

Down Hatherley Parish Council

Draft minutes for meeting held on
 Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.00 pm
 In Down Hatherley Village Hall
 New website <https://downhatherley-pc.gov.uk>
 New email address clerk@downhatherley-pc.gov.uk

1.	Welcome
2.	Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors, Lesley Rooney, J Watt, D Evans & Martin Cole, & 2 member of the public
3.	Council to note apologies received from Parish Councillors Rick Minter Council note APPROVAL of absences if appropriate under LGA1972 s85 and where a dispensation has been requested via the clerk prior to this agenda being prepared County Councillor Hands & Borough Councillor Mark Williams did not attend
4.	Council invited Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda Cllr Rooney declared an interest in Brook lane
5.	Council noted no report received from Borough Councillor Williams
6.	Council noted report received from County Councillor Hands
7.	Public Participation invited, following the close of the public session, members of the public will be invited to stay and observe the remainder of the meeting. Nothing at this point Public session closed 19.01pm
8.	Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2026 approved
9.	Council considered assertion 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .gov.uk email address – set up for clerk as part of website package • Councillors advised to move to .gov.uk emails • Website to meet WCAG 2.2 – as DHPC has a new website it is anticipated that this meets the new guidelines • Updated policies to be adopted at AGM -IT and Data Protection, privacy and publication scheme- model policies available via GAPTC and will be distributed via email
10.	Council approved the payment list as discussed at the meeting Council approved the financial reports as attached
11.	Council noted update on the damage to the bus shelter known as DH Lane bus shelter- waiting for installation date
	Council noted no updates from Ash Lane Residents Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters raised by P Councillor included construction traffic causing concerns to the residents’ association. It was asked if it was an enforcement matter, and it was noted that it had already been reported and confirmed that it was not an enforcement matter.
13.	Planning matters considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to gateway at new entrance on Twigworth Green phase 3 completed and opening has been adjusted to prevent vehicle access • Council noted comments submitted on appeal reference 6004968 land opposite Woodfold Court • Council noted comments on 26/00064/OUT submitted • Council noted The Stables – Appeal 6003223 reference 25/00504/PIP comments submitted.
14.	Council considered actions relating to Bretts Charity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust document distribution noted • Ex-officio stated as Vicar -Council agreed request to change to Chair of the PC • PC should appoint 2 nominated trustees on 4 year basis (Clerk suggested to nominate in line with PC elections -2027 next election)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim “relief of poor persons in the parish of DH” now extended to include Gloucester City • Bank account transfer details noted • Council noted that the Trust is separate to the PC
15.	<p>Council received updates/considered on Brook Lane matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook Lane Bridleway- noted promise to make good the bridleway damage by construction traffic by end of March 2026 by building contractors • Residents have been consulted regarding PROW suggestion of bollards on the bridleway. The residents have been canvassed and are in favour subject to the approval of the resident living furthest away. The PC agreed with this suggestion by the PROW team • PC agreed it is in favour of scheme (GCC using power of s66 of the Highways Act) • Glos Highways have submitted further comments on the application for 160 homes • On site meeting planned 15/4/26 with PROW team – Council delegated Cllr Rooney to attend on behalf of DHPC
16.	<p>Council received /considered updates on other highway/prow issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Gateways -cfd to next meeting • TRO on A38 has been implemented • No other highway issues were raised • PROW issues raised (Cllr Watt) – Council agreed to spend more CIL on kissing gates on PROW from Wood Lane behind the VH and from the Church to Frogfurlong Lane • Clerk to confirm CIL money can be spent on PROW footpath maintenance “the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance” as the footpaths are used for residents to access facilities in the village. Regulation 59A or 59B • “Points of interest” noticeboard suggestion for new residents. Suggested the VH be used as a potential site. Clerk to confirm CIL expenditure and village hall committee to be approached for permission. Information could then be published on social media and websites
17.	<p>Any other business for information only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting 20th May (AGM) 7pm followed by Parish assembly at 8pm • Speed watch to be a standard agenda item.
18.	<p>Meeting closed at 20.05</p>

