

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL ON MONDAY 12th MARCH**

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: 2 x MOP

No:	Item:
101 25/26	To note apologies for absence Cllr Spivey
102 25/26	To note declarations of interest & gifts or hospitality given or received None
103 25/26	To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 th February were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr R Leadbeater seconded Cllr J Leadbeater all in favour.
104 25/26	Matters arising from the meeting held on 21st January & 9th February 2026 Update on Local Green Space submission – Lesley Davies (CDC) has confirmed that she is still working through the applications. No further update is available.
105 25/26	To receive reports from County and District Councillor Cllr Spivey sent a report which was circulated.
106 25/26	To receive questions from the Public None.
107 25/26	Financial & Procedural matters
107.1	To consider and agree to adopt the following policies: IT policy Risk Register Cllr J Leadbeater noted a spelling error in the IT policy. With the spelling corrected, it was RESOLVED to adopt the policies above. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Courtown, all in favour.
107.2	To receive bank reconciliations to end February 2026 Received and duly signed.
107.3	To approve statement of accounts and expenditure for the period 1st April – 28th February 2026 It was RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts as presented, proposed Cllr J Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Benham, all in favour.

107.4	<p>To retrospectively approve payments in the normal course of business</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented, proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr J Leadbeater, all in favour.</p>
107.5	<p>To consider and agree to engage Mrs V Lawrence as internal auditor for year ending March 2026</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to appoint Mrs V Lawrence as internal auditor for 2025 – 26. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr J Leadbeater, all in favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact Mrs Lawrence and arrange a date for the audit.</p>
107.6	<p>To consider and agree to adopt the updated Asset Register</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the register is subject to change following the inspection and valuation of the playground, due in April. Also, the Basketball Court needs to be added. With these changes made, the Council RESOLVED to adopt the Asset Register, proposed Cllr J Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Mills</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to update the Asset Register</p>
107.7	<p>To consider and agree responses to any grant applications received.</p> <p>No applications were received.</p>
108 25/26	<p>Planning Matters</p>
108.1	<p>To receive planning decisions:</p> <p>26/00275/LBC Erection of outbuilding and greenhouse Malt Cottage 14 Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – Application withdrawn</p> <p>Noted.</p>
108.2	<p>To consider and agree response to the following planning applications:</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</p> <p>No comment.</p> <p>26/00575/TCONR Remove the large Yew, Hazel, Cypress, Cherry, Gleditsia, (G1) hedge group located at the Rear of the garage/garden. Dismantle the large Maple, Beech, Birch x2, Hawthorn group (G2) located at the Back of the property Ampney House Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5SA</p> <p>This application seeks to remove a significant number of trees, however no explanation as to why this is necessary has been offered.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to ask the case officer to find out why the felling of the trees is necessary.</p> <p>26/00352/TCONR Mulberry (front driveway / garden) - request permission to fell due to significant split at base. Prunus (rear garden) - request permission to reduce crown all over by 1/2, remove any crossing rubbing branches, and shape. Walnut (far end of rear garden) - request permission to reduce crown all over by 1/2 and shape Sycamore (far end of rear garden) - request permission to reduce crown all over by 1/2 and shape Nurses Cottage 9 Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY</p>

	<p>No comment.</p> <p>25/04054/CONBGP Compliance with Biodiversity Net Gain details required by planning permission of permission 25/01617/FUL - Erection of a new dwelling 4 London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RS</p> <p>No comment.</p> <p>26/00277/TCONR Sycamore - reduce crown all over by a third (1-1.5m) Ash (twin-stemmed) - remove stem over road (marked with orange paint) Wayside Cross Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire</p> <p>No comment.</p>
108.3	<p>To receive a report from the Conservation and Character Area Appraisal subcommittee and to agree any actions.</p> <p>The CACA Subcommittee met on 12th March and a set of Minutes will be circulated. Public consultations will be held in the Village hall on Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 22nd April. A leaflet with further details will be distributed to the village in due course.</p>
108.4	<p>To receive a summary update on progress of the due diligence pending the proposed novation of the NCFH contract</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing.</p>
108.5	<p>To consider and agree making a conditional grant to the ACRAG.</p> <p>Following advice, it was agreed that ACPC should no longer be the contracting authority, instead, the Council RESOLVED to award a grant to ACRAG for 50% of the costs on the production of the final report. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.</p>
109 25/26	Burial ground and Churchyard
	<p>To receive an update and agree any actions required.</p> <p>No further correspondence has been received from CDC.</p> <p>There is a dead conifer in the burial ground that will be dealt with during the Village clear up.</p>
110 25/26	Village Matters
	<p>To receive an update on the solar powered VAS</p> <p>The Clerk reported that discussions are still ongoing with Glos Highways as to what information they require in order to approve the installation of the VAS.</p>
	ACTION: Clerk to chase the Road Safety team and Gill Portlock for an update.
	<p>To discuss the no parking sign on the island and decide on any further action.</p> <p>It was agreed that the sign is having some, if limited, effect and so it should stay in situ for the time being.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the Head Teacher to reiterate to parents to not park opposite the sign.</p>
	ACTION: Clerk to email the school.

	<p>To receive an update following from fact finding meeting with Cricket Club Trustees</p> <p>Cllr Benham reported on the meeting, which was described as positive and free exchange of views.</p> <p>He reported that ACCC is now a Limited Company registered with Companies House, and also a registered Community Amateur Sports Club.</p> <p>He reported that the Trustees had intimated that if ACCC needed it, they would draw up a written contract for ACCC's use of the cricket pitch. This is an offer that ACCC will pursue.</p> <p>The Land Registry documents have been submitted but are still in the system waiting to be updated.</p> <p>ACPC reiterated that until there is an Ampney Crucis Cricket Team it is hard for the Council to award a grant to the Club for items solely pursuant to the playing of cricket.</p> <p>The Council agreed that there is no further action to take.</p>
111 25/26	To receive correspondence
	<p>Regular news updates from GCC & CDC</p> <p>GCC is voting to introduce lower speed limits and 20mph zones across the county. Cirencester and surrounds will be considered for changes in 2027/28.</p>
	<p>Invitation from Cirencester Town Council to LGR meeting on 26th March at 6.00pm</p> <p>Cllr Wright agreed to attend if available.</p>
112 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> <p>Cllr Mills reminded everyone about the village clear up on Saturday 14th March.</p> <p>Mr Crook asked the Council to contact Highways regarding replacing the chevron that was on the bend by Ampney Park</p>
	ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways.
113 25/26	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting 14th May @ 6.30pm – to include a presentation from English Rural regarding providing affordable homes in Ampney Crucis.</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 14th May @ 7.30pm</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm