

# Maugersbury Parish Council

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## Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 1 September 2025

starting at 6.30pm

At the Church Room, Church Walk, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DW

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs M Donovan, G Mackenzie, R Warmington and A Westbrook

**In attendance:** Ms E Sajewicz (Clerk), Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps and 14 members of the public

**1. Election of councillor to chair the meeting**

It was agreed Cllr Warmington would chair this meeting.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr R Boyens and Mr S Meyrick.

**3. Declarations of interest**

Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the agenda as they arose. (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting at the relevant time.)

**4. Forthcoming vacancies**

It was noted that Cllrs Boyens and Warmington intended to step down in December and April respectively, and residents were asked to consider joining the Parish Council.

**5. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 June 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record and approved for signing by the Chairman.

The next 3 agenda items were taken in a different order from the agenda as Cllr Corps had another meeting and had not yet arrived.

**6. District Councillor's report (Cllr Neill) (agenda item 7)**

Cllr Neill's report had been circulated. She spoke about the following:

- Housing targets have been doubled from 500 to 1,000 units per year in Cotswold district
  - 80% of district is Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, severely limiting buildable land
  - "Tilted balance" now favours development due to lack of 5-year land supply
  - CDC has written to the Minister expressing concern
  - Government threatening to remove local planning authority if targets not met
- Three major developments under consideration in this area:
  - Mickleton: 120 houses
  - Chipping Camden: 30 houses
  - Fairford: 80-90 houses
- Spring Bank caravan enforcement – Cllr Neill has spoken to the head of planning enforcement again and will keep on. The team has 700 cases to deal with and only 2 officers out of 5 that are needed.
- Public toilets in Stow – Cllr Neill has raised issues with CDC Leader, Cllr Mike Every.

There were comments from residents that the public toilets in the Maugersbury Road Car Park should be reopened as they were needed by car park users. There were comments about the lack of designated parking for coaches in Stow and suggestions that two spaces in the Maugersbury Road Car Park be designated for coaches only. Cllr Neill suggested formally asking a "public question" at the next CDC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

There was a comment that because the closed toilets were known as the Maugersbury Road toilets they were a blot on Maugersbury's reputation.

**7. Stow Fair – to receive an update about a meeting with representatives of Stow Town Council and subsequent events (agenda item 8)**

Following the last MPC meeting, a meeting was held with representatives of Stow Town Council. It was decided to send a joint letter from the two councils to CDC, asking for new approach to enforcement and engagement with the organisers. A meeting with CDC is scheduled to take place in two days' time to discuss the letter. It was not known who the CDC representatives would be, but MPC hoped that the heads of legal and planning enforcement would be there, which Cllr Neill said she would ascertain.

Residents raised the following concerns:

- chemical toilet waste disposal directly into field/groundwater
- high voltage cables over caravans creating fire risk
- no facilities for proper waste disposal
- environmental contamination affecting farmland and Thames watershed

Suggestions made:

- security deposit system to motivate field owner self-policing
- CDC legal team review needed for charter rights and enforcement options.

**8. County Councillor's report (Cllr Corps) (agenda item 6)**

Cllr Corps had provided a written report which had been circulated. He spoke about the following:

- Local government reorganisation proposals due 18<sup>th</sup> November. Parish councils would have the opportunity to respond to consultation after the minister's decision. There were concerns about maintaining local knowledge, especially for planning in the Cotswold area.
- Adult social care being brought back in-house for better streamlining
- Fire service preparing for increased wildfire risk following hot summer
- Highways issues – the following were raised by MPC and residents
  - Maugersbury Road recent collision
  - Pound Lane junction safety concerns
  - Oddington Road traffic at 60mph around blind bend, extended 40mph zone suggested, and possibility of combining into same Traffic Regulation Order as another change requested by Stow Town Council
  - Arch Road in severe disrepair.

**9. Parish environment**

Highways issues covered above.

Noted that Maugersbury's winter salt request had been sent to GCC Highways. Mr Bartlett's superb job as Snow Plough Operator was commended.

**10. Planning**

**a) To consider and comment on the following applications**

- 25/02366/FUL – Pear Tree Cottage, Maugersbury – Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension and raising of the roof, rebuilding of privy, replacement of all plastic windows with wood

**Resolved** that MPC supports the application. Motion carried.

Cllr Neill offered to escalate to Planning Committee if minded to refuse.

**b) To note decision notices received for the following planning applications:**

Applica- tion	Address	Description	MPC Comment	CDC Decision
25/01112/ FUL	Pear Tree Cottage, Maugersbury	Partially demolish rear extension and outbuilding; erect new rear extension and replace PVC windows with timber joinery	No objection	Refuse

Applica- tion	Address	Description	MPC Comment	CDC Decision
25/02041/ TCONR	Willow Barn, Maugersbury	T1 - Birch - Reduce height and spread by 1.5 metres - Crown Raise to 3 metres G1 - Birch x 2 - Reduce by 1 metre - Crown raise to 3 metres T2 - Willow - Re pollard to old points T3 - Mountain Ash - Reduce by 1.5 metres to improve shape and form	No comments made	Permit
25/02279/ TCONR	Hill Barn, Maugersbury	25/02279/TCONR   Ash tree numbered 001 - fell the tree due to ash die back.	No comments made	Permit

- c) **To receive update from Cllr Neill about caravans at Spring Bank**  
Covered under item 6 above.
- d) **To note an Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Cotswold District Council to refuse to grant prior approval of permitted development rights - Farmland to the Southeast of The Fosse Way A429 Stow Road, Maugersbury, Gloucestershire GL54 1JZ - Prior approval for the erection of an agricultural building comprising Dutch barns and link - Application Reference: 24/03129/AGPA - Appeal Reference: APP/F1610/W/25/3370264, and to consider any written representation MPC may wish to make**  
It was noted that MPC had not been consulted on the original application because of the type of application. It was agreed MPC did not wish to comment on the appeal.