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8.	Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2025 approved
9.	Council approved the payment list as discussed at the meeting Council approved the financial reports as attached
10.	Council noted the damage to the bus shelter known as DH Lane bus shelter and agreed remedial action Delegated to Clerk to contact “recommended contractor” to be contacted for a report and a quotation. Costs to be paid for by CIL
11.	Council noted that the tax base for calculating precept for 26/27 is 333.91 an increase of 49 which calculates to an increase of £6.22 pa for average band D property
12.	Council noted no updates from Ash Lane Residents Association were available
13.	Planning matters considered <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change to gateway at new entrance on Twigworth Green phase 3 was investigated (see previous minutes)– Cllr Rooney provided further update and PROW will install correct bridleway gate.• Council noted comments made by Highways Officers on 25/00496/FUL Barn Woodfold Court comments applicable to Dowty Sports and Social Club relating to Highway report. It was agreed that Cllr R Minter to email Planning Officers, County and Borough Councillors the contents of the Highway report as relevant.• The Stables – Appeal 6003223 reference 25/00504/PIP comments to be submitted by 11/2/26. Council agreed to submit additional comments as distributed by Cllr Minter including “infill” concerns.
14.	Council received updates/considered on Brook Lane matters Council discussed in detail the correspondence from resident objecting to advisory letter sent from DHPC, to which the Clerk has replied with an acknowledgement. Concerns expressed included <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unnecessary duplication of signage• Decisions regarding highway signage rest solely with Gloucestershire County Council as the Highway Authority.• Parish Councils do not hold statutory powers in this area• communications about signage should come directly from the County Council, not via parish-level letters or lobbying.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook Lane is divided between Twigworth Parish (to the left) and Down Hatherley Parish (to the right) and the property concerned is to the left. • procedurally irregular as Down Hatherley Parish Council does not represent Twigworth residents and should not be issuing communications about signage affecting them. • concerned that parish-issued letters and lobbying by individual councillors risk creating confusion about where authority lies. • decisions are made transparently, on the basis of accurate highway records and statutory duties, rather than individual influence. <p>The Clerk informed the meeting that TPC (see previous meeting minutes) had sent a representative to the site meeting where GCC Highways Manager made the decisions on the signage and that all the multi-agency representatives at the site meeting agreed with the proposed actions.</p> <p>The request to send the advisory letter to this specific resident had come from the Highways Manager to DHPC. TPC has been aware of the above correspondence. DHPC has delegated Cllr Rooney to represent DHPC on Brook Lane highways and planning matters.</p> <p>Gloucestershire Highways Manager has advised that the matter is being dealt with by his managers, and it was agreed that DHPC had sent the advisory letter at the request of the Highways Manager as a courtesy.</p> <p>Further Brook Lane matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe surface for horses has been discussed between the Parish Council, Gloucestershire Highways and PROW officers regarding construction traffic and noted that a report on crossing the bridleway to be further updated. Damage to the surface appearing since construction at the Nook to be followed up by PROW team. Further bridleway /no vehicle access signs to be installed • PROW team advised that CIL could be used for a gateway at end of Bridleway
15.	<p>Council received /considered updates on other highway/prow issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update received on Footpath from nursery to Brook Lane along A38 is now encroached with silt and hedgerow which was referred to Highways Manager. It is reported that it is on the list but not designated as urgent • Correspondence forward to Highways Manager regarding Down Hatherley Lane closure and request for resurfacing. Reply confirmed not aware of planned GCC resurfacing works to take place in 2026 on this route • Reporting pot holes should be done by www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fixmystreet • Invoice to follow from PROW for Kissing Gates installed • CIL money to be used for further gates as previously approved. • Village Gateways to be discussed at next meeting • TRO update
16.	<p>Any other business for information only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns from residents regarding the road closure being extended to March 2026 • Bretts Charity on next agenda • Date of next meeting 18th March 2026
17.	<p>Meeting closed at 20.15</p>

