

Iron Acton Parish Council
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Chairman: Cllr Catherine Spedding Clerk: Donna Ford
Minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at the Parish Hall
on Monday 14th May 2024 Commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman: Councillor C Spedding (CS)
Councillors: Councillor D Smith (DS)
Councillor D Barker (DB)
Councillor A Edmonds (AE)
Councillor R Lomas (RL)

In Attendance: 4 members of the public
South Glos Councillor Claire Young & Tristan Clark

01.05.24	<u>Election of Chairman</u> To elect a Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. (Following election, the Chairman will be invited to complete the formal statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office). Election of chairman CS proposed by AE & seconded by PC – All Agreed.
02.05.24	<u>Election of Deputy Chairman</u> To elect a Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. Election of Deputy DS proposed DB seconded PC – All Agreed.
03.05.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Apologies given by the Clerk Donna Ford & Councillors Jon Lean & John Wright.
04.05.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> No written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests received.
05.05.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A

06.05.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2024.
07.05.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> No announcements.
08.05.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.
09.05.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Members received verbal reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings of outside bodies. Written report from South Gloucestershire Councillor Tristan Clark – The report was noted.
10.05.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - update by DB noted - ongoing • Benches - Frome Valley Walkway - awaiting installation by AA • Community speed watch group- Update by AE/DB - noted • AA sign return and future Update by PC noted • MUGA – Future use Update by DS noted • Request for Zig Zag lines on both sides of the road outside Iron Acton School - Ongoing • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common - Ongoing • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned - Ongoing

11.05.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £30.00 Clerks Mileage – £2.40 Denise Smith – Booking calendar software - £78.36 Parish Hall – Room Hire - £24.00 Brinksworth Tree Services – Live edge Bench - £300.00 South Glos Council – Advisory visit for pest control - £82.00 Barrett Garden Maintenance - £950 & £665 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £36.19 IAP UK - £75.96 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison’s websites - £12.00 Members noted the CIL payment received of £55,658.32. Members confirmed that there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP. Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
12.05.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/01029/HH Erection of replacement storage building 235 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LG - No Comment P24/01152/TRE Works to crown lift 1no Leyland Cypress to 6 metres covered by Tree Preservation Order SGTPO 10/09 dated 9th September 2009. 346 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LL - No Comment

13.05.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • Pavement cleaning & de weeding • Cleaning Bus shelters
14.05.24	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members considered the requirements and brief for a master plan to enable quotes to be sought. Report from first working party accepted & tasks arising delegated to be completed by next working party meeting
15.05.24	<u>To Review and Appoint Members to serve on Working Parties and Outside Representatives</u> a. Planning Working Party b. Operations Working Party c. Allotment Working Party d. Finance Working Party e. Personnel Working Party f. Cemetery Working Party g. Parish Hall Members reviewed membership of each group & agreed no changes.
16.05.24	<u>Standing Orders</u> Members reviewed and approved the current Standing Orders.
17.05.24	<u>Financial Regulations</u> Members reviewed and approved the current Financial Regulations.
18.05.24	<u>Code of Conduct</u> Members reviewed and accepted the current Code of Conduct.

19.05.24	<u>Email Address</u> Members considered moving to a gov.uk domain and the associated costs. Resolved to move to a gov.uk domain address.
20.05.24	<u>Website</u> Members considered the website report and any associated action required. Resolved to approve the actions in report.
21.05.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Resolved actions to improve communications for residents
22.05.24	<u>Music in the Meadows</u> Members considered and approved the request from Acton Aid for permission to use a section of the Village Green for overflow disabled parking for the events on the 5th & 6th July 2024.
23.05.24	<u>Parking</u> Members considered any action required for parking on the pavements. Resolved to monitor

Date of next meeting -17th June 2024

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Councillors: Councillor D Smith (DS)
Councillor D Barker (DB)
Councillor A Edmonds (AE)
Councillor J Wright (JW)
Councillor P Chapman (PC)

In Attendance: 2 members of the public.

01.06.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor R Lomas (RL) Apologies given Councillor Jon Lean, Claire Young & Tristan Clark
02.06.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Cllr A Edmonds - P24/01167/HH
03.06.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.06.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Annual Council Meeting held on 20 th May 2024.
05.06.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> No announcements.
06.06.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.06.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Members received verbal reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings of outside bodies.
08.06.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - ongoing • Benches - Frome Valley Walkway - ongoing • Community speed watch group - ongoing, a new member will be joining the group. • AA sign return and future - ongoing • MUGA - Future use - Groups are developing, awaiting LTA registration to be completed. • Request for Zig Zag lines on both sides of the road outside Iron Acton School - ongoing • PWLB - Woodland Area - Engine Common - ongoing • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned - ongoing • Website upgrades and email address - preferred email address IAPC.GOV.UK

09.06.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses - £24.00 Clerks Mileage - £4.80 Parish Hall - Room Hire - £33.00 Zoom Subscription - £155.88 Post Office - PO Box address - £234.60 Rialtas - Accounts close down - £682.80 South Glos Council - Bin - £95.40 Viking - Stationary - £117.79 Barrett Garden Maintenance - Parish Maintenance - £1,260.00 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £36.19 IAP UK - £75.96 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising. Members also confirmed that the Clerk could apply for a Parish Council credit card for the purchase of council goods and subscriptions.
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10.06.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: Cllr AE left the meeting for planning application P24/01167/HH <u>P24/01167/HH Erection of a two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. Audley The Green Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9TQ – No comment.</u> <u>Cllr AE returned to the meeting.</u> <u>P24/01160/CLP Removal of existing lighting. Installation of 4 no. new replacement floodlights. Yate Town Football Club Lodge Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LE – No comment</u> <u>P24/01045/HH Erection of single storey side/front extension to provide additional living accommodation. Winshill Nibley Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5JG– No comment</u> <u>P24/01317/PNA Prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of fodder. Land At Two Pools Farm Wotton Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire– No comment</u> <u>P24/01315/HH Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. 3 Feltmakers Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7EX– No comment</u> <u>P24/01316/CLP Erection of 2no. single storey rear extensions. 3 Feltmakers Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7EX– No comment</u>
11.06.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. New nets for the basketball at the MUGA.
12.06.24	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members considered the requirements and brief for a master plan to enable quotes to be sought. Report from first working party accepted & tasks arising delegated to be completed by next working party meeting.

13.06.24	<u>Internal Audit</u> Members reviewed the Internal Audit with no action required.
14.06.24	<u>Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024</u> Resolve to confirm and sign the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.
15.06.24	<u>Completion of Section 1 of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 – Annual Governance Statement</u> Resolved to respond to the Annual Governance Statement, sections 1 to 9
16.06.24	<u>Completion of Section 2 of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 – Accounting Statements.</u> Resolve to approve and sign the Accounting Statements.
17.06.24	<u>Confirmation of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights</u> Members confirmed the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights.
18.06.24	<u>Weeds on pavements and in road gutters</u> Members considered any action required. Resolved: To request the parish contractor to clear the weeds on the pavements on Park Street and the path across the Village Green along with the High Street.
19.06.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Items to communicate: • Gloria Jean measures to remove the damage encountered over the weekend

Meeting closed - 20.44

Date of next meeting -15th July 2024

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Chairman:
Councillors: Councillor D Smith (DS) – Acting Chair
Councillor D Barker (DB)
Councillor A Edmonds (AE)
Councillor J Wright (JW)
Councillor R Lomas (RL)

In Attendance: 1 members of the public.

01.07.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor C Spedding (CS) Councillor P Chapman (PC) Apologies given Councillor Jon Lean, Claire Young & Tristan Clark
02.07.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> AE - P24/01167/HH
03.07.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.07.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 17 th June 2024.
05.07.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> No announcements.
06.07.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.07.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Members received verbal reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings of outside bodies. JW advised a request for a Polly Tunnel had been received - Members approved erecting of a Polly Tunnel on plot number 5 at Station Road Allotments. Written report received from South Glos Councillors. PC advised of concerns from the Parish Hall Committee in respect of the parking at the Parish Hall for the use of the Parish Meadows.
08.07.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan – The amends for the cemetery plan has now been sent, awaiting a paper copy. • Benches - Frome Valley Walkway – Waiting to be installed. • Community speed watch group – Awaiting for members to complete the background check. • AA sign return and future - Ongoing • MUGA – Future use – The grant form has been completed for Sport England. Agreed to allow the usage of the MUGA for charitable events, subject to confirmation of dates, times and numbers. • Request for Zig Zag lines on both sides of the road outside Iron Acton School – Awaiting a update from South Glos. • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Members reviewed the application and agreed the type of loan and repayment terms: <i>Fixed Rate Loan: Half-Yearly Interest Payment Days</i> <i>EIP - where each payment consists of a constant instalment of principal plus a diminishing amount of interest calculated on the balance of principal then outstanding- Repayable over 18 years.</i> • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned – Ongoing. • Website upgrades and email address – Members were advised that the preferred option of domain was not available and agreed to <i>ironacton-pc.gov.uk</i>

09.07.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses - £24.00 Clerks Mileage - £4.80 Parish Hall - Room Hire - £24.00 Brinksworth Tree Services - Tree work - £804.00 Barrett Garden Maintenance - Parish Maintenance - £1,320.00 I Selkirk - Internal Audit - £120.00 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £36.19 IAP UK - £75.96 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
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10.07.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/01431/CLE Confirmation of lawful commencement of planning permission PK15/4184/F and the potential to erect a single storey rear extension. Land At The British Yate South Gloucestershire – No comment. P24/01480/HH Installation of 4no. conservation rooflights to side roof elevation to facilitate loft conversion. Holmray Cottage Park Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UJ – No comment. P24/01514/HH Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to form additional living accommodation. Oak Cottage Chaingate Lane Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9XJ – No comment. P24/01364/F Erection of 1no. new self-build dwelling with associated works and erection of 1no detached garage to serve existing property. Land At Ricanda 348 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LL – Concerns over lack of parking. Cllr AE – Left the meeting for the following planning application P24/01167/HH Erection of a two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. - Audley The Green Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9TQ – No comment Cllr AE returned to the meeting P24/01654/CLP Change of use of land and 1no. building to agriculture. - Cartwright Paddock Land At The British Yate South Gloucestershire – No comment. P24/01506/HH - Erection of a replacement storage building - 235 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LG – No comment.
11.07.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. Gloria Jean – resolved to request the contractor to carry out the work to remove the cabin and any safety work required.

