

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026**

Present: Cllrs Jan Mills, Lis Courtown, Jacky Leadbeater, Ross Leadbeater,
Nick Wright, Clint Grimmer and Doug Benham

Presiding: Cllr Jan Mills

Clerk: Roz Morton

In attendance: 5 x MOP

No:	Item:
075 25/26	To note apologies for absence Cllr Lisa Spivey
076 25/26	To note declarations of interest & gifts or hospitality given or received None
077 25/26	To approve minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2025 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th December were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Courtown all in favour.
078 25/26	Matters arising from the meeting held on 13th November & 17th December 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission to CDC Local Plan Reg 18 – noted that a submission was made.
079 25/26	To receive reports from County and District Councillor Cllr Spivey sent a report that was circulated and will be filed with these Minutes.
080 24/25	To receive questions from the Public A resident asked whether Cllr Spivey was for or against the CDC local plan. Cllr Spivey was not in attendance to address the comment, however the Council noted that she is on record referring to the emerging plan as “paving paradise” and has made her opposition to the plan known. The Council suggested that the resident take up Cllr Spivey’s offer made at the public meeting in November, to email her directly with any concerns. The Council agreed to make a specific request that Cllr Spivey attends the next ACPC meeting.
	ACTION: Clerk to invite Cllr Spivey to attend the next meeting
081 25/26	Financial & Procedural matters
81.1	To receive bank reconciliations to end December 2025 The bank reconciliations were received without comment.
81.2	To approve statement of accounts and expenditure for the period 1st April – 31st December 2025

	It was RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts as presented, proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr J Leadbeater, all in favour.
81.3	To retrospectively approve payments in the normal course of business. It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented, proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr J Leadbeater, all in favour.
81.4	To consider and agree to award the contract for Grass Cutting around the village for 2026/2027. Three quotes were received. Discussion took place. It was RESOLVED to award the contract to the incumbent provider (Countrywide). Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Wright, 5 in favour, 2 against.
81.5	To consider and agree 2026 – 27 budget and precept request. A draft budget was presented. It was agreed to include a provision for planning consultancy in the precepted budget. It was RESOLVED to set the budget at £31997 and make the precept request accordingly. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr R Leadbeater, all in favour. ACTION: Clerk to submit the precept request.
81.6	To receive an update on published Land Registry documents for ACCC and a general update on ACCC. Mr Tanner sent an email confirming that he has made an application to the Land Registry for transfer of the legal title to the new Trustees and that application has been accepted by the Land Registry. Their projected timeframe for completing the application is by 23 rd October 2026 Cllr Benham updated the Council on the progress made by the ACCC committee. The Committee has prioritised getting the Club's legal structure right. To that end, the Club has applied to become a "Community Amateur Sports Club" (CASC). The application has been submitted. The Club has also applied to become a company limited by guarantee - this is imminent. The ACCC AGM is on 29 th January and everyone is invited to attend. The Council thanked the Committee for their hard work. The Council asked whether the Trustees have granted a lease to ACCC to use the land. Cllr Benham confirmed that there is no formal agreement in place between the Trustees and the Club but that this needs to be addressed. Cllr Courtown raised the following concerns: As an unincorporated association, the ACCC has no separate legal identity so cannot enter into contracts in its own name. It could not enter into a lease in its own name. It cannot grant a licence in its own name. Further clarity will be sought.
82 25/26	Planning Matters
82.1	To receive planning decisions: Noted without comment.