Cash book

DATE	PAYEE	CHQ NO	AMOUNT	CURRENT A/C balance
opening current account balance				33618.21
25/04/2025	precept	receipt	6500.00	40118.21
25/04/2025	cil	receipt	23002.19	63120.40
30/04/2025	b holder	so	-375.58	62744.82
31/05/2025	b holder	so	-375.58	62369.24
30/06/2025	b holder	so	-375.58	61993.66
15/05/2025	e on	receipt	2.50	61996.16
15/05/2025	hmrc	426	-355.14	61641.02
05/06/2025	l selkirk	427	-165.00	61476.02
26/06/2025	comm first ins	428	-155.29	61320.73
03/07/2025	comm first ins	429	-14.55	61306.18
15/05/2025	gaptc	423	-133.95	61172.23
15/05/2025	pata		-150.40	61021.83
31/07/2025	b holder	so	-375.58	60646.25
31/07/2025	hmrc june/ July	431	-343.66	60302.59
31/08/2025	b holder	so	-282.98	60019.61
30/09/2025	hmrc aug/sept	434	-382.80	59636.81
30/09/2025	b holder	so	-282.98	59353.83
25/07/2025	refund b holder	receipt	92.60	59446.43
01/08/2025	b holder	432	-47.40	59399.03
01/08/2025	pata	433	-16.00	59383.03
30/10/2025	b holder	so	-282.98	59100.05
30/11/2025	b holder	so	-282.98	58817.07
07/10/2025	b holder	435	-13.40	58803.67
05/11/2025	b holder	436	-31.16	58772.51
15/11/2025	hmrc oct/nov	437	-360.80	58411.71
15/11/2025	hmrs ers ni	438	-40.56	58371.15
04/12/2025	b holder	440	-23.97	58347.18
30/11/2025	hmrc dec	441	-276.82	58070.36
30/12/2025	b holder	so	-282.98	57787.38
30/01/2026	b holder	so	-282.98	57504.40
06/12/2025	r minter wheelbarrow	439	-65.00	57439.40
04/12/2025	pata fees	442	-15.00	57424.40
18/12/2025	STB (tree)	443	-690.00	56734.40
06/01/2026	parish on line website	444	-378.00	56356.40
06/01/2026	hmrc jan	445	-276.82	56079.58
06/01/2026	b holder salary	446	-126.77	55952.81
06/01/2026	b holder expenses	447	-17.76	55935.05
20/02/2026	b holder	so	-282.98	55652.07
28/03/2026	b holder	so	-282.98	55369.09
03/02/2026	b holder salary	448	-113.37	55255.72
03/02/2026	hmrc	449	-276.82	54978.90
11/02/2026	gcc gates	450	-460.00	54518.90
11/03/2026	b holder	451	-131.13	54387.77
12/03/2026	hmrc	453	-276.82	54110.95
19/02/2026	bank fees	ddd	-4.99	54105.96
08/01/2026	wayleave	receipt	2.50	54108.46
19/12/2025	bank fees	ddd	-9.98	54098.48
11/03/2026	dvh	452	-162.00	53936.48

budget against actual to 31/03/26	BUDGET	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	BALANCE AVAILABLE TO SPEND	agreed 26 to 27
PRECEPT	6500	6500		9700
CIL RECEIPTS		23002		
wayleave		5		
other receipts	0	0		0
		0		0
		0		0
INCOME	6500	29507	0	9700
employment costs	5000	6235	-1235	7500
use of home/ admin expenses	420	533	-113	450
speeding resources	200	0	200	
hire of venue	150	162	-12	150
subscriptions	175	134	41	175
training	250	0	250	
insurance	200	170	30	220
s137	300	0	300	
general maintenance	200	690	-490	200
bus shelter	100	0	100	100
IT costs	250	378	-128	250
payroll admin fees	120	181	-61	200
audit fees	150	165	-15	500
CIL expenditure		525	-525	
ICO	35	0	35	35

BBB grant comm resources

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to reserves

-1050

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expenditure

6500

9174

-2674

9780