

ANDOVERSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of
Andoversford Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall.**

1	Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr S Evans & County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson Present: Cllr S Haines (Chair), Cllr C Baxter, Cllr I Hampton, Cllr A Burrow
2	Declaration of Interests: None received.
3	Approval and discuss any actions arising from Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes of the June 2025 meeting were signed and approved.
4	Grass Cutting in village: - Grass cutting at both the Burial Ground and throughout the village has been temporarily halted due to very dry weather. After discussion, it was agreed to: - Instruct the contractor to mow only the corner of the Clock Square junction to improve visibility. This will leave the rest of the verge unmown because: - The ground is uneven, posing a risk of damaging the machinery. - The land belongs to Gloucestershire Highways; the Parish Council only undertakes mowing here to assist with visibility at the junction. Burial Ground: - Discussion took place regarding the mowing/strimming in the Burial Ground, after a complaint was received about damage caused to a plastic pot on a grave. It was agreed that the Chair would discuss this with the Contractor and the complainant. - The shelter will be repainted (Annually) as previously agreed
5	Planning: 25/0137/LBC Addition of 5 conservation roof lights to north roof pitch. Owdeswell Manor, Gloucester Rd – Permitted 25/01330/FUL Erection of two storey rear and single storey front extensions and alterations to fenestration (part retrospective) 17 Hunters Way Andoversford Cheltenham 2-story rear and front single-story entrance Awaiting decision 25/01633/LBC Repair work to Mullions in three first floor windows (retrospective) Manor Farm Station Road Andoversford Awaiting decision 25/01974/FUL Erection of steel framed metal clad storage shed Andoversford Village Hall Crossfields Andoversford Awaiting decision Following an initial online 5-year Housing Stock meeting on 9 July, it was noted by the Parish Council that they are very conscious that Cotswold District Council are updating the Local Plan to reflect government housing target changes. More information will be given in following meetings.
6	Highways + Prow: - Due to Cllr Evans being unable to attend the meeting, Speed monitoring was carried forward to the next meeting. It was noted that Cllr Evans has arranged a meeting with interested residents about forming a Community Speedwatch meeting. This will be reported on at the September meeting. - After discussion regarding the placement of a memorial bench on Station Road, it was agreed that as this land is owned by Gloucestershire Highways, any requests should be forwarded to them. - The Parish Council have responded to a recent email from Gloucestershire Highways with an expression of interest for implementing 20mph throughout villages in Gloucestershire. - The Cotswold Wardens are welcoming a new Chair, Christine Haseler and reports of a fallen tree on KAN9 were forwarded to her.
7	Waterways + Snow Warden: Waterways: Council to discuss any arising issues. Waterways – It was noted that Simon Redmond, is now a River Guardian - volunteer testing water quality in Rivers Anna/Coln.

	• Snow Warden –nothing to report.
8	Club reports (Football/ Village Hall and Cricket Club, any others) The Cricket Club have submitted a Planning Application for a steel framed storage shed to replace the various dilapidated sheds currently in place. The Parish Council name will be used for the application but all financial and build responsibility will remain with the Cricket Club.
9	Finance: Clerk: update on current financial situation - • The budget was reviewed, and it was noted that outgoings for grass cutting will be less due to the dry weather.
10	Village Communications, Website & Correspondence – Discuss any communications and any actions required. • The website and WhatsApp groups are continuing to promote the work by the Parish Council
11	Village Maintenance a) Defib: working and reported b) Trees and Horse Trough: updated. Thanks to Hannah Garland for her work. c) Hunters Way fencing – nothing to report d) Dales bench update – nothing to report e) Any other village matters – nothing to report
12	Next Meeting: Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall Committee Room. Public forum at 7.30pm with meeting to follow. (No meeting in August)