12.07.24	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members considered the requirements and brief for a master plan to enable quotes to be sought. Members resolved to appoint a landscape Architect - New Leaf Studios for the delivery of a masterplan for the parish Meadows.
13.07.24	<u>S106 Application</u> Members considered the correspondence received for S106 applications and any required action. Resolved: To liaise with the Allotment Association for Nibley Lane regarding any upcoming project requirements.
14.07.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Items to communicate: Update on the Woodland Area at Engine Common.

Meeting closed - 21.48

Date of next meeting -16th September 2024

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Councillors:	Councillor P Chapman (PC)
	Councillor D Barker (DB)
	Councillor J Wright (JW)
	Councillor R Lomas (RL)

In Attendance: 2 members of the public.

01.09.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor D Smith (DS) Councillor A Edmonds (AE) Apologies given South Glos Councillor's Jon Lean, Claire Young & Tristan Clark
02.09.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> RL - P24/02046/F
03.09.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.09.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th July 2024.
05.09.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> All forms signed for the PWLB completed and submitted.
06.09.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.09.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Members received verbal reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings of outside bodies. DB – Parish Hall Committee Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.09.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - Ongoing • Benches - Frome Valley Walkway – Measurements have taken place – installation due for Mid-October • Community speed watch group - Ongoing • AA sign return and future - Awaiting a quote • MUGA – Future use - Funding received from Sport England – Maintenance repairs carried out by AXO leisure • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Report noted • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned - Ongoing • Website upgrades and email address – Now completed

09.09.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses - £54.00 Clerks Mileage - £4.80 Parish Hall - Room Hire - £9.00 & £24.00 Barret Garden Maintenance - £1,260 & £1,480.29 & £504.68 & £350 & £1,085 South Glos Council - Bin emptying - £95.40 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £36.19 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
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10.09.24

Planning Applications for Consideration

Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation:

P24/01967/PNA | Prior notification of the intention to erect and agricultural building for the storage of machinery and fodder. | **Land At Bridge Road Yate South Gloucestershire - No comment**

P24/01825/F | Alterations to existing out building to include a new roof and reduced eaves/ridge heights. | **Willis House Northmead Lane Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9AA - No comment**

P24/02041/LB | External works to remove cement render and apply lime based render mix to all walls. | **Holmray The Green Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9TQ - No comment**

P24/02040/HH | Removal and replacement of external render on all walls. | **Holmray Park Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UJ - No comment**

P24/02066/CLE | Confirmation of lawful commencement of planning permission PK15/4184/F and the potential to erect a single storey rear extension (resubmission of P24/01431/CLE). | **Land At The British Yate South Gloucestershire - No comment**

P24/01921/F | Erection of an extension to form enlarged agricultural building for the housing of youngstock. | **Land At Two Pools Farm Wotton Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire - No comment**

P24/02020/RVC | Removal of condition 1 attached to appeal decision APP/P0119/C/20/3264071 (P20/00717/F. Demolition of existing buildings. Change of use of land from agricultural to Sui Generis land for grazing of horses and siting for travellers caravans and day rooms as defined in the Town and Country Planning... | **Field North And East Of Crossing Cottage East Of Railway Latteridge Road Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire - Object - Green Blet Land - Not suitable for residential accommodation, on a flood plain area - No material change to the application - Access to Latteridge Road.**

Cllr RL left the meeting.

P24/02046/F | Installation of LED lights to 4no. existing lighting columns. | **Yate Town Football Club Lodge Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LE - No comment.**

Cllr RL returned to the meeting.

11.09.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. Clearance of the Brook – PC to liaise with maintenance contractor.
12.09.24	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members noted the appointment of the Landscape Architect – A working group meeting would be held in due course.
13.09.24	<u>Allotments</u> Members considered lease requirements for the allotment sites – Clerk to contact the Nibley Lane Allotment Association to discuss proposals. Station Road Allotments: • Cutting of the footpaths – Initial cut to take place in Spring. • Trimming of the Ivy on the boundary Wall – PC to liaise with the boundary wall owner.
14.09.24	<u>South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation</u> Members considered any response required. Resolved: The consultation was noted – no action required.
15.09.24	<u>Application for Funding</u> Members considered the grants application received from South Gloucestershire Council - Library Service. Resolved: To request further information on the funding required.
16.09.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Items to communicate: • Temporary Closure of Robin Hood Bridge as detailed in TC report • Sport England Grant

Meeting closed – 20.27

Date of next meeting –21st October 2024

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors’ Report

Monday 16th September 2024

National Planning Policy Framework Consultation Commences

On Tuesday 30th July Angela Rayner, the *Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government*, announced in parliament the start of a consultation on the government’s proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The 8-week consultation will run from 30th July until 24th September. An informative summary of the proposed changes can be found at <https://www.lsh.co.uk/explore/research-and-views/view-points/2024/july/government-kick-starts-much-anticipated-nppf-consultation-and-planning-reform>. More detailed information on the consultation and the proposed changes can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>.

It is still too early to know what the proposed changes will mean for South Gloucestershire Council’s work on a new Local Plan. The removal of the ‘*Urban Uplift*’ would reduce the housing requirement that Bristol City Council was struggling to meet for their new Local Plan. The proposed changes to Standard Method for assessing housing need, however, would increase the housing targets for South Gloucestershire Council and for Bath & North East Somerset Council. The proposed changes for South Gloucestershire alone would be an additional 6,000 dwellings over the 15 year lifetime of the Local Plan.

A comparison of the existing and proposed new standard method housing targets per annum for the West of England authorities is as follows:

Authority	Current fig	Revised fig	Difference	Percentage
B&NES	717	1,466	749	+104%
Bristol	3,378	3,057	-321	-10%

South Glos	1,317	1,717	400	+30%
Combined Authority	5,412	6,240	828	+15%
North Somerset	1,324	1,587	263	+20%
West of England	6,736	7,827	1,091	+16%

South Gloucestershire Council Announces Children's Home Partnership

An important milestone has been reached in the council's project to increase the number of homes for children in its care and enable them to live within their own community. In addition to the purchase of three properties, which will provide support and stability for young people in need, the council has appointed *Phoenix Learning & Care Group* as a partner to operate and staff them.

Phoenix has outstanding experience in providing qualified and compassionate team members, who will work with young people in these homes. The new homes will help the council provide support to more children, who cannot live with their families for various reasons, giving them a stable home and appropriate help, when they need it and where they need it, to enable them to get the best start in life. Data consistently shows that if children within the care system can stay living locally, they will have much better outcomes as they can maintain links with their family, friends, school and other services they receive.

The council acts as Corporate Parents to children in its care. It has a responsibility to support them in much the same way as any other family. There have not been enough places for them to stay and be supported locally, meaning that too often they can be placed a long way away from their communities. This can cause major disruption to their education, support networks and family connections. The new homes will allow more of these children to remain close to their own areas.

The three properties are all pre-existing family houses, and their appearance won't change. Each house will be for up to three children, aged between 7 – 17 years old. They will be nurturing, warm, welcoming spaces, with typically two or three team members present at any time. The support model the council will follow, working with Phoenix, is designed to give young people the closest experience as possible to anyone else's family set-up. Neighbours will notice very little difference regardless of who will now live there.

The houses will be owned by the council, but managed by Phoenix, who will support children through trained carers, who will aim to give them the safe home environment which they may not have had in the past.

Update on Nibley Lane Closure

Last week officers at South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) signed off the various mitigation measures, funded by National Highways, that are to be implemented to address the ongoing impact of the A432 bridge closure on the local highway network.

These measures include the temporary closure of Nibley Lane in the vicinity of the Robin Hood Overbridge. The aim is to have the closure in place by late September or early October. It should take approximately a day to install the temporary barrier and SGC will put up temporary signs in the days before the closure to inform motorists of the lanes impending closure. The design of the temporary barrier must reflect the nature of closure so will not be similar in style and permanency to those currently on Frampton End Road.

After the new A432 bridge is installed and the road reopened the rationale for the all the mitigation measures will no longer exist. If the Nibley Lane closure is to be made permanent a public consultation should be undertaken before any Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to permanently close the lane is made. If it is agreed to permanently close the lane SGC will reexamine the design of the barriers to reflect the change in both circumstances and need.

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Councillor D Smith (DS)

In Attendance: 0 members of the public.

01.10.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor A Edmonds (AE) Apologies given South Glos Councillor's Jon Lean, Claire Young & Tristan Clark
02.10.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> None received.
03.10.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.10.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 16 th September 2024.
05.10.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.10.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.10.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Members received verbal reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings of outside bodies. DB attended the Parish Hall AGM. Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.10.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan – Ongoing • Benches - Frome Valley Walkway – Now in situ, thanks given to Acton Aid for the installation – item closed • Community speed watch group – Call for volunteers to be added to the website • AA sign return and future – Awaiting a frame for the sign • MUGA – Future use - £5000 grant received from Sport England to be divided between the sports – Pickleball, Football, Tennis, Basket Ball & Netball for coaching and/or equipment. • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Verbal update provided. • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned – Awaiting a contractor to reposition. • Parish Meadows Masterplan – A working group meeting will be held on the 4th November.

09.10.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses - £30.00 Clerks Mileage - £4.80 BDO - External Audit - £504.00 PoBox Renewal - £234.60 Barret Garden Maintenance - £1,055 & £1,070 IAP - Renewal of domain - £36.00 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £36.19 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
10.10.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/02237/CLE Continued use of land as residential (Class C3). 2 Barton Cottages Chaingate Lane Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9XL - No comment P24/02258/HH Erection of a single storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. The Coach House Lavenham Farm Nibley Lane Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UR - No comment P24/02309/TRE Works to fell 1no. Hybrid Black Poplar covered by TPO 1011 dated 26/02/2018. Adanac High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UQ - No comment P24/01866/HH Erection of 1no. detached garden studio building. Erection of 2m boundary fence. Hillside Holly Hill Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UN - No comment

11.10.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish.
12.10.24	<u>Lack of pedestrian footpath on North Road (west side) between North Road Community Primary School and Mission Road</u> Members considered any action required. Resolved:
13.10.24	<u>Gazebo on green 30 November 2024</u> Members considered and resolved to approve the request from the Friends of IA Primary School group for a gazebo on the Village Green on the 30 th November approx. 4-5pm.
14.10.24	<u>IT</u> Members considered and approved the quote received from Cloudy IT for the Gov Assist IT Package.
15.10.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Residents' correspondence

Meeting closed -

Date of next meeting -18th November 2024

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Monday 21st October 2024

Details of Car Parking Charges Announced

Following consideration of a wide range of options to implement a scheme of charging for parking in council-owned car parks South Gloucestershire Council has begun publishing further details of how the scheme will operate. The proposals are currently being shared and discussed with local stakeholders, including Town and Parish Councils and Chambers of Commerce, in the areas where car park charging would be introduced. The scheme is expected to go live in Spring 2025.

Key features include:

- At least 10% of spaces in short stay car parks where charging will be introduced will remain free for 30-minute stays. This will help ensure turnover and easy access for more drivers making short trips to local shops.
- Short-stay parking will be charged at only 70 pence for the first hour. Other rates will apply to long stay, train station and Park and Ride car parks.
- A validation system is proposed for some car parks (e.g. those that have primarily and historically served health facilities) so patients visiting a GP will not be charged.
- In the council's long stay parking spaces, season tickets will be introduced so local traders, businesses and workers are able to pay for their parking in advance.
- Disabled Badge Holders will be able to park for free in designated disabled bays for up to 4 hours in the council's short and long stay car parks.

Payments for parking will be cashless. Payments will be able to be made using the paperless pay and stay machines on site, using a debit or credit card or contactless, or by using the MiPermit app. Users will also be able to pay without the need for a smartphone as MiPermit allows payments to be made by phone call or text message. The scheme will not use cash as the cost of introducing and operating a cash handling and management system for the car parks would cost around £40,000 per year.

Current modelling for the scheme suggests it will generate an annual income of more than £800,000. This income will be essential in reducing the pressure to cut funding to other vital council services. It delivers on savings targets inherited from previous annual budgets. Introducing parking charges will help protect services that residents value.

Charges will apply between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, with parking remaining free on Sundays and Bank Holidays, excluding Park and Ride and train station car parks.

While there are discussions currently underway with local councils and other stakeholders, the council is sharing outline plans with residents now, ahead of the formal processes that will need to be followed to implement the final scheme.

Not all council-owned car parks will have charging introduced. Detailed analysis showed some of the very smallest and some Park & Ride facilities would be unlikely to ever break even against the cost of installing charging facilities. Furthermore, charging for the latter would contradict policies to encourage more use of public transport.

The council will monitor any displacement parking on roads surrounding council owned car parks. It will work with residents should this occur to develop practical measures to counter it. This could include the introduction of resident parking schemes if there is proven local need and demand.

Implementation of the scheme will require changes to the council's existing Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO), which will be published later this year. For more information visit: www.southglos.gov.uk/parking-charges-faqs.

Temporary Nibley Lane Closure to Commence

Officers at South Gloucestershire Council have provided ward councillors with a timetable for implementing the A432 bridge closure mitigation measures. Work to implement the temporary closure of Nibley Lane will begin on the week commencing 4th November. South Gloucestershire Council will put up signage beforehand to give drivers advanced notice of the impending closure.

After the new A432 bridge is installed and the road reopened the rationale for the all the mitigation measures will no longer exist. If the Nibley Lane closure is to be made permanent a public consultation should be undertaken before any Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to permanently close the lane is made. If it is agreed to permanently close the lane SGC will reexamine the design of the barriers to reflect the change in both circumstances and need.

Frampton Cotterell By-election Announced

Claire Young MP has submitted her resignation as a South Gloucestershire Councillor so that she can focus her efforts on representing her constituents in Westminster. There will now be a by-election in Frampton Cotterell ward to fill the vacancy. Nominations will open on Friday 25th October and close on Friday 1st November. The by-election will be held on Thursday 28th November.

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	Councillor D Barker (DB)
	Councillor J Wright (JW)
	Councillor R Lomas (RL)
	Councillor A Edmonds (AE)

In Attendance:

South Glos Councillor's Jon Lean & Tristan Clark
4 members of the public.
PC Finbar Simmons

01.11.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor C Spedding (CS)
02.11.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> None received.
03.11.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.11.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2024.
05.11.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.11.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.11.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> DB – Parish Hall Meeting DB – May Day Meeting PC – Church Meeting Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.11.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - ongoing • Community speed watch group – On hold due to lack of resource from the police to initiate the scheme • Village sign return and future – Quote approved for the timber for the frame £210 • MUGA – Future use – Pages/contact forms for the sports now set up on the website – Approved to submit a application for trimming the overhanging trees • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Funding now approved – awaiting on solicitors • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned - Ongoing • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Approved the ecology report for the Parish Meadows

09.11.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses - £24.00 Clerks Mileage - £4.80 Parish Hall - Room Hire - £24.00 South Glos Council - Bin collection - £95.40 Cloudy IT - Gov Assist - £855.00 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
10.11.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/00635/F - Alterations to existing barn to facilitate conversion to annexe. Wistaria Lodge Yate Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9XY - No comment P24/02532/FDI - Diversion of public footpath LIA/21/10. Land North Of Iron Acton Way And East Of Dyer's Lane Yate South Gloucestershire - No comment P24/00627/LB - Internal and external alterations to existing barn to facilitate conversion to annexe. Wistaria Lodge Yate Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9XY - No comment

11.11.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • Bus Stop opposite the fox needs cleaning.
12.11.24	<u>Co-Option</u> Members resolved the Co-Option of Rowan Brunswick for a vacant position on East Ward.
13.11.24	<u>Green Community Travel Grant</u> Members approved a grant request from Green Community Travel for £159.83.
14.11.24	<u>IT</u> Members considered and approved the quote received from Cloudy IT for the decisions, planning and meetings package. Members approved the Office 365 upgrade and the teams calling.
15.11.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. • Save our bus service campaign – to be added to the website after the election.
16.11.24	<u>NJC Pay Scales Agreed</u> Members noted the clerk’s salary increase to be paid in accordance with the NJC pay scales and backdated to 1st April 2024.

Meeting closed – 21.15

Date of next meeting –16th December 2024

Appendix A
Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors’ Report

Monday 18th November 2024

Fostering Partnership Launched in the South West

Fostering South West has launched to attract urgently needed local council foster carers across the south west of England, as well as announcing a first of its kind partnership with Mood Bears. To answer this urgent call for more foster carers, families across the south west that are considering fostering with their local authority will now be supported by a regional hub. Launched in April, Fostering South West is a new virtual fostering hub bringing together the expertise of 14 councils from across the region.

The hub will act as a first point of contact for those interested in fostering giving them a centralised platform for enquiries, ensuring they receive the best support right from the start of their fostering journey, helping them make an informed choice about how fostering could work for them. The scheme seeks to help recruit carers from a range of different backgrounds and circumstances in the region. By fostering collaboration among local councils, the hub aims to streamline the process and offer comprehensive assistance to prospective foster carers every step of the way.

Hosted by Wiltshire Council, the Hub is funded by the Department for Education. Fostering South West is geographically the largest of nine regions taking part in the programme.

Fostering South West are delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with Mood Bears, a beloved part of the Tomy brand. This collaboration brings together two organisations dedicated to creating positive futures for children. Fostering South West's ethos of collaboration and nurturing aligns seamlessly with Mood Bears' mission to promote wellbeing and positive mental health for children. With their toys specifically designed to help individuals express their feelings and support mental health and wellbeing in young people. This partnership will support fostering across the region, providing foster carers with unique access to a range of resources and support, ensuring that every child in our care can thrive in a loving and stable environment.

Local authority foster carers receive extensive local training, substantial financial support, and continuous assistance from a dedicated non-profit organisation. With this community focus, it also benefits the children, as it helps keeps children local, allowing them to continue to live in the community they know, with as little change as possible.

More information on becoming a local council foster carer can be found on Fostering South West's website, www.fosterwithyourlocalcouncil.org, or speak directly to a member of the recruitment team via 0300 456 0120, or info@fosterwithyourlocalcouncil.org.uk

Council signs up to Climate and Nature Bill

South Gloucestershire Council has signed up in support of the Climate and Nature (CAN) bill currently being proposed to parliament. Over 50,000 people, 1,500 organisations (including town/parish councils), politicians, and scientists from all

parts of the UK are backing the Climate and Nature Bill, which is a private member's bill to help tackle the Climate and Nature Emergency.

The aim of the bill is to require the Secretary of State to achieve climate and nature targets for the United Kingdom; a duty to implement a strategy to achieve those targets; to establish a Climate and Nature Assembly and to give duties to the Committee on Climate Change and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee regarding the strategy and targets. The CAN bill was tabled in parliament on 16th October and will be debated on 24th January 2025.

Zero Hour, a campaign set up to endorse the bill, helps the public to connect with their local MPs, whom they can urge to back the Bill. More information can be found at <https://www.zerohour.uk/councils/>.

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In Attendance:
4 members of the public.

01.12.24	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor C Spedding (CS) Councillor D Smith (DS) Councillor A Edmonds (AE) South Glos Councillor's Jon Lean & Tristan Clark
02.12.24	<u>Declarations of interest</u> RL - P24/02046/F
03.12.24	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.12.24	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2024.
05.12.24	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.12.24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.12.24	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.12.24	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - ongoing • Village sign return and future - Ongoing • MUGA – Future use – No further action to date • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Funding now approved – awaiting on solicitors • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned - Ongoing • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Members approved the ecology quote for Darwin Ecology at a cost of £1019.40
09.12.24	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £24.00 Clerks Mileage – £4.80 Parish Hall – Room Hire - £8 & £24.00 IAP – GOV.UK Domain and migration - £276.00 GB Sport and Leisure – Play Inspection - £114.00 Bendrey Brothers Sawmills LTD – Oak Timber - £210.00 Barret Garden Maintenance – Parish Maintenance - £1795.00 The Lamb – Members Christmas Meal - £326.60 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison’s websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.

10.12.24	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/02645/RM Erection of 1no self-build dwelling and associated works access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be determined (Approval of reserved matters application to be read in conjunction with Outline permission P23/03312/O). Land Opposite Holly Hill Farm Holly Hill Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire – No comment P24/02660/ADV Display of 1no. non-illuminated free-standing directional signage. Apollo Park Armstrong Way Yate South Gloucestershire – No comment P24/02701/CLP Proposed commencement of development permitted by planning permission P19/2575/F through demolition of existing barns on site. Land North Of Iron Acton Way And East Of Dyer's Lane, Yate, South Gloucestershire – No comment Cllr RL left the meeting P24/02046/F Installation of LED lights to 4no. existing lighting columns. Yate Town Football Club Lodge Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LE – No comment Cllr RL returned to the meeting P24/02748/F Erection of 1no. self build dwelling with associated works. Land At Avenue House High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire – No comment P24/02662/LB Erection of a single storey rear extension. Dean Lodge West High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UH – No comment P24/02661/HH Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Dean Lodge West High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UH – No comment P24/02844/HH Erection of single storey front and rear/side extensions to form additional living accommodation. 319 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LJ – No comment
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11.12.24	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • Obtain a quote for the fencing to be replaced prior to the bridge (Butter Cup House) on the lane leading to the Parish Meadows off the High Street • Cleaning of the Bus Stops
12.12.24	<u>Drone Film Proposal</u> Members considered and approved the Drone Film Proposal for Parish Council owned assets at a cost of £400.00
13.12.24	<u>Parish Meadows – Tree Works</u> Members considered and approved the Parish Meadows Tree work proposal and to submit the application.
14.12.24	<u>Annual Playground Inspection</u> Members reviewed the annual playground inspection and approved the associated work required.
15.12.24	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. • Save our bus service campaign

Meeting closed – 20.39

Date of next meeting –20th January 2025

Appendix A

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Flooding in South Gloucestershire following Storm Bert

Storm Bert brought tree-damaging high winds and heavy rainfall that flooded many roads and affected properties across the district. 30 trees were blown over and staff distributed around 1,500 sandbags to residents with around half of these going to the Yate Dodington area which was particularly badly affected by flooding.

A major incident was declared due to the flooding of around 100 properties in and around Shire Way, Yate, with a further 100 cut off by rising water levels. Flooding has also been seen in parts of South Gloucestershire that have not seen regular flooding following periods of heavy rainfall. The emergency response was led by the Fire Service as the lead agency for water rescue, working with the police and partner agencies. The council would like to thank all the emergency services for their efforts.

StreetCare handled over 130 calls from residents and staff have worked around the clock to clear roads, trees and debris and make sure warning signs are in place. Council staff have also visited more than 200 homes in the worst affected areas to offer support and identify what assistance they might be able to offer as the council recognises that it can be difficult to know where to start if your property has been flooded.

Useful information can be found on the councils flooding webpage (<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/flooding/>) as well as government advice on what to do after flooding at www.gov.uk/after-flood.

As with all serious flooding incidents South Gloucestershire Council, as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has a duty under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to investigate and produce a report that will summarise what happened, establish the cause or causes of the flooding and determine the actions needed for remediation.

All flooding incidents are complex and it will take time but the council anticipates this will be completed in 3 to 6 months and the findings will be published on its website.

Flooding guidance

If you have insurance

Contact your insurance company to start your claim – they will tell you what to do next.

If you do not have insurance

You will need to pay for any temporary housing and repairs yourself. If you are struggling financially, you may find information on the council's [cost of living](#) webpages helpful.

Clearing up and making repairs after a flood

Before you start clearing up:

- take photos of any damage and the flood water line
- speak to your insurance company about what you can move and throw away

Keeping safe

Floodwater can contain harmful pollutants or contaminants hazardous to humans and animals. When cleaning up a home affected by floodwater use rubber boots, protective overalls or waterproof apron, and waterproof gloves to avoid exposure to floodwater.

- Thoroughly wash your hands with warm water and soap if they come into contact with flood water. If you have any open cuts or sores, clean and use waterproof plasters
- Do not turn on gas or electricals if they may have become wet until they have been checked by a qualified gas or electrical technician
- Do not drink your tap water if you notice a change in the colour, taste or smell – contact your water company if this happens
- Do not eat any food that has been contaminated by flood water

Useful contact numbers

Cost of living and financial support enquiries (freephone) [0800 953 7778](tel:08009537778)

Environmental health and trading standards [01454 868001](tel:01454868001)

Housing [01454 868005](tel:01454868005)

Concerns about an adult [01454 868007](tel:01454868007) or [01454 615165](tel:01454615165) (Out of hours)

Concerns about a child [01454 866000](tel:01454866000) or [01454 615165](tel:01454615165) (Out of hours)

General enquiries and emergencies [01454 868009](tel:01454868009) – Call this number for services not listed above, or to be put through to a specific person. Out of office hours your call will be diverted to a service which only deals with emergencies.

Community Safety [01454 868751](tel:01454868751) or email communitysafetyteam@southglos.gov.uk

Revised Charging Scheme Announced for Council Owned Car Parks

South Gloucestershire Council is making amendments to its proposals for off-street parking charges following productive engagement with Town and Parish Councils, Chambers of Commerce and other key stakeholders across the district.

Key changes include an adjustment to the tariff. With at least 10% of spaces in short-stay car parks remaining free for stays of up to 30 minutes, and the first hour being charged at just 70p, following useful discussions with local stakeholders across South Gloucestershire, there will be a change to the costs for longer stays. These will be £1.30 for up to two hours, £3 for up to three hours and £5 for stays up to four hours in short-stay car parks.

Parking in long-stay car parks and spaces will remain £3 for the first four hours. A new 4 – 6 hour tariff will be included (charged at £4) and stays of more than six hours will be charged at £5.

The price of season tickets will be reduced from the charges originally proposed. Weekly tickets will be £20; monthly tickets will be £75; a new option of a six-monthly ticket will be £435; and annual tickets will be £840.

There will also be changes to the way Blue Badges may be used. Initially it was proposed that blue badge holders would be able to park for free for up to four hours in designated disabled spaces in short-stay car parks only. Following the recent engagement, however, holders will be able to park for free for up to four hours in any space in any car park, provided that their valid blue badge is displayed.

There are also changes to the proposed mix of short and long-stay car parks in Yate, where there are several car parks, owned and controlled by different organisations, close to each other in the centre of town. Specifically, both Kennedy Way and the Leisure Centre South car parks in Yate were to be designated as short-stay car parks. Following the community conversations with local stakeholders, Kennedy Way will be classified as a long-stay car park, while the Leisure Centre car park will be divided into two sections: one for short-stay and one for long-stay parking. These changes have been made to better balance the availability of different spaces and provide more flexibility for both short and long visits in Yate.

The council has also committed to proactively monitoring the impact of potential displacement parking, where drivers park in neighbouring streets to avoid charges. Those roads where displacement parking is most likely will be monitored to assess current parking trends, so that the council can identify the impact of introducing the scheme. Further monitoring will be carried out after the scheme has been introduced so that the council can work with residents to identify the best ways to mitigate any changes to parking patterns locally.

For more information about the scheme, which will be introduced in Spring 2025, is available with an updated set of FAQs on the council website: www.southglos.gov.uk/parking-charges-FAQs

Consultation on South Gloucestershire Council's Budget for 2025/26 Commences

South Gloucestershire Council has launched a consultation on its 2025/26 budget, setting out how it will balance the books this year and the year ahead. The consultation also describes how, at the same time as the community continues to experience the cost-of-living crisis, the council's own costs are continuing to rise rapidly. There is significant and increasing uncertainty about how it will be able to meet its growing costs in future years without either seeing a substantial increase in income, from government grants or council tax rises, or by making real and impactful cuts to services.

While the authority is currently in a relatively good position financially, thanks to planned changes to the way it works, and saving more than £100 million since 2010, the next two years' budgets can be balanced by delivering existing savings plans and by spending the council's reserves. The consultation sets out the approach the council plans to take in setting balanced budgets into the future, and proposes a number of areas where it could consider changes to the way it works, the services provided and how it generates income.

It sets out a hierarchy of approaches to ensure that no stone is left unturned in minimising costs and providing value for money:

- Challenging what the council spends, internally and externally, to deliver and support services. This would include a review of the council's property portfolio and examining whether in the short, medium and long term it needs to keep, rent out or sell any assets.
- To find more efficient ways of working. The council is keen to identify ways that new technology can help streamline the way it interacts with residents and service users, potentially in its contact centres and in social care, it wants to explore opportunities not only to save money, but also to improve the customer experience.
- To explore whether it is right and reasonable to continue to take responsibility to pay for and deliver some of the services that are currently provided by or alongside other bodies, such as town and parish councils or the community and voluntary sector.

Given the scale of the potential gap between the councils expected income and the cost of delivering services, however, it is expected that it will need to generate more income, as well as to look at services it is able to cut completely.

The main source of income the council can control is Council Tax. Whilst recognising the financial pressures local people face, each percentage increase in council tax provides approximately £1.9million in additional income each year. This is a much bigger sum than can be raised or saved from any other option being considered through the consultation.

Legislation currently requires local authorities to hold a referendum if they want to increase the main rate of Council Tax by more than 4.99% (of which 2% is ringfenced to be spent on adult social care). The consultation seeks to understand the public's views on different levels of increases, including an option of increases of more than 4.99% should legislation be changed to allow them.

Lastly, the council recognises and wants to explain the need to explore stopping, cutting back and prioritising some services and support. Through the budget-drafting process, the council has prioritised changes that do not impact its ability to deliver services. It is in a relatively financial stable position now, so can minimise cuts in the short term, but this has only been possible because of difficult decisions taken early. Therefore, given the cost pressures and uncertainties around future funding, the council thinks it will need to continue this approach of planning ahead and make some cuts over coming months and years.

Because the financial pressures faced are not immediate, it is not proposing any further cuts to the services delivered directly by the council, through this consultation process.

Given the uncertainties ahead it is likely the council will need to make some cuts over the coming months and years. Some measures are being investigated now, but more work is needed to evaluate potential impacts, so they will be brought forward and consulted upon separately as appropriate.

Local people have supported the approach taken in recent years to prioritise support on the most vulnerable, for example, children who have had a very difficult start to life, and older people and disabled people who need to rely on the council for social care support. The council will need to prioritise in this way to a greater extent going

forward. This means both halting non-core services which are currently subsidised by taxpayers and scaling back or stopping some discretionary services in order to protect essential services supporting those in greatest need. The council is keen to hear from residents through this consultation process about their views on the approaches that should be taken into the future.

Full details of the consultation process, the background and survey questions can be found on our Community Conversations website: <https://budget2025.commonplace.is> For those who are not online, paper copies of the survey will be available at libraries or One Stop Shops. The consultation opened on Monday 11th November 2024 and runs until Wednesday, 8th January 2025.

In addition to running the survey, a number of discussions will be held with key stakeholders, as well as public events that will be held give people the chance to hear more about the proposals and to give their feedback. Details of the public events will be announced locally in due course. Following the consultation, the views put forward will be fed into a comprehensive report, which will be considered alongside updated financial information to help inform decision-making. Final decisions and budget setting will take place at Full Council on 19th February 2025.

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03.01.25	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.01.25	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December 2024.
05.01.25	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.01.25	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.

