

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th January 2026

P Kembery (in the Chair)

J Amos (P)
F Arkley (P)
N Beebee (P)
P Bruce (P)
A Collins (P)
D Eldridge (P)
M Goodman (A)
S Hancock (P)

P Kembery (P)
J Kinsey (A)
N Labuschagne (P)
J Lloyd (A)
D Marriott (A)
L Fogg Rogers (P)
P Sykes (P)
C Watkins (P)

Also in attendance: 3 members of the public

147.01/26 - Evacuation procedure – leave via the fire door and assemble in the car park
Noted.

148.01/26 - Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Marriott, Goodman, Lloyd and Kinsey

149.01/26 – Chairs' Announcements
No Chair announcements

150.01/26 – Public Participation
A member of the public suggested using a PA system for meetings held in the hall with large numbers. Chair advised this has already been noted and also we would look into live streaming and installing an induction loop.

151.01/26 – Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011
Cllr Labuschagne: South Gloucestershire Councillor

152.01/26 - To approve of the Minutes of Council meeting held on 1st December 2025
RESOLVED, to approve and signed.

to note the Minutes of:
Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 15th December 2025
Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 15th December 2025
Climate & Nature Committee meeting held on 10th December 2025
All Noted

153.01/26 - To receive and consider the Clerk's Report and Actions Update
Received and Noted.

154.01/26 - To approve the monthly accounts and bank reconciliation for December
RESOLVED, to approve and signed.

155.01/26 - To consider the accounts for April to December against budget
Deferred until next meeting to give time for members to review budget.

156.01/26 - To approve the invoices presented for payment, together with any invoices received since the publication of the Agenda.
RESOLVED, to approve and signed.

157.01/26 - To consider agree recommendations from the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

157.01.01/26 Grant requests:

- St Michael's Church- £1,200 RESOLVED, to award the full amount
- Hambrook Sports Association - £2,551.86, RESOLVED to award the full amount.

158.01/26 - To consider, and make agreement, on recommendations from the Climate and Nature Committee:

158.01.01/26 – The Watermark Scheme

Cllr Collins advised of a scheme whereby Wessex Water will provide a grant of up to £2,000 for the Parish Council to help promote water conservation.

RESOLVED, all members in agreement for the grant application to be submitted

158.01.02/26 – Tree purchase for Hambrook Common

Cllr Fogg-Rogers advised of the plan for additional and replacement trees at Hambrook Common at a cost of £1,436.20.

RESOLVED, all members in agreement, however, suggested to explore options to offset the costs with adopting and/or sponsoring trees.

159.01/26 – To confirm 2026/2027 precept submission

Clerk advised a cost for fire compartmentation has not been obtained and is proving very difficult. Also, that they have also been advised that it is not required. Clerk is trying to get clarification from Avon Fire and Rescue.

RESOLVED, to submit the precept request of £248,435.25

160.01/26 – To discuss the suggested alterations to the submitted Byelaws application

We were advised that two sections of the byelaws should be removed and were given a recommendation to expand the definitions of our 'grounds'

RESOLVED, to remove the two sections as advised but to disregard the recommendation.

161.01/26 – To discuss Youth activities

• Sports Report

Clerk advised members that we are supporting nearly 1,000 youths across the parish in sporting activities.

• FACE report and Frenchay proposal

Deferred until next meeting as FACE could not attend

162.01/26 Any other items to note from members

Cllr Bruce brought up the car parking charges in Flaxpits Lane. Cllr Labuschagne advised the review has been postponed. Chair advised that SG Cllr Rhodes was yet to reply to any of the letters the Parish Council has sent. Cllr Bruce and Cllr Labuschagne will work on a proposal to present at the next Council meeting with a view to encouraging local residents to attend the next South Gloucestershire Council meeting on 18th March.

Cllr Fogg-Rogers advised that two petitions had been submitted to South Gloucestershire Council. One for a crossing on Bristol Road, Hambrook Common and one for the continuation of the bus services through Winterbourne and Hambrook.

Members thanked the office staff for their hard work with the pavilion upgrade.

Meeting Concluded 8.34pm