

ANDOVERSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Andoversford Parish Council Meeting be held on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall.

Please note this meeting was postponed to **15th January** due to bad weather

1	Apologies: All Councillors present: Cllr Haines, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Hampton, Cllr Evans, Cllr Burrow . Apologies received from County and District Councillors.
	Reports from County/District Councillors if present - n/a
2	Declaration of Interests: None
3	Approval and discuss any actions arising from Previous Meeting's Minutes: Agreed, approved and signed by the Chair, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting December 2025
4	Grass Cutting in village: - Finished for winter Burial Ground: - The terms for parishioner/ non parishioner rates were discussed and agreed. - The unhygienic waste issue in the shelter at the Burial Ground has not reoccurred.
5	Planning: 9 Sandywell Park Whittington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4HF 25/04017/LBC Internal alterations to Flat 9 to partition a room into two, creating an additional bedroom - Awaiting decision 5 Coln Rise Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4HL 25/03920/TPO T1 & T2 - Alder. Trees have been pollarded historically. We seek permission to re-pollard to height of adjacent hedge T2 & T3 - Hawthorn. Carry out end weight reduction on over extended limbs by 2-3m - Permitted 18 Huntsmans Meet Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4JR 25/03666/FUL Conversion of garage into bedroom Awaiting decision It was noted that the online consultation for the Cotswold District Council Local Plan update has now closed.
6	Highways + Prow: - It was noted that the Andoversford Speed Awareness group is still operating and the Police had recently been sited opposite the school to help with speed awareness. - Speed reduction options – Cllr Evans reported that Gloucestershire Highways have approved 2 positions for possible speed cameras and the locations for village gates are approved by Highways. They informed Cllr Evans that there is no money in their budget for these works, and it was agreed to contact County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson regarding gates. Action: Cllr Evans to contact Cllr Paul Hodgkinson - Discussion regarding blocked drains continues and Cllr Baxter advised that he had reported all the blocked drains on www.fixmystreet.com with Cllr Evans following up. No clearing has been undertaken yet. - The indents across Station Road, leading to Auctioneers Row have also been reported to www.fixmystreet.com as these are now getting worse due to bad weather.
7	Waterways + Snow Warden: Waterways: Council to discuss any arising issues. Waterways – nothing to report Snow Warden – Cllr Haines has installed a new grit bin on Station Road near the A40 turning (Council Yard entrance) for use when the road is icy. All bins in the village have been checked and topped up from our bagged supplies when needed. - It was noted that Andrew Vincent (Smurf - Post Office) has offered to grit Station Road in snowy weather as he has a quad bike and grit spreader. Thanks were given from the Parish Council and some of the bagged grit was placed by the Post Office for this use.

8	Club reports (Football/ Village Hall and Cricket Club, any others) The Village Hall committee gave receipts to the Clerk showing how the £2000 grant issued in the summer was spent for the Summer Fun Day. It was noted that the date for the Family Fun Day this year will be 15 th August (tbc) and it was unanimously approved to grant £2500 towards this day, with the same requests for receipts as last year. There was discussion regarding a request from the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council to purchase a new litter bin, to replace a broken one and this was also unanimously approved. Action: Clerk to purchase litter bin and liaise with the Village Hall.																														
9	Finance: Clerk: update on current financial situation - After discussion and agreement of the current and future financial records, it was agreed and approved to request a precept amount of £24550 which represents a raise of 3.05% for the next financial year. This is to cover any increase in operating costs. <table><tr><td>COST CODES</td><td>PAID OUT</td><td>PAID IN</td></tr><tr><td>ADM admin</td><td>£6,549.99</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>CRK cricket</td><td>£1,500.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>BRL burial ground</td><td>£475.00</td><td>£500.00</td></tr><tr><td>VIL village upkeep</td><td>£6,719.55</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>PLY playground</td><td>£115.20</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>OTH other</td><td>£2,000.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>PRC precept</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£23,770.00</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>£17,359.74</td><td>£24,270.00</td></tr><tr><td>Bank balance 8th January 2026</td><td>£28,339.04</td><td></td></tr></table>	COST CODES	PAID OUT	PAID IN	ADM admin	£6,549.99	£0.00	CRK cricket	£1,500.00	£0.00	BRL burial ground	£475.00	£500.00	VIL village upkeep	£6,719.55	£0.00	PLY playground	£115.20	£0.00	OTH other	£2,000.00	£0.00	PRC precept	£0.00	£23,770.00	TOTAL	£17,359.74	£24,270.00	Bank balance 8th January 2026	£28,339.04	
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10	Village Communications, Website & Correspondence – Cllr Baxter is now helping the Clerk with updating the village website. www.andoversfordparish.gov.uk It was agreed that the Clerk will gather view and information from the village regarding phone signal to report to Atlas Communications.																														
11	Village Maintenance a) Defib: It was agreed to order a new battery for the defib. b) Trees and Horse Trough: n/a c) Hunters Way fencing – n/a d) Dales bench update – Councillors are still asking in the Shop about the bench placement. e) Any other village matters – It was noted that Rob Forrester has offered to inspect trees throughout the village and will report back to the Parish Council.																														
12	Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall Committee Room. Public forum at 7.30pm with meeting to follow.																														