07.01.25	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.01.25	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan – Final preparation of information completed to be submitted • Community speed watch group – On hold remove from agenda. • AA sign return and future – Frame currently being prepared • MUGA – Future use brief update from DS • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – awaiting information from solicitors • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Ecological Survey commissioned, awaiting completion • Drone Filming – Update from RB and DS on the phasing of the drone filming
09.01.25	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £30.00 Clerks Mileage – £4.80 ME Fortune – Pickle Ball Net - £114.53 Barrett Garden Maintenance - £525 & £350 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £52.90 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.

10.01.25	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u>
	Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/02935/TCA Works to 1no Horse Chestnut Tree (T01) To Pollard at 4m, works to 1no Alder Tree (T02) to crown reduce southern canopy by 1m and works to fell 1no Sycamore Tree (T03) in Iron Acton Conservation Area. – No comments to be submitted due to being the PC own application. P24/02940/F Erection of 1no. agricultural building (retrospective). Land Adjacent To Hope Road Off Of Stover Road Yate South Gloucestershire – No comment. P24/02943/TDC Erection of 2no. dwellings (Application for technical detail consent following approved permission in principle P22/01125/ PIP (appeal reference APP/P0119/W/22/3303905)). Land At 13 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire – No comment. P24/02995/RVC Variation of conditions 11 (to update the CEMP), 20 and 21 (to update the tree Protection and Arboricultural Method Statement and 41 (to amend the approved plans) attached to permission P19/2575/F. Erection of 118 dwellings, public open space, drainage, landscaping and ancillary works. Land North Of Iron Acton Way And East Of Dyer's Lane Yate South Gloucestershire – Concur with Yate Town Council comments. P25/00001/HH Conversion of existing garage and store to annexe ancillary to the main dwelling. Domestic annexe of single bedroom / lounge / kitchen / bathroom (no additional floor area being created) Green Apple Cottage Latteridge Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9TL – No comment P25/00064/TCA Works to 1no Ash leafed maple Tree (T1) to crown reduce by 3m in height and 1m in lateral spread. Works to fell 1no Conifer Tree (T2). All within Iron Acton Conservation Area. Cornerways Cottage High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UH – No comment P25/00065/TRE Works to 2no. maples to re-pollard to previous points (by up to 1.5m), and works to coppice 1no. hazel. All trees covered by tree preservation order SGTPO 10/09, dated 9th September 2009. 9 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PX – No comment

11.01.25	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish.
12.01.25	<u>Budget 2025/26</u> Members considered and approved the budget requirements for 2025/26
13.01.25	<u>Precept Request 2025/26</u> Members considered the precept request for 2025/26 Resolved: Precept request for 2025/26 - £91,540.00
14.01.25	<u>Grass Cutting Contract</u> Members reviewed and approved a 3-year extension and the costs for the grass cutting contract.
15.01.25	<u>Flooding Risk</u> Members considered any action required due to a risk of flooding from debris dams blocking the River Frome. Resolved: RL to send all correspondence to South Glos Councillors to take up with SGC.
16.01.25	<u>Chill Wood</u> Members considered funding opportunities for community groups to undertake clearance work required at Chill Wood. Resolved: 1. Approved the allocation of up to £1000 to support the management of Chill Wood by a community group. 2. Delegated authority given to the Clerk and Cllr Brunswick to liaise with the Frampton Cotterell Nature Group and finalise arrangements. 3. Review progress at a future meeting to assess the outcomes and benefits achieved.

17.01.25	<u>Road markings outside the school on Wotton Road</u> Members considered making a request for adding road markings to the opposite side of the school to incorporate the bus stop and dropped kerb for wheelchair users. Resolved: To contact South Glos Council and raise the request.
18.01.25	<u>Road conditions at the junction of Chillwood Close and Nibley Lane</u> Members considered any action required in respect of the road conditions at the junction of Chillwood Close and Nibley Lane. Resolved: To contact South Glos Council to raise the request.
19.01.25	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. • Article agreed for Local Poyntz

Meeting closed – 20:26

Date of next meeting –17th February 2025

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Monday 20th January 2025

Revised National Planning Policy Framework Slashes Housing Land Supply

On 12th of December the government, as part of its ambition to increase the number of new homes being built annually in England, published the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) following consultation on the proposed changes earlier in the year. One of the major revisions to the NPPF was to the Standard Method, the formula that Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) must use to determine their housing target, with the changes to be retrospectively applied. Whilst some urban LPAs have seen their housing target go down, due to the removal of the 'Urban Uplift' that required cities to deliver additional housing, most LPAs saw their housing target increase with a stroke of a pen.

Under the previous housing formula South Gloucestershire Council (SGC), when it published its Annual Monitoring Report for 2023, could demonstrate a Housing Land Supply of 6.07 years. This was technically a surplus of 2.07 years as, at the time, SGC only needed to demonstrate a Four Year Housing Land Supply, rather than the standard Five Year Housing Land Supply, as the draft Local Plan had reached Regulation 18 Stage. The new NPPF reimposed the requirement for SGC to demonstrate a Five Year Housing Land Supply. Furthermore, with the retrospective application of the new Standard Method, SGC can now only demonstrate a Housing Land Supply of 4.41 years (a deficit 0.59 years). The council cannot therefore currently demonstrate a Five Year Housing Land Supply. This means, when determining planning applications, the council will have to apply the 'tilted balance' set out in paragraph 11 d) of the NPPF, with its presumption in favour of sustainable development, as its adopted spatial strategy and its defined settlement boundaries are deemed to be out-of-date.

The Annual Monitoring Report for 2024 was due to be published in December but this will now be slightly delayed as the council evaluates the full impact of the changes to the NPPF.

Local Plan Publication Date Announced

The final pre-submission draft of the new Local Plan, with its Preferred Spatial Strategy, will be presented to Cabinet on Monday 3rd February and Full Council on Wednesday 12th February before progressing to a public consultation shortly afterwards. This would allow the council to make use of the transitional arrangements, set out in the updated NPPF in December, that allows draft Local Plans at Regulation 19 Stage (a.k.a. Pre-submission Stage) to initially meet a lower housing target on the understanding that, once the Local Plan is formally adopted, it would be reviewed at an earlier date in order to identify land for the remainder of the housing target. The draft Local Plan would be submitted to the Secretary of State later in the year, which would be followed by a Public Examination by appointed Planning Inspectors, with the aim of the new Local Plan being formally adopted in 2026.

Common Connections to Plant 85,000 Spring Bulbs

Over 85,000 spring bulbs have been planted in Emersons Green to provide an insect corridor and a splash of colour – as part of South Gloucestershire Council's Common Connections mission to reverse the decline in nature. The council is celebrating the halfway point in the four-year Common Connections project and with the help of 700 volunteer green pioneers, is making a big impact in the district with widespread habitat creation.

This huge scale project is responding to the climate and nature emergency by providing new, improved, and better-connected habitats that support nature's recovery and make areas better adapted and more resilient to climate change.

Early in December, with help from Emersons Green Town Council, snowdrop, crocus, tulip and lily-like (squill) bulbs were planted along 33 different road verges spanning 1km of Emersons Way. With over 85,000 bulbs planted in total, this is one of the biggest ever planting projects undertaken by the council's grounds team.

When the bulbs flower, they will provide a nectar rich corridor that pollinators will love, as well as providing residents and visitors to the area with a beautiful, colourful, floral display to celebrate the arrival of spring.

Bees, butterflies, moths, lacewings and hoverflies all play a vital role in helping plants to set seed, fruit and reproduce. Sadly, though, these pollinating insects are in decline with a lack of food and a shortage of suitable nesting sites both contributing factors.

On a warm day, despite flowering in the winter, snowdrops will be visited by honey bees. All spring-flowering crocus provide early nectar and pollen for bees emerging from hibernation on warm spring days. Indeed, before they find a nest site, some bumblebee queens will sleep in the flowers overnight. In the Lily family, Siberian squill blooms even later than the other two, so it will attract a large variety of early bees including mason bees and mining bees and there will also be a display of tulips alongside them.

The council has also worked with 11 schools to help make their grounds better for wildlife by planting hedgerows, trees and creating hedgehog holes.

South Gloucestershire Council has been running the Common Connections project for two years and has achieved the following:

- Nearly 70,000 square metres of new wildflower rich areas and meadows for pollinators
- Nearly 400 fully grown trees planted
- 3,500 tree whips creating hedgerow
- Over 500 residents signed their garden up to be wildlife friendly habitat as part of our Community Nature Reserves, really increasing the amount of space for nature to travel through, find food, breed, and live in the area
- Restoration of six ponds creating improved wetland habitat for birds, insects and amphibians

- Over 1km of footpath improvements across five sites
- Almost 50 bird and bat boxes installed
- In our 11 schools we have created hedgehog holes, had the children deciding where to install bird and bat boxes, and run sessions about the importance of hedgerows, wildflowers and orchards for wildlife. Over 2,000 pupils have taken part.

For more information visit www.southglos.gov.uk/common-connections.

Library Card Distributed to Year 6 Pupils

South Gloucestershire Libraries are giving every child in Year 6 their own library card to encourage children to read for pleasure and build a love of reading into their lives. Having a library card and reading has been shown to have a significant impact on a child's learning and life chances, supporting them to thrive.

In the summer term, library cards were given to more than 3,000 children in Reception class. An additional 3,500 library cards will be given to young people in Year 6 this term to ensure the momentum and interest in reading is carried into the secondary phase.

Not only does the library card give instant access to a huge selection of books which are all free to borrow, it is a gateway to a host of free activities including Lego Clubs and Craft Activities, as well free internet access for homework support. The cards are ready to be activated at a South Gloucestershire Library during staffed open hours.

To inspire children to use their new library cards, Alex Wharton, award winning writer and performer of poetry and Children's Laureate Wales, visited Cadbury Heath and Emersons Green Libraries in early December to meet Year 6 children from Parkwall Primary School, Cadbury Heath Primary School and Blackhorse Primary School where he read some of his poems.

For details of the scheme visit www.southglos.gov.uk/mylibrarycard

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In Attendance:

Presentation - Iron Acton Way, Engine Common – Bromford
2 members of the public.

01.01.25	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Councillor A Edmonds (AE) South Glos Councillor's Jon Lean, Tristan Clark & David Goodwin
02.02.25	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Nothing to declare.
03.02.25	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.02.25	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2025.
05.02.25	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.02.25	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report. Agreed to move the April meeting to the 28 th April.

