

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday March 2nd 2026

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee,

14/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received County Councillor Stephen Davies.

15/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fran Welbourne declared anon personal interest in item 8 of the agenda as it related to a near neighbour

16/26 Public Questions

There were none

17/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on February 2nd 2026 were amended to include the attendance of Cllr Andrew James.

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting as amended

18/26 Vacancy for Parish Councillor

In response to current vacancies for Parish Councillors a local resident had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Members received a presentation from Natale (Tally) Giampa. Tally outlined his public sector experience, including within the Fire and rescues Service. As a local resident he had been involved in and supported local activities.

Members welcomed his presentation and enthusiasm for local issues and voted to Co-Opt Tally to the Parish Council.

Resolved; to Co Opt Tally Giampa to the Parish Council

19/26 Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that she had received a number of complaints about the discharges into the culvert in Sticky Lane Nr to the junction with the B4008. Cllr Oxley had agreed to pursue the issue with the Environment Agency. In respect of the Local Plan the District Council would be undertaking further consultation with National Highways Agency. All the latest information on the Local Plan could be found within the District Councils Examination Library.

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/search-page/?pageNumber=1&searchText=Local%20Plan%20Examination%20Library>

County Councillor Stephen Davies had submitted a written report which gave an update on EV Charging Points and 20mph speed limits

Cllr Peter Rotherham reported that he had met with the Chair of Quedgeley Town Council along with the local PCSO. Regular surgeries for residents were being held at Tesco (Quedgeley). Peter had understood that 20mph speed limits were to be set for areas in Hardwicke.

Cllr Andrew James gave an update on his review of the administration and management of the Parish Council Cemetery. Cllr James outlined the administrative processes that were currently in place and managed through Gloucester Funeral Services. The review identified the need for the administration to revert back to the Parish Council which would allow for closer control and oversight. Members thanked Andrew for the report and the proposals. Members also agreed to the revised fee structure.

Cllr Denise Powell outlined some of the CCTV and I.T. issues that were outstanding. The Clerk agreed to speak to the contractors to arrange a sight visit. On another matter there were ongoing difficulties opening and closing the barrier to the car park.

Cllr Jill Brearley commented on the report of 20mph speed limits and the understanding that GCC had given approval. However there had been no clarification on the specific areas covered.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that e bikes were being used on the playing field and the users had used verbal and threatening behaviour when challenged. Cllr Peter Rotherham urged all members to report all such incidents to the Police.

Cllr Perkin noted that the sign on the new slip road (heading towards Hardwicke and Quedgeley) advising No Right Turn at the top of the slip road was not immediately visible and HGVs were still heading up the ramp.

The Chair had been asked by the school if a fallen tree could be removed from their boundary fence. The Clerk would arrange for the contractor to attend to this.

Resolved; to note the reports and approved actions

20/26 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report and list of payments for the period ending February 28th 2026

Resolved to approve the report and payments

Meeting Closed at 20.45

Signed

Chair

Date