

<u>ANDOVERSFORD PARISH COUNCIL</u> Minutes of the meeting Andoversford Parish Council <u>Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall.</u>	
1	Apologies: received and accepted from Cllr Burrow and County Councillor Hodgkinson. Present: Cllr Haines, Baxter, Hampton. Evans
2	Declaration of Interests: None received
3	Approval and discuss any actions arising from Previous Meeting's Minutes: Agreed and signed the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meetings held in June 2026.
4	Grass Cutting in village: - Grass cutting is continuing as normal throughout the village although reduced due to the dry weather. - It was decided to wait until after any resurfacing of Old Gloucester Road has taken place before clearing any pathways. Burial Ground: - The gate post at the Burial Ground has rotted away and needs to be replaced. The cost of this is approximately £950 to install a new post. This work was agreed. It was noted that the fixtures and fittings from the old gate can be reused. This work will commence asap.
5	Planning: Erection of single storey rear conservatory, front extension and porch, amendments to fenestration and associated works Riverbank Gloucester Road Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4HR Ref. No: 26/01482/FUL Validated: Thu 21 May 2026 Awaiting decision Erection of front facing dormer and associated works. Beckfield Station Road Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4HP Ref. No: 26/01672/FUL Validated: Wed 10 Jun 2026 Awaiting decision No new planning applications since last meeting
6	Highways + Prow: - Update on current Highways projects – an email from Cllr Hodgkinson confirmed that Highways will be undertaking various road works throughout the village through the summer. The line painting will be undertaken by Ringway for the Highways dept. Cllr Evans has photographed the A40 turning and reminded them NOT to paint GLOS on the road turning through the village in an effort to reduce heavy traffic. - We are still waiting for Highways to advise re: speed camera installation. - Cllr Evans has received quotes from several companies for the village gates and the design was agreed. She is now liaising with Highways and County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson to purchase these and have them installed at the three entrances to the village (either end of Station Road and Old Gloucester Road from the Kilkeney) - It was noted that 15th July is National Speedwatch Day and Cllr Evans informed the Parish Council that a good group of volunteers are taking part in this. Data will be available to analyse. She also informed us that the school are keen to be involved in making posters for the village.
7	Waterways + Snow Warden: Waterways: Council to discuss any arising issues. Waterways –Advice from the River Guardians regarding weeds in the stream has been received after a meeting with Cllr Evans. It was noted that they advise not to clear all the weed out of the stream (as has been done in previous years) - Here is a synopsis of their advice: <i>Any crayfish are supporting any otter population now there are no fish.</i> <i>We need to be careful when and what we clear out of the Coln as being overly tidy can encourage the tough plants (like Sedge) to dominate.</i> <i>An open stretch will get more sun and be slower moving encouraging algae. Lastly, exposed water will lose O2 faster making it difficult for some animals.</i> <i>The Coln by the junction of Station Rd and Gloucester Rd is a very nice, and rare, example of a limestone stream in pretty good condition. The tethered reed (ranunculus) in the middle is</i>

	<i>critical for maintaining high velocity in the summer which will keep the algae down and it dies back in the winter.</i> <i>The main recommendation is to not clear it out.</i> <i>Flooding is not an issue as the pipes feeding it are much smaller than the exit, even with weeds. It continues to be healthy in the Industrial Estate also.</i> <i>The Anna is also a rare limestone river which can dry up, however it is suffering where it passes through the grazing land as the sheep are eating everything that isn't sedge, balsam and other clumping grass. The advice was</i> <i>pull the balsam before it goes to seed</i> <i>see if the landowner and farmer would be willing for a group of volunteers to flay a few hundred metres to knock back the dominant species and then section it off in the spring to stop the sheep eating the marginal plants. the sheep can go on in later in summer once everything has established</i> <i>Repeat this for a few years and see how much of an impact it makes</i> Cllr Evans and Hampton will speak to the landowners regarding this advice, and the Clerk will communicate via the WhatsApp group asking local residents to not clear the stream this year. Snow Warden –none																																				
8	Club reports (Football/ Village Hall and Cricket Club, any others) The Village Hall will be holding their Summer Fun Day on 15th August. All welcome.																																				
9	Finance: Clerk: update on current financial situation - Thanks were given to the Internal Auditor for his support, and it was agreed that a charity donation will be made in lieu of payment to him. <table><tr><td>.SUMMARY</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>COST CODES</td><td>PAID OUT</td><td>PAID IN</td></tr><tr><td>ADM admin</td><td>£1,828.05</td><td>£679.46</td></tr><tr><td>CRK cricket</td><td>£1,500.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>BRL burial ground</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£500.00</td></tr><tr><td>VIL village upkeep</td><td>£2,995.08</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>PLY playground</td><td>£118.80</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>OTH other</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>PRC precept</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£18,413.00</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>£6,441.93</td><td>£19,592.46</td></tr><tr><td>BALANCE AT</td><td>19 July 2026</td><td>£39,384.45</td></tr></table>	.SUMMARY						COST CODES	PAID OUT	PAID IN	ADM admin	£1,828.05	£679.46	CRK cricket	£1,500.00	£0.00	BRL burial ground	£0.00	£500.00	VIL village upkeep	£2,995.08	£0.00	PLY playground	£118.80	£0.00	OTH other	£0.00	£0.00	PRC precept	£0.00	£18,413.00	TOTAL	£6,441.93	£19,592.46	BALANCE AT	19 July 2026	£39,384.45
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10	Approval of Policies Policy updates are moved to the next meeting in order for all Parish Councillors to adopt their email addresses																																				
11	Village Communications, Website & Correspondence – - The Village Hall committee will be asked about any possibility of restarting a café, If this is not possible, alternatives may be looked at such as the Church Centre or the pub so that information for older residents is available. - The Clerk has ordered the sign for the Millennium Tree.																																				
12	Village Maintenance a) Defib: - working ok. Reported as online and ready b) Trees and Horse Trough: good c) Hunters Way fencing - no update d) Any other village matters - none.																																				
13	Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall Committee Room. Public forum at 7.30pm with meeting to follow.																																				