07.02.25	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.
08.02.25	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - ongoing • AA village sign return and future - ongoing • MUGA – Future use – nothing to report • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair to sign the legal documents • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned – PC to obtain quotes for the reposition of the boulders • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Ecological Survey now complete • Drone Filming – Initial planning being undertaken with a brief being prepared • Chill Wood and collaboration with Frampton Cotterell Nature group - Set up and running of Chill Wood community volunteer project – See agenda item 12 • Resurfacing at the Junction of Chillwood Close and Nibley Lane – Response received advising it will be added to a schedule • Road Markings and Signage Outside Wotton Road School, Iron Acton - Ongoing • Allotment Association agreement – Awaiting a response

09.02.25	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £24.00 Clerks Mileage – £4.80 Parish Hall – Room Hire - £26.40 Clerk – Green Bins – Cemetery - £120 Barrett Garden Maintenance - £175, £645 & £440 C Hunter – Pickleball equipment - £96.30 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £40.99 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
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10.02.25	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P24/02844/HH Erection of two storey front extension, and two storey and single storey rear extensions to form additional living accommodation. 319 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LJ – No comment P25/00151/TRE Works to prune 1no Ash Tree by 4.5m, and works to prune 1no Oak Tree by 2m, 1no Oak Tree by 4.5m, 1no Oak Tree by 5m, all covered by Tree Preservation Order TPO399 dated 31st May 1989. 17 The Addlings Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7HA– No comment P25/00137/F Change of use of building from storage and distribution (Class B8) to a mixed use of storage/distribution and Indoor Leisure facility (Sui Generis) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). Unit A Collett Way Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5NL– No comment P25/00263/TCA Works to fell 1no. Pinus sylvestris situated in the Iron Acton Conservation Area. Dean Lodge East High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UH– No comment P24/00857/F Erection of 20no dwellings, access from North Road, public open space and associated works. Land Between 410 And 398 North Road Engine Common Yate – Object - Traffic concerns, lack of facilities within the area, swamping of the area with designs not suited to the area, Drainage concerns, no local transport in the area.
11.02.25	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • Dog waste and No dogs sign – MUGA • New fencing along the footpath entrance to the Parish Meadows

12.02.25	<u>Review of Chill Wood Management Plan</u> • Discussion on the progress of the current management plan. • Consideration of updates to the plan based on developments. • Presentation of a proposed updated management plan – Frampton Cotterell Nature Group. Resolved: • To review the plan and updated recommendations with the current contractor for pursual. • RB to arrange a meeting on the 12th March at the Lamb at 7pm for a call for volunteers to set up a Friends of Chill Wood group which will report back to the Parish Council with recommendations.
13.02.25	<u>Youth Sports Groups in the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)</u> • Explore options for providing structured activities for youth. • Discuss potential funding from Sport England. • Consider engagement with local schools and parents to support youth initiatives. • Discuss the impact on discouraging overuse of Chill Wood by mountain bikers. Resolved: To defer to the March meeting.
14.02.25	<u>Tree Work – Iron Acton Parish Meadows</u> Following approval of the tree work required at Iron Acton Parish Meadows planning reference P24/02935/TCA, appointment of contractor to be considered to carry out the required work. Resolved: To give delegated authority to the clerk to commission a contractor to carry out the agreed work.

15.02.25	<u>South Glos – Local Plan</u> Members considered the South Glos local plan and timeline: • 12 March 2025: finalisation and publication of the Regulation 19 draft local plan for a minimum 6 week statutory consultation • September 2025: submission to the Secretary of State for examination • March 2026: Examination in Public • Before the end of 2026: adoption of plan Resolved: • To provide opportunities for parishioners to attend a presentation on local plan proposals, and to make oral representations to councillors at 6:30pm on Monday 17th March 2025. • Brian Hackland to prepare a draft response for the March meeting for consideration.
16.02.25	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. • Public meeting for the Local Plan.

Meeting closed – 20:26

Date of next meeting –17th March 2025

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors’ Report

Monday 17th February 2025

South Gloucestershire Council Draft Local Plan Reaches Regulation 19 Stage

A new Local Plan for South Gloucestershire is a step closer to being approved after Full Council agreed to launch a final round of public consultation on the proposals at the end of February.

The Plan, which will cover the 15-year period between 2026 and 2041, sets out where and how new homes, employment land and community-supporting infrastructure will be developed. All local authorities are required to have an up-to-date Local Plan, which must comply with national planning laws, which have recently been updated by the Government.

Having a current Local Plan helps to protect the area from speculative development and attempts by large developers to gain planning permission by appeal. The proposed plan for South Gloucestershire, despite increasing pressure on areas of the Green Belt from new national guidelines, allocates only 2.53% of that land in the district for potential building, the majority of which is not high-quality open space that currently delivers significant environmental or ecological benefits.

Following earlier rounds of consultation, there have been changes to the draft Plan, where evidence has shown that initial proposals would not deliver enough benefit. For example, a number of sites in the villages of Cromhall, Olveston, Rangeworthy and Marshfield have been removed from the current draft in favour of alternatives, and a potential development at the Frenchay Christmas Tree Farm on Old Gloucester Road has been removed. Marshfield no longer has any new allocations suggested in the Regulation 19 plan as the Council instead supports the prioritisation of local homes being delivered through the Marshfield Community Land Trust which has identified a site that it is progressing.

Through the Plan, the council is determined to deliver appropriate, safe and secure housing for people in South Gloucestershire well into the future to suit a range of identified needs, including for new affordable homes for rent and sale. Within the Plan a significant number of new housing allocations will be required to deliver at least 40% affordable homes, compared to the previous Core Strategy requirement of 35% in order to meet this need.

Recognising that the population is ageing, the draft Plan focuses on delivering homes that are Age Friendly, to support places that enable us to age well and so more people can live independently in their own homes for longer. The Plan will also require new homes to be built to significantly improved environmental standards, enshrining clean and renewable energy technology and performance.

Following the decision of Full Council, the draft Local Plan will now progress to a statutory six-week consultation process that will launch on Friday 28th February. Full details of how to take part and make submissions to the consultation will be published by the council when the process opens.

Consultation responses and submissions will then be provided to the Government's Planning Inspectorate, which will examine the Plan to determine if it is sound. It is expected that the Inspectorate will hold in-person hearings on the plan in the spring next year. Details of how to participate in that phase of the process will be published by the council in due course.

Booking System Details for Sort It Recycling Centres Announced

South Gloucestershire Council is introducing a booking system at its four Sort It recycling centres at Little Stoke, Mangotsfield, Thornbury and Yate. From 3rd March 2025, all visits to the area's Sort It recycling centres must be booked in advance. The new system is being introduced due to recent government legislation which now requires all local authorities to regulate the disposal of household DIY waste, and the easiest and most cost-effective way to do this is by introducing a booking system.

Many local authorities, , including Bristol City Council and Bath & North East Somerset Council, already have a booking system in place. People in those areas have experienced reduced queuing and congestion, making visits quicker. The measures also prevent misuse by non-residents and commercial traders, provide better access to support for residents who may require assistance and improve operational efficiency onsite.

Booking opens on 24th February 2025 for visits from 3rd March 2025 onwards. You will be able to book a timeslot online at www.southglos.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebooking, by phone or at a council One Stop Shop. You will need to provide your vehicle details, contact information and the type of waste you intend to bring. Residents who have accessibility needs will be able to indicate this when booking a timeslot.

You can book a slot anytime up to two weeks in advance of your visit, subject to availability. When you visit the recycling centre, you must bring your booking number and proof of address. Additional requirements apply for using hired vehicles and commercial vehicles which will be detailed in the booking requirements. More information can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/waste.

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07.03.25	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A. AE – Consultation at Iron Acton Primary School RB - Chaired the first meeting of the Friends of Chill Wood community group on Wednesday 12th March
08.03.25	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan – No further action • Village sign return and future • MUGA – Future use • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Agenda item 12 • Village Green Boulders to be repositioned – To be monitored following a mail drop at houses adjacent to the Village Green • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Agenda item 13 • Drone Filming – No further updates • Chill Wood and collaboration with Frampton Cotterell Nature group – 1st meeting held awaiting a report. • Allotment Association agreement

09.03.25	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £24.00 Clerks Mileage – £4.80 Branch Walker Tree Services – Parish Meadows Tree Work - £2,100.00 Parish Hall – Room Hire - £26.40 Darwin Ecology – Ecology Survey Parish Meadows - £911.40 South Gos – Cemetery Bin - £48.70 RO Williams and Son – Dyers Lane, Pond Clearance - £420.00 Silverback – Tree works application - £192.00 Hags – Replacements bolts for the play equipment - £60.00 South Gos – Localism charge for the dog waste bin - £95.40 Sign Express – Signage - £102.00 Barrett Garden Maintenance – Parish maintenance - £760 G A Baker – Fencing Contractor - £3400 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £40.99 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison's websites - £12.00 Members approved payments made under scheme of delegation. Members noted the financial reports with no issues arising.
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10.03.25	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P25/00271/TRE Works to 1no. Apple to trim back and reduce leaving the sides by 2.2m and height at 4.5m covered by TPO 0633 dated 31/05/1989. 13 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PX – No comment P25/00496/RVC Removal of condition 3, and variation of conditions 4 and 5 attached to permission P24/02020/RVC (Previously P20/00717/F Appeal decision APP/P0119/C/20/3264071)Demolition of existing buildings. Change of use of land from agricultural to Sui Generis land for grazing of horses and siting for trave... Field North And East Of Crossing Cottage East Of Railway Latteridge Road Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire – The conditions set by virtue of the permissions granted to previous applications required confirmation that no contaminated material had been imported to the application site. By either a written report of investigation by a competent person or by the provision of written evidence as to the source. The waste transfer notes provided, do not in any way indicate the source of the material or declare it as “clean” hardcore. Therefore, they cannot be relied on as justification for the removal of condition 3. The alternative competent person report, by the admission of the applicant, has not been carried out. Therefore, IAPC believe it would be perverse to permit further development or further habitation on the site until the suitability of the imported materials have been verified. As the applicant has not made efforts to comply with the conditions of the previous permissions by the deadline date, the planning authority cannot possibly have any confidence that they will be carried out. Also, no material change has taken place that now makes the conditions unnecessary. Therefore, South Gloucestershire Council as the planning authority should enforce the conditions stipulated in the permission P24/02020/RVC.
11.03.25	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • Mole control – Parish Meadows/Village Green

12.03.25	<u>Purchase of Woodland Area – Engine Common</u> Members considered responses to the queries raised by the solicitors. It was resolved that a survey of the site would be undertaken following approval of the access requirements and a change of use for the land.
13.03.25	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members considered the Parish Meadows Master Plan and recommendations from the working group. Resolved: To adopt the current meadows master plan in the current format with the caveat that the pond element will now require some further discussion based on advice from the contractor devising the master plan. The advise will be reported back to the next meeting.
14.03.25	<u>Internal Audit</u> Members confirmed the appointment of I Selkirk to complete the internal audit for 2024/25.
15.03.25	<u>South Glos – Local Plan</u> Members considered the South Glos local plan and response Resolved: To submit the response as drafted and request oral representation.
16.03.25	<u>The Addlings Estate (Cotswold Housing Co)</u> Members considered any action required. Resolved: To write to South Glos regarding the completion of the pavement that has been partially constructed either side of The Addlings Estate.
17.03.25	<u>Financial Regulations</u> Members considered and resolved to adopt the revised financial regulations.

18.03.25	<u>Standing Orders</u> Following discussion and agreement, it is RESOLVED that the updated Standing Orders for 2025 be reviewed and adopted with the following amendments: 1. Definition of "early" in Section 1(g) An amendment shall not be considered unless notice of it is given before the debate on the motion begins or as soon as the councillor becomes aware of the need for an amendment, and, if requested by the chair, expressed in writing. 2. Clarification on "personal explanation" in Section 1(p) A personal explanation may only be used to clarify a statement previously made by the councillor or to correct a factual inaccuracy introduced into the debate. It may not be used to introduce new arguments or information. It was further RESOLVED that the updated Standing Orders take effect immediately and that the final version be circulated to all councillors and uploaded to the Council's website.
19.03.25	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. It was agreed that no social media platforms would be set up and communication and information would be available via the Parish Council website. It was agreed that we would pay for an advert in Local Poyntz providing details of our website with a QR code to access the website.

Meeting closed – 21:05

Date of next meeting –28th April 2025

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Monday 17th March 2025

South Gloucestershire Council Passes Its Budget for 2025/26

At their meeting, on Wednesday 19th February, South Gloucestershire Council agreed its budget for the coming financial year. It sets out how the authority will balance the books for the next two years, by delivering already agreed savings and using reserves in 2026/27. The budget also includes investments that will help it meet its priorities set out in the Council Plan. The budget forecast, however, sets out how costs to the authority are continuing to rise faster than income can be generated, and that there is ongoing uncertainty about long-term council funding from Government which is yet to be resolved. It concludes that, unless there is a significantly increased investment in delivering council services, further savings will need to be made.

Following a public consultation process last year, residents told the council they broadly supported the approach and prioritisation it applied to looking at ways to spend less and protect services for those most in need of support. They recognised the ongoing pressure on the council to get the most efficient and effective agreements with external service providers and agencies where it is spending public money. They also said, very clearly, that they wanted quality service and support for local people to be the key drivers and that costs should not be cut purely to meet short-term financial targets.

While residents also recognised that many of the challenges facing the council are outside of its control, and that there is a case for increasing council taxes and charges, in the context of the ongoing cost of living crisis, they did not support ongoing above-inflation increases to plug funding gaps caused by a legacy of underfunding for things like social care. Communities across South Gloucestershire expressed strong views that solutions to solve escalating costs should be driven nationally, both in terms of policy and funding.

The final budget agreed includes a 4.99% increase in Council Tax. This means that the South Gloucestershire Council element of an average Band D property bill will be £1,931.33 in 2025/26. 2% of this increase, as has been the case for several years, will be ringfenced to meet the escalating costs of delivering social care, which continues to rise significantly more quickly than inflation.

It also assumes that the existing £40.3million in savings programmes will be delivered, on track, by the end of 2026/27, as well as an additional £1.1million in savings that were identified during the current year and shared with residents during the budget consultation process.

While the budget is projected to balance for the next two years, through the public consultation exercise, local people told the council about their preferences for how the authority should approach the future savings that will be necessary.

South Gloucestershire Council Leader, Councillor Maggie Tyrrell, said: "I firstly want to thank local people who have taken the time to let us know about their priorities for council services, spending and saving. Through the consultation process and our ongoing community conversations, we can see that people recognise we simply,

sadly, cannot afford to keep doing everything we always have done in the same way, because our spending power has not kept up with rising costs.

“It is increasingly difficult to find the right balance in these very challenging financial times. We are pleased to have been able to present a budget that will balance the books over the next two years, by making some prudent, if sometimes difficult choices.

“However, further ahead, there are clear shortfalls in our projected funding. There is uncertainty about how councils will be funded by national Government, and we look forward to the outcome of the spending review that we expect to be revealed in the Spring, which we hope will give us more certainty with which to plan ahead.

“We are also pleased to have been able to prioritise funding to support some of our communities who most need our help. Sometimes a little can go a long way, and the support we want to be able to provide for young people who need help getting their lives back on track; for older people who want to live independently; and for our veterans’ community, are really important for us.”

Residents Reminded of West of England Combined Authority Election Deadlines

Residents across the West of England are being urged to get ready for the election on Thursday 1st May 2025 to elect the next Mayor of the West of England Combined Authority. People across the region will be able to vote in person, by post, or by proxy – but only if registered to vote. The deadline to register to vote or update your details is midnight on Friday 11th April.

A West of England Mayoral Combined Authority spokesperson said:

“The Mayoral Combined Authority plays a key role in the West of England, including areas such as jobs and growth, transport, skills, the environment, planning and housing, and business support. It’s important that anyone who wants their say in the future of the region is registered to vote by 11th April to make your vote count in the election on 1st May. Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.”

“The need to present ID as part of the voting process is still relatively new and so we are looking to encourage everyone to remember the need to bring ID with you to vote, and to signpost people to where they can learn more about what forms of ID are accepted. If you are unsure that you have the right form of ID, please go online to check today: www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need.”

Register to vote by visiting [the government website](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) and following the simple online steps. If you are unable to go online to register to vote, update your details, or check photo ID requirements then please contact your local electoral services office via 0122 547 7333 (Bath & North East Somerset), 0117 922 3400 (Bristol), 0145 486 3030 (South Gloucestershire).

To be eligible, [you must meet the requirements set out for voting in a local government election in England.](#)

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station was introduced by the Elections Act (2022) and came into effect for the first time in May 2023. Voters will need to show valid photo identification (ID) to vote in the upcoming election on 1 May. Residents across the region are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote at a polling station by checking they have an accepted form of ID. Accepted forms of ID include: a UK, European Economic Area (EEA), or Commonwealth passport; driving licence (including provisional driving licence); and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or disabled person's bus pass.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online or by completing a paper form. The full list of accepted ID can be found online along with more information about the new requirement and links to how to apply for the free ID. The new government has announced plans to extend the list of approved photo ID to include the HM Armed Forces Veteran Card in time for the election on 1st May. The deadline to apply for a free ID for the 1st May election is Wednesday 23rd April at 5 p.m. Voters will only be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Those who cannot or choose not to vote in a polling station can opt to register to vote by post or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5 p.m. on Monday 14th April. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd April.

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Chairman: Cllr Catherine Spedding Clerk: Donna Ford
Minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Hall
on Monday 28th April 2025 Commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman:	Councillor C Spedding (CS)
Councillors:	Councillor D Smith (DS)
	Councillor P Chapman (PC)
	Councillor D Barker (DB)
	Councillor A Edmonds (AE)
	Councillor J Wright (JW)

In Attendance:

6 members of the public.

South Glos Councillor's Tristan Clark & David Goodwin

01.04.2 5	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> • Councillor R Brunswick (RB) • Councillor R Lomas (RL) South Glos Councillor Jon Lean The apologies were noted.
02.04.2 5	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Nothing to declare.
03.04.2 5	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> N/A
04.04.2 5	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Iron Acton Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2025.
05.04.2 5	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> Nothing to announce.
06.04.2 5	<u>Clerks Report</u> Members noted the Clerk's report.
07.04.2 5	<u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies / Working Groups and South Gloucestershire Councillors</u> DS – Meeting with the LTA Written report received from South Glos Councillor TC – Appendix A.

08.04.2 5	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> • Cemetery Tree work and digital cemetery records and creating a digital plan - Agreed the costs for the surveying from Pear technology. • Village sign return and future – Drafts to be circulated by PC. • PWLB – Woodland Area – Engine Common – Awaiting for advice from the solicitors over access and the land usage. • Parish Meadows Masterplan – Agenda Item 13 • Drone Filming – No filming of the May Day event will take place. • Chill Wood – The maintenance plan will be reviewed when it expires in 2027. • Allotment Association agreement – JW to chase up.
09.04.2 5	<u>Accounts for Payment</u> Members reviewed the Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments. Clerk Salary Clerks Expenses – £36.00 Clerks Mileage – £4.80 South Glos – Bins - £15.90 Claire Nutt – Tennis Coaching - £90.00 Rialtas – Annual Software - £243.60 ALCA – Subscription - £442.20 Rialtas – Year End close down - £723.60 ALCA – Member training - £45.00 Parish Hall – Room Hire - £24.00 & £24.00 & £24.00 New Leaf Studio – Master Plan – Parish Meadows - £5,890.04 Barret Garden Maintenance - £465.00 & £1,145.00 Royal Mail – PO Box - £246.60 Margaret Elson – Pickle Ball net - £126.99 <u>Contracted Payments</u> EE Broadband / Phoneline - £40.99 Nest Pension Scheme - £71.56 Codex Absolute Payroll - £38.00 IAP UK - £76.56 Tesco Mobile - £16.99 Alison’s websites - £12.00 Members noted any payments made under the scheme of delegation.