	<p>25/03484/FUL Replacement of existing electric gates, replacement of glazed doors to orangery, extension of existing Aco drain to extent of North-Eastern elevation, installation of electric vehicle charger, partial demolition of existing stone wall and 5 bar gate removed and installation of external steps to retaining wall. Malt Cottage 14 Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – PERMIT</p> <p>25/03693/TCONR 1 - Ash - reduce crown back to previous pruning points (approx. 3.5m overall crown reduction) Waterton Farm House London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RR - NO OBJECTION</p> <p>25/03247/FUL Erection of a single dwellinghouse Land South Of Backs Lane Backs Lane Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire - PERMIT</p>
82.2	<p>To consider and agree response to the following planning applications:</p> <p>25/04025/COMPLY Compliance with conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample walling panel), 7 (Window and door finishes), 8 (No bargeboards or eaves fascias), 10 (Details), 13 (Foul and surface drainage), 15 (Surface water drainage), 18 (Construction Environmental Management Plan - Biodiversity (CEMPB)), 20 (Biodiversity enhancement) and 21 (External lighting) of permission 25/01617/FUL - Erection of a new dwelling 4 London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RS – no comment.</p> <p>The following application was received after the Agenda was published but was considered at the meeting:</p> <p>26/00153/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, detached car port, open porch and garage conversion with associated works Tamarind Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – No comment.</p>
83 25/26	Burial ground and Churchyard
83.1	<p>To receive an update regarding s215 and to note query regarding responsibilities for walls.</p> <p>CDC has sent a letter to the PC confirming : The transfer date was agreed to be 22nd December 2025. In accordance with s.215 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council will take over the maintenance responsibility for the churchyard. The practical effect of this is that the churchyard is still part of the freehold of the incumbent and will remain under faculty jurisdiction.</p> <p>The letter goes on to list the areas of responsibility for the Council (CDC) and the Church. The body of the letter contains the statement “Under s.215 the Council is obliged to maintain the churchyard by keeping it “in decent order and its walls and fences in good repair”. However the list of responsibilities contained in the letter does not explicitly refer to walls and fences although it is contained in the body of the letter. For the avoidance of doubt, the Council will ask for the letter to be amended to include walls & fences in the list.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact Harry Penman at CDC</p>
84 25/26	Village Matters
84.1	To consider and agree contractor to prune trees overhanging the highway from the wayside cross.

	<p>Two quotes were received. The arborists differed slightly in their approach. It was RESOLVED to award the contract to Arbor Care. Proposed Cllr Courtown, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to ascertain that Arbor Care will submit the relevant TCONR application prior to the work being carried out.</p>
84.2	<p>To receive an update on the basketball court and to agree any further actions.</p> <p>Further work has been carried on the surface.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to pay the final instalment of the invoice. No further inspection will be required prior to payment being made.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to add to next payment schedule.</p>
84.3	<p>To consider and agree to purchase replacement rechargeable batteries for the old VAS unit.</p> <p>Discussion took place. The council had previously agreed to look at replacing the old unit to eliminate the requirement for a person to have to stand on the side of the A417 to change the batteries. It was RESOLVED to replace the old VAS unit with a new solar unit like the one recently installed. The new solar unit will be positioned on the verge opposite the layby. The cost is likely to be in the region of £5100. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr R Leadbeater, all in favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact Glos Highways to place the order.</p>
85 25/26	To receive correspondence
85.1	<p>Regular news updates from GCC & CDC</p> <p>Received without comment.</p>
85.2	<p>To note email from GRCC re affordable housing provider and agree any further actions.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite English Rural to the Annual Parish Meeting to present to the residents. This is done with no commitment.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to send the invitation.</p>
85.3	<p>To note email received from Tanners Solicitors LLP and to agree a response.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Wright, Courtown, J Leadbeater & Benham will contact CRS and draft a response to be agreed by the Council prior to sending.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllrs Wright, Courtown, J Leadbeater & Benham to contact CRS and report back to Council by email.</p>
86 25/26	<p>Any other business: to discuss minor matters, not included elsewhere on the agenda, or matters received after the publication of the agenda. Not an opportunity for debate and decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The, free to attend, first aid course will be booked in April – date tbc and advertised in the Ampney Times • The Village Clear up will be on 14th March and advertised in the Ampney Times

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The hedge at the Pleydells will be cut again in February.
87 25/26	Date and time of next meeting Monday 9th February – Extraordinary Meeting @ 7.15pm Thursday 12th March 2026 @7.15pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm