



Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF REDMARLEY PARISH COUNCIL and the ORDINARY MEETING of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mark Johnson Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Josh Wheeler, (All will be referred to by their initials or first name)

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), County Cllr Gill Moseley (GM), up to seven members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Jeff Wheeler was proposed by MJ, seconded by MH and was elected to be Redmarley Parish Council Chairman for 2025-2026.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Mark Johnson was proposed by Josh W, seconded by MH and was elected to be Redmarley Parish Council Vice-Chair for 2025-2026.

3. Elections of Members with Designated Areas of Responsibility

The following members were elected to hold designated rolls with specific areas of responsibility as stated:

Finance Committee – Cllrs Johnson and Holtom

HR/Staffing – Cllr Johnson

Highways/Public Rights of Way – Cllr Josh Wheeler

Village Hall/Play Area etc – Cllrs Neil & Vicky Goodall

Planning – Cllr Josh Wheeler

4. Standing Orders

Members resolved to readopt Standing Orders.

5. Financial Regulations

Members resolved to readopt Financial Regulations.

6. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Neil Goodall and Cllr Vicky Goodall. Also, from District Cllr Philip Burford.

7. Declarations of Interest

None.

8. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2024 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

9. Public Consultation

The developer responsible for the Rock Meadow scheme was granted permission to talk about and answer a number of questions about two active planning applications (Item 13.1(i)). GM provided assistance from her perspective as Planning Committee member. When questioned, the developer confirmed that his company has readily rented three of the properties at full market rate. Further to this he was asked if he believed that there is a need for rental properties in Redmarley. He confirmed his acceptance of clear need. He stated that his company had replaced the two approved apartments with one semi-detached house for commercial reasons and as such made a conscious decision to be in breach of the relevant