10.04.2 5	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered a schedule of applications submitted for consultation: P25/00708/HH Erection of a single storey side link extension to form additional living accommodation. Bridge Cottage Bridge Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5JJ – No comment P25/00712/F Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new church meeting room (use Class F1(f)) with associated car parking, landscaping, and works. 212 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7LQ - No comment P25/00768/HH Erection of porch. Erection of a two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. Demolition of conservatory and erection of a replacement single storey rear extension. 19 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PX - No comment P25/00623/PIP Permission in principle for the erection of up to 1 self build dwelling with associated works. Land At Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire - No comment P25/00798/HH Erection of a single storey rear/side extension to form additional living accommodation. Ivywell Cottage Latteridge Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9TJ - No comment P25/00591/F Erection of 8 no. new dwellings with associated works. Land South West Of 1 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PU – Object – Concerns of access to the site, lack of facilities for the site and drainage and flooding concerns. P25/00781/F Change of use of building from storage and distribution (Class B8) to a mixed use of storage/distribution and Indoor Leisure facility (Sui Generis) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) (resubmission of P25/00137/F). Unit A Collett Way Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5NL – No comment P25/00915/HH Erection of double garage (Part resubmission of PK18/5825/F) 5 Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PU – No comment P25/00969/TCA Works to remove lower limb of 1no Walnut tree (T1) and reduce height of 1no Holm Oak tree (T2) by 4m. Works to reduce vertical leaders of 1no Robinia pseudoacacia (T3) by 4m to previous pollard point. Re pollard back to previous points 1no Ash (T4) and 1no Robinia pseudoacacia (T5). All trees sit... The Coach House High Street Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS37 9UQ – No comment
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11.04.25	<u>Parish Maintenance</u> Members considered any maintenance required for Iron Acton Parish. • No additional maintenance required.
12.04.25	<u>Defib Awareness Course</u> Members considered and approved supporting the course to be hosted in Iron Acton at a cost up to £50.
13.04.25	<u>Parish Meadows Master Plan</u> Members considered the Parish Meadows Master Plan and recommendations from the working group. Work continuing with the development of a master plan no further decisions required at this stage.
14.04.25	<u>Proposal for the Installation of a Community Defibrillator Network</u> Members consider the business case submitted by a member of the public for the installation of a network of public Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the parish of Iron Acton. The Council is invited to debate the proposal, assess the potential funding implications, and determine whether to support the initiative, including any agreement in principle or phased implementation plan. Resolved: That Iron Acton Parish Council supports, in principle, the expansion of the parish's network of public defibrillators as a means of improving local emergency response and community resilience; That a Defibrillator Working Group be established, comprising councillors and relevant volunteers, with the remit to: - Confirm location needs and landowner permissions; - Identify volunteer hosts and maintenance roles; - Develop a delivery plan and funding recommendation using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds; And that the working group shall report back to Council with a full implementation plan for Phase 1 no later than July 2025.
15.04.25	<u>Approval of 'Friends of' Policy</u> Council deferred the policy setting the framework for recognising and supporting 'Friends of' groups. Noted that the insurance requirements should cover the full extent of the activities to cover the group including, volunteers, employees and the public and full risk assessments required.

16.04.2 5	<u>Consideration of Proposals from Prospective Friends of Chill Wood Group</u> Item deferred.
17.04.2 5	<u>Bulky Waste and Drainage Issues – Iron Acton Way</u> Concerns raised by local residents and the village litter picking group regarding: • Bulky waste accumulation on Yate Road (B4059) (between Holly Hill and the Texaco Garage), particularly on the side with no footpath. • Blocked drains along this same stretch of road. Council discussed: What actions the Parish Council can take to engage with the appropriate authorities to secure clearance of waste and drainage maintenance. Resolved: That the Parish Council will write to South Gloucestershire Council, as the relevant highways and waste authority, to request urgent clearance of bulky waste and the unblocking of drains along Iron Acton Way (between Holly Hill and the Texaco Garage), particularly on the side without a footpath. The Clerk is authorised to liaise with the appropriate departments and report any response or further action required to the
18.04.2 5	<u>Emergency Allergy Treatment Kit – Proposal for Community Support and Potential Funding</u> Members considered a proposal to support the acquisition of an emergency anaphylaxis kit (adrenaline auto-injectors) for Iron Acton Primary School and potentially other local venues, including the possibility of signposting or contributing to external funding sources such as Acton Aid. Resolved: That the Council supports the initiative in principle and will write to Acton Aid to explore the possibility of external funding for the provision of an emergency anaphylaxis kit at Iron Acton Primary School. The Council invites the school to submit a formal grant request with detailed costings should further financial support be sought from the Parish Council. The defib working group will look at any additional locations and report back to the PC.

19.04.2 5	<u>Iron Acton Parish Hall Committee – Representative Appointment</u> Members noted that the current representative is stepping down from the Iron Acton Parish Hall Committee and to consider nominating another Councillor as the new representative. Resolved: That Councillor Rowan Brunswick be appointed as the Parish Council Representative on the Iron Acton Parish Hall Committee with immediate effect.
20.04.2 5	<u>Request to South Gloucestershire Council for Speed Reduction and Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Wotton Road</u> Members considered a request received via the Member of Parliament from a resident of Wotton Road, Iron Acton, seeking the Parish Council's support for: a) a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph along a section of Wotton Road near Shale Cottage, and b) the deployment of a vehicle activated speed sign (VAS) in the same location. Resolved: Requests South Gloucestershire Council to consider the deployment of a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Wotton Road, in the vicinity of the Chaingate Lane junction, to assist in monitoring vehicle speeds and gathering evidence; and Supports in principle the reduction of the speed limit on this section of Wotton Road from 40mph to 30mph, subject to the outcome of the speed monitoring and the support of the relevant South Gloucestershire ward councillors for a formal Highways Improvement Request.

21.04.2 5	<u>Event Request – Acton Aid CIC: “Music in the Meadows”, 4–5 July 2025</u> To consider a formal request from Acton Aid CIC for permission to use the Parish Meadow for a two-day event titled “Music in the Meadows” on 4th and 5th July 2025. The request includes: • Access to the Park Street entrance from 1st July 2025 for setup, beginning at 08:00. • Event times: 18:00 on 4th July to 22:30 on 5th July. • Use of the MUGA for a firework display on 5th July. • Parking arrangements for pre-booked disabled attendees, with stewarding in place. • Access on 6th July for clear-up and reinstatement. • Contact: Ashley Mee (Secretary, Acton Aid CIC). Resolved: That the Council grants permission to Acton Aid CIC to use the Parish Meadow for the “Music in the Meadows” event on 4th and 5th July 2025, subject to the following conditions: • Access to the site is permitted from 08:00 on 1st July 2025 for setup via the Park Street entrance. • The event may run from 18:00 on 4th July to 22:30 on 5th July 2025. • Use of the MUGA for a firework display on the evening of 5th July is permitted, subject to appropriate safety measures being in place. • Vehicle access and stewarded parking for pre-booked disabled attendees is approved as described. • Post-event access is permitted until 6th July 2025 for clear-up and site reinstatement. • The organiser shall provide proof of public liability insurance and a risk assessment to the Clerk no later than 30 days prior to the event. • The organiser shall be held liable for any damage to the Parish Meadow or associated infrastructure and shall restore any affected areas at their own expense within a reasonable time frame. • The Clerk is delegated authority to issue access arrangements
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22.04.25	<u>Communications</u> Members considered communication channels and information for residents. Members confirmed the date for the Annual Parish Meeting on the 19th May 2025. No further communication required.
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Meeting closed – 21:18

Date of next meeting –19th May 2025

Appendix A

Iron Acton Parish Council – District Councillors’ Report

Monday 28th April 2025

Western Forest to Become a New National Forest

South Gloucestershire Council as part of a partnership has won a bid for Western Forest to become a new national forest. We are excited to share the news that the Western Forest is the new national forest.

The new national forest, announced by the Government on 21st March 2025, will serve over 2.5 million people in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and West of England. The forest partnership will work with landowners, businesses and local communities to plant 2500 hectares of new woodland and other tree habitats in its first five years, with an aspiration to plant 20 million trees by 2050.

The Western Forest will be led by the Forest of Avon, one of England’s Community Forests, and supported by Defra funding and National Forest Company. It is the result of a successful regional partnership with contributions from more than 40 organisations including the Natural History Consortium, the region’s councils, the Great Western Community Forest and the West of England Combined Authority.

Over the first five years, new priority areas will be brought into scope through this new national forest to maximise social, economic and environmental benefits.

Five priority areas, from the rolling hills of the Cotswold National Landscape and Mendips to vibrant urban centres like Bristol, Gloucester and Swindon, embody the greatest opportunities and benefits for nature and people. Alongside accelerating tree-planting in local areas, the project will work to revitalise existing woodlands and other important habitats to create a forest network for people and wildlife at a truly landscape scale.

Family Hub Opens in Kingswood to Support Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

A new Kingswood Family Hub is now open to provide support for older children, young people and their families to understand and manage their emotional wellbeing and promote better mental health.

Established in the old caretaker's house in the grounds of the King's Oak Academy, the pilot project is a collaboration between South Gloucestershire Council, Cabot Learning Federation, which runs the King's Oak Academy, Kingswood Town Council and partners who provide support services on site. The building will be known as 'Martin's House' in recognition of the former caretaker whose home it was when employed by the school.

The type of support which young people and their families can access will include advice, guidance and services focused on all aspects of emotional wellbeing and strengthening relationships between young people and their parents and carers and help to build the resilience required by young people as they develop into young adults.

The council recognises that many young people and families are facing more challenges today than say, before the pandemic and due to financial hardship. So, it is important to create opportunities for young people and families to share concerns at the earliest stage, and for services to be able to respond in a timely way.

The Family Hub is part of the South Gloucestershire Council Children's Partnership Early Help Offer. By locating services closer to the community, teachers and other professionals will be able to point those who need help towards it more easily and support will be available in a familiar environment.

In addition to the councils and the school, partners include:

- Creative Youth Network, which employs a wellbeing practitioner and youth worker funded by the Town Council
- The local Mental Health Support Team, which will provide drop-in services and other support
- School nurses, who will offer support and guidance to young people and their parents
- Off The Record a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 who will provide support and guidance to young people and their parents

- Compass the Council's Early Help navigation team who make sure we can provide the right help, in the right way at the right time to help families understand other services designed to help them
- South Gloucestershire Care Leavers will also support and guidance on a drop-in basis for young people who are care experienced.

Upcoming Events to Commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day

2025 marks 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe on 8th May 1945. The 80th anniversary might be the last chance to thank surviving veterans, hear their experiences and reflect on those who were lost.

VE Day falls on Thursday 8th May. Communities and organisations are, however, encouraged to use the bank holiday on Monday 5th May to come together and enjoy 'The Great British Food Festival'.

The government has announced 4 days of national events. A number of ceremonies and commemorative events will be held locally in South Gloucestershire. You can find out about events taking place and use the interactive map to find what's on near you at <https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/events/>.

Planning

A planning appeal for application P23/02091/O, an application for 32 dwellings to the north of Thornbury, has been allowed by the government appointed Planning Inspector. Whilst the harm to Lower Moreton and to designated heritage assets was noted the Inspector concluded that, as South Gloucestershire Council cannot currently demonstrate a 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the harms of the proposals did not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.