

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WINCHCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT ABBEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BACK LANE, WINCHCOMBE AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026.

Mr J Mason (Chair)	Mr B Rose	
Ms S Sturgeon (Vice Chair)	Mr R Stone	
Mr D Gray	Mr D Tarling	
Mr M Lennard	Mr R Wakeford	
Mr R Parker		Clerk / Deputy Clerk

PRESENT:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO MEETING COMMENCING. None.

Cllr J Mason paid tribute to John Gerrard, who sadly passed away last month. Johns' work as a community driver was celebrated, along with his work with Abbeyfields Community Centre. Winchcombe is at a great loss without him. A minute's silence was observed.

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES. Apologies received from Cllrs D Chandler, G Madle, S Maughan and K Woodward.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.
3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS;
  - a) PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 MARCH 2026. Proposed Cllr R Wakeford, seconded Cllr S Sturgeon, carried unanimously.
  - b) FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 4 MARCH 2026. Proposed Cllr S Sturgeon, seconded Cllr D Tarling, carried unanimously.

4. TO RECEIVE MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.


Winchcombe Park	Sam Corder expressed his thanks to all councillors for their questions and support at the March meeting. He hopes to start operating the football coaching from Winchcombe Park asap and will be advertising locally.
Admin Support Officer	Thanks to the HR Committee for support through the shortlisting and interview process. We are delighted to have appointed Kim Hawley who will be starting after Easter.


5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. Cllr Cheryl Agg has not shared a report and was unable to attend the meeting.
6. TO CONSIDER WHETHER WTC SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE 20S PLENTY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OR DEFER IN ALIGNMENT WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRAMME. It was previously agreed by council to implement a community consultation on proposals from the Highways Working Group. However, it has recently come to light that GCCs plan will not include Winchcombe in the first phase of their plan over the next four years. It is likely that any consultation results would need to be updated in four years' time, therefore it may not be sensible to proceed at this stage. There are of course still other actions which the Highways Working Group will continue to implement. Cllr D Tarling proposed that a 20s Plenty consultation for Winchcombe residents is deferred but that a community consultation could be carried out for other potential actions to be discussed at the next Highways Working Group later this month, seconded Cllr S Sturgeon, carried unanimously.
7. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WINCHCOMBE MEDICAL CENTRE PETITION TO KEEP PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN WINCHCOMBE. Cllr D Tarling proposed on behalf of Cllr G Madle, that WTC write a letter of support, with copies to

Gloucestershire County Councillor Cheryl Agg and our MP, seconded Cllr S Sturgeon, carried unanimously. The letter to include reference to data from the Medical Centre on the numbers of people who would be affected, and how. Cllr G Madle has agreed to write the letter.

8. TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:
- a) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY
  - b) INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNDER THE MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME
  - c) GENERAL PRIVACY NOTICE
- Proposed Cllr S Sturgeon, seconded Cllr R Wakeford, carried unanimously.

9. CIRCULARS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

<p><b>NALC</b></p>	<p><a href="#">NALC events</a> 3 March  <a href="#">Chief executive's bulletin - 5 March 2026</a>  <a href="#">NALC events</a> 10 March  <a href="#">Chief executive's bulletin - 12 March 2026</a>  <a href="#">NALC events</a> 17 March  <a href="#">Chief executive's bulletin - 19 March 2026</a>  <a href="#">NALC events</a> 24 March</p>
<p><b>TBC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Residents asked to have their say as Tewkesbury enters the Town of Culture bid</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tewkesbury Borough Council Funding Fair - Weds 29 April</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The council is inviting residents, businesses, and visitors to share their experience of local car parks as part of a wider review.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Charging up the borough - Tewkesbury and Winchcombe benefit from additional chargers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Amended waste and recycling collections for 2026-2027 including bank holidays, and New Year</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Re: Notice of Variation – Tewkesbury Borough Council (OffStreet Parking Places Order 2015 (Variation No. 4) Order 2026</b></p> <p>Please find here the <a href="#">Statutory Consultees letter.pdf</a> issued by Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding the proposed Variation No. 4 to the OffStreet Parking Places Order 2015. The notice outlines the proposed changes to the Order and provides details on how to provide feedback and supporting documentation— including the draft variation order and the statement of reasons—can be viewed online at:- <a href="#">OffStreet Parking Places Order 2015 – Variation No. 4 (2026)</a>.</p> <p>Any objections or requests for paper copies should be submitted no later than 3rd April 2026 to <a href="#">Property Services</a>.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could bring this notice to the attention of the Town Council. We will ensure that any comments or objections are submitted within the consultation period.</p> <hr/> <p>The double 22 kW chargepoint in Back Lane car park, Winchcombe is now fully operational. As a reminder the chargepoint bay follows PAS 1899 accessibility guidance providing space for drivers to move around the vehicle to charge and be close to amenities. There was a delay relating to the commissioning of the payment card readers, which contractor Evolt has now resolved.</p> 

<b>GCC</b>	<a href="#">Council Connected: LGR webinar recording</a> 
<b>GAPTC</b>	<a href="#">In case you missed our newsletter, there are some important updates and things you should know</a>
<b>Rural Services Network</b>	<a href="#">The Rural Bulletin - 3 March 2026</a> <a href="#">RSN Rural Funding Digest - March 2026 Edition</a> <a href="#">The Rural Bulletin - 10 March 2026</a> <a href="#">The Rural Bulletin - 17 March 2026</a> <a href="#">The Rural Bulletin - 24 March 2026</a>
<b>Your Community Alerts</b>	<p>Unknown offender(s) have gained access to a property through a side window. A search was taken place and jewellery has been stolen, the exact items are not known at this time. <b>Road, Winchcombe</b>. At approximately 16:05hrs on 15/03/2026. <b>Incident 162 of 15/03/2026</b>.</p> <p>Unknown offender(s) have cut the lock from the gate of a building site in order to gain access. 10 – 12 rubber mats with a value of approximately £2000 have been stolen. <b>Alderton Road, Tewkesbury</b>. Between 17:00hrs and 21:00hrs on 23/03/2026. <b>Incident 529 of 23/03/2026</b>.</p> <p>Unknown offender(s) have gained entry to a property by forcing open rear patio doors. It was thought the offender(s) entered through a side gate. It is not known at this time what was stolen. <b>Hillside Gardens, Woodmancote</b>. Between 12th March and 23rd March 2026. <b>Incident 101 of 23/03/2026</b>.</p>
<b>GRCC</b>	<a href="#">Does your council need advice and support?</a>
<b>Safe Avon</b>	<p>Please find links to The Angling Trust annual report, this is the 3rd Annual WQMN Report. You can find the full report <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>The main headline that; 49.93% of monitored sites showed environmentally harmful water quality levels, more than 40% failed phosphate standards, and ammonia toxicity risk is rising</p> <p>In the contents page of the report, you'll see the sections dedicated to the following focus catchments, which may be of particular interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50-61 Avon Warwickshire</li> <li>• 62-71 Medway</li> <li>• 72-82 Swale, Ure, Nidd &amp; Upper Ouse</li> <li>• 83-93 Chalk streams (Hampshire Avon, Test, Itchen, and Meon)</li> </ul> <p><b>The Warwickshire Avon, one of the most heavily sampled catchments, proved to be a major pollution hotspot. Three-quarters of samples were above the harmful limit for nitrates, leading the trust to call the pollutant “endemic” there.</b></p> <p><b>Data obtained from a water industry map shows that on one day last year, local firm Severn Trent spilled raw sewage into the river more than 130 times.</b></p> <p>Jim Murray, a campaigning angler and actor who has starred in the television shows <i>The Air</i> and <i>Primeval</i>, said: “The Angling Trust report confirms what the salmon are already telling us. In our chalk streams, water quality is failing, and the consequences are catastrophic”</p>
<b>Maverick Race</b>	Maverick Race are organising a trail running event on <b>Saturday 16th May 2026</b> , starting at <b>Sudeley Castle (GL54 5JD)</b> . We are excited to be back for what will be our 10th year holding the event.
<b>20s Plenty Campaign</b>	<a href="#">E-News March 26.pdf</a>

10. ACCOUNTS FOR REPORTING AND SETTLEMENT.



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## Accounts for Reporting 01-31/3/2026