#### 11. Finance

- a) **To approve payments as per the payment schedule**  
Payments were approved as per the payment schedule: Lloyds Bank service charges to May £4.25; Lloyds Bank service charges to June £4.25; Lloyds Bank service charges to July £10.25; M Penfold - grass cutting £240.00; St Edward's Church Room - room hire £19.50; E Sajewicz - clerk's salary £543.07; HMRC £117.60.  
It was noted there were no receipts in the period.
- b) **To approve addition of Cllr Donovan as a bank account signatory**  
Approved.
- c) **To approve direct debits and standing orders for the year (MPC has one direct debit for the Information Commissioner's Office annual registration fee)**  
Approved.

#### 12. Burial Board representation: To consider how MPC should be represented following Mr Golby's resignation as MPC's advisor to the Burial Board

Mr Golby spoke to say the last minutes did not reflect what he said, making the point that he believed it is not in MPC's interest to have a representative at the Burial Board.

It was noted that MPC's representative is an advisor to the Burial Board, not a voting member.

It was noted that STC was reviewing the amount of MPC's contribution and intended to ask for an increase.

It was agreed that the permanent representative to Stow's Burial Board would not be replaced, but that MPC would ask to receive Burial Board agendas and minutes, and would send a representative when it considered appropriate.

Mr Golby said he retains the gravestone safety testing qualification if needed.

Mr Golby was thanked for everything he has done in his time as advisor to the Burial Board.

#### 13. Telephone box:

- a) **To confirm formally that Council is happy for the telephone box to be used as a book box**  
Confirmed.

- b) **To receive an update about the book box proposal from Mangersbury Residents Association**  
A member spoke on behalf of the MRA and confirmed shelving was being arranged and it would be freestanding.
  - c) **To approve a quotation of £1,000, including expenses, for the telephone to be repainted inside and out, in the approved colour, subject to a decision under the item below on how it is to be funded**  
Quotation approved.
  - d) **To note there is only £150 in this year's Telephone Kiosk budget, and to decide how the balance should be funded**  
It was agreed to fund the £1000 as follows:
    - £150 from MPC Telephone Kiosk budget
    - £200 from MRA contribution
    - £200 from resident donation
    - £450 from MRA fundraising/whip-round, with any shortfall from General Reserves
  - e) **To consider how future telephone box painting should be funded**  
Advice had been received that the telephone box would need painting only about every 20 years.  
It was agreed to establish a Telephone Kiosk Painting reserve, to be funded from the precept, in the amount of £50 per year.
14. **GCC Community 20s and Safer Roads initiatives:** To consider whether MPC wishes to participate in this initiative whereby communities can nominate locations for new 20 mph limits (expressions of interest only at this stage, deadline 19th September 2025)  
It was agreed that MPC wishes to participate.
15. **Review of Documentation: To review and, if approved, adopt the following policy documents: Risk Assessment Statement, Statement of Internal Control and Asset Register**  
The documents had been circulated. They were approved and adopted as circulated.
16. **Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2025: To discuss arrangements and agree wreath donation**  
It was agreed to order a new wreath this year and, if it cost less than £50, to top it up to a total donation of £50. Mr Fisher kindly offered to lay the wreath on behalf of Mangersbury parish.
17. **Broadband**  
Cllr Mackenzie said GCC categorised Mangersbury as "super fast enabled" at 30+ Mbps despite resident evidence otherwise. Cllr Mackenzie had investigated the only funding option available now that the Fastershire scheme has finished. This is a national voucher scheme, however Mangersbury is not eligible because it is classed as superfast-enabled.  
Gigaclear's rollout had repeatedly stalled over the years, and only two properties in the village had been able to get fibre to premises.  
A resident and former council member said he had had the same conversation 5 years ago, and even with data to evidence the slow speeds, he didn't get anywhere.  
Cllr Warmington said he had been promised a connection for £500.  
It was hoped to engage further with GCC.
18. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
- a) **To note that Council has £209.54 of CIL funds to be spent within 3 years, which has been earmarked for the community training session on Cardiac Arrest and Defibrillator Use held in August 2025**  
Noted.

**19. Defibrillator - To receive any update about the defibrillator**

The training session had gone well and Mrs Russell was thanked for the use of her lawn. Cllr Mackenzie is now carrying out the monthly checks and submitting reports. Mrs Warmington has cut back the ivy growing around the cabinet. One set of pads is due to be replaced in November.

**20. Report by any members who have had a meeting or attended any event on behalf of Council**

Stow Fair meeting with STC (see item 7 above).

**21. Date of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_