly using the lanes as part of a driving lesson or test.

Graham noted that there were increasing amounts of fly tipping and nitrous oxide canisters being dumped in the ditches. The Clerk agreed to report this to the Environmental Health Officers.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin commented on the new road layout to and from Hunts Grove on to the A38. It was noted that the route over the flyover was only operating in one direction. Cllr Perkin gave an update on the installation of lighting to the Church Tower which would be completed by March 31st.

Cllr Ian Butler noted also the amount of fly tipping around the Village and the amount of anti-social behaviour, particularly with users of Quad Bikes.

District Councillor Gill Oxley advised members that the Planning Officer had expressed a view about the application for a change of use of a domestic property on Wharfdale to a care home. Many residents had already written letters of opposition to the application. The application would be considered at development Control Committee on January 26th.

06/26 Finance Report and Budget for 2026/2027

- **Monthly Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the Finance Report for the period ending December 31st 2026 and the list of payments

Resolved to approve the report and authorise the payments

- **Budget and Precept for 2025/2026**

The budget included items to; extend the summer play-scheme, repairs to the Memorial Wall at the Churchyard, replacement of litter/dog bins and increased maintenance of ditches and verges. Members agreed to the budget which would set a council tax rate of £40 based on a Band D Property

Resolved; to approve the budget and precept for 2026/2027

7/26 Stroud District Council IRP Report

Members received the District Council's report on the payment of allowances to councillors and Mayors and been prepared in response to a request from Stroud Town Council. The request centred on the payment of allowances to councillors and Mayors.

Resolved; to note the report and no further action

Meting Closed at 21.00

Signed

Chair

Date