

ANDOVERSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Andoversford Parish Council held on

Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm
Andoversford Village Hall - Committee Room

Public Question Time: no members of the public present

1	Apologies: Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Wilcock. Regular apologies from Cllr Hodgkinson due to a clash of meeting times
2	Declaration of Interests: None declared
3	Approve and discuss any actions arising from Previous Meeting's Minutes: Approved the minutes of the Parish Meeting on 9 th December 2024. Signed by the Chair as a true record.
4	Burial Ground & Grass Cutting: Cllr Steve Haines a. Grass Cutting – village & burial ground: No responses yet to the mowing tender but it is hoped to receive one soon. c/f to next meeting b. Burial Ground: Work at the entrance of the Burial Ground as discussed and agreed last year may be looked at again in the Spring. c/f to next meeting
5	Planning: Cllr Chris Baxter: 24/03694/FUL Erection of single storey side extension and two storey side extension 14 Crossfields Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4LE Single storey rear extension and 2 storey side extension with an extra entrance on the side as well as patio doors at the rear. Awaiting decision
6	Highways + Prow: Cllr Sian Evans. • Cllr Evans has been in contact with Anne Johns, Gloucestershire Highways area manager regarding Speed data held. c/f to next meeting. • Cllr Evans has been in contact with a member of the village to discuss informal ideas for speed awareness c/f to next meeting • Cllr Evans will write to the owner of the Industrial Estate and Countrywide Windows regarding parking at the end of Station Road, across the junction. c/f to next meeting • Auctioneers Row has been cleared and tidied and will be reseeded in the Spring. • It was noted that the footpath across the Hunt Kennels field (KAN 4) is blocked by electric fence. It was recommended to report on www.fixmystreet.com • There is a Give Way sign fallen off its post at the end of Station Road, at the A40 junction. This will also be reported on www.fixmystreet.com • A letter of thanks from a resident was received and read out, noting that the village was looking tidy with works haven taken place to clear footpaths, trim hedges and general maintenance by the Parish Council. It was agreed to write to the resident to thank them for the appreciation. • Drains that were previously reported on FIXMYSTREET have been repaired.
7	Waterways + Snow Warden: Cllr Steve Haines & Cllr Ian Hampton a. Waterways: The Parish Council are still looking for volunteers to clear weeds from the stream on Station Road. We will put another mention in the parish magazine. Anyone interested can contact the Parish Council to discuss. It was agreed that the Clerk will research Riparian rights for properties adjoining the streams and publicise this. b. Snow Warden – Council to discuss and agree actions.
8	Club reports (Football/ Village Hall and Cricket Club, any others) Cllr Haines advised that the Chair from the Village Hall committee has resigned with immediate effect and an emergency meeting to appoint a new Chair will be held on 27 th January.
9	Village Communications, Website & Correspondence – Clerk & Cllr Evans The new website – www.andoversfordparish.gov.uk was previewed and some edits were suggested. These will be added to the website, and it will be launched officially soon.
10	Finance: Clerk: update on current financial situation -

- a. Approved all payments made and since last meeting.
b. Approved current Balance and budget reconciliation. Current balance £27248.76
c. It was agreed that the precept raise will be kept as low as possible to help with the cost of living and it was resolved to request £23770 which is a 2.18% increase. The budget was reviewed and agreed.

	SPENT SO FAR 2024/2025	BUDGET FOR 2025/2026
Administration	£4,829.92	£6,500.00
Cricket Club grant	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Burial ground expenditure	£1,573.00	£2,000.00
Village upkeep	£12,999.83	£12,000.00
Playground inspection	£112.80	£150.00
Other expenditure	£1,500.00	£1,620.00
		TOTAL £23770.00
		(from reserves £8000.00 Highways and VHALL)

11 **Village Maintenance**

- a. **Defib: Cllr Steve Haines** - working as normal
b. **Trees and Horse Trough: Cllr Ian Hampton** – nothing to report
c. **Any other village items** – nothing to report

12 **Next Meeting:** Thursday 6th February 2025 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall for public questions – Meeting to follow.