Date	Description	Supplier	Total
<b>INCOME</b>			
02/03/2026	ERoB - Exclusive Rights of Burial	Terence & Shirley Lishman	500.00
04/03/2026	Memorial Fees	Cleevely Memorials	120.00
09/03/2026	Bank Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	352.11
09/03/2026	Waste Bins	TBC - Tewkesbury Borough Council	648.00
10/03/2026	Burial Fees	Martin Grinnell Funeral Services	2,200.00
24/03/2026	ERoB - Exclusive Rights of Burial	Gary & Anna Turner	250.00
26/03/2026	Playgroup Rent	Mini VIPs Nursery & Daycare Centre Limited	1,430.50
26/03/2026	ERoB - Exclusive Rights of Burial	Nicholas James Cobden Wright	250.00
30/03/2026	ERoB - Exclusive Rights of Burial	Anthony Charles & Helen Clare Ballinger	250.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
02/03/2026	Public Toilet Electricity	Scottish Power	-135.05
03/03/2026	Cemetery Garden Waste Club	TBC - Tewkesbury Borough Council	-120.00
03/03/2026	website maintenance	Peter Hampton	-75.00
03/03/2026	Community Grant	Winchcombe Community Allotments and Orchard	-387.00
03/03/2026	Scribe Cemetery Subscription (2024)	SCRIBE	-58.80
03/03/2026	AFCC Room Hire	AFCC - Abbey Fields Community Centre	-13.00
03/03/2026	AFCC Room Hire	AFCC - Abbey Fields Community Centre	-38.00
03/03/2026	ReformIT Support	ReformIT	-501.60
03/03/2026	Winchcombe Park Grounds Maintenance	Fairways Contracting Ltd., (Winchcombe Park Dev	-1,111.50
10/03/2026	NEST - WTC and Employees' Contributions	NEST Pension	-317.10
11/03/2026	Grounds Recharge	GCC (Gloucestershire County Council)	-152.51
11/03/2026	Water Supply	Water Plus	-76.95
11/03/2026	Cyber Security Essentials Basic	ReformIT	-1,464.00
11/03/2026	Winchcombe Park Tree Planting	Glebe Contractors	-5,976.00
11/03/2026	Winchcombe Park Toddler Area	Proludic	-114,041.97
12/03/2026	SSL Certificate renewal	Peter Hampton	-44.94
12/03/2026	HMRC - Tax and NI	HMRC - Tax and NI	-1,235.70
13/03/2026	ReformIT Support	ReformIT	-1,063.06
13/03/2026	Bank Service Charge	Lloyds Bank - Main Bus. Account	-8.50
17/03/2026	Grass Cutting	Glebe Contractors	-1,210.80
17/03/2026	Winchcombe Park Electricity	British Gas	-104.24
17/03/2026	Cleaning	Initial	-114.28
17/03/2026	Bank Service Charge	Lloyds Bank - Internet Bank Account	-8.50
18/03/2026	Professional Services	Loxley Solicitors Limited	-2,400.00
19/03/2026	Telephone and Internet	Talk Talk (Office 'Phone & Broadband)	-77.06
23/03/2026	Grounds Recharge	GCC (Gloucestershire County Council)	-152.51
23/03/2026	GALC (Gloucestershire Association of Local C	Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils Ltd (	-1,768.09
23/03/2026	PATA payroll	PATA	-88.05
23/03/2026	Aluminium composite Dibond Signs	Saxon Print Ltd.	-82.50
23/03/2026	Greening Group	Winchcombe Greening Group	-102.00
27/03/2026	Grave Digger Fees	Moonbeam (D M Jones)	-80.00
27/03/2026	Staff Salaries	WTC	-3,667.41
30/03/2026	Ian Humphries Work	Ian Humphries	-2,546.66
31/03/2026	Toilets maintenance	Donna Clarke - A Star Cleaning	-1,126.67

Proposed by Cllr R Parker, seconded by Cllr S Sturgeon that the accounts be settled and bank reconciliation signed off, carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

Cllr J Mason noted that Winchcombe will feature in the next episode of Country File.

The date for the Parish Meeting was agreed as the first Wednesday of May as part of the usual monthly meeting and the Annual meeting to be held on Wed 20 May.

Meeting closed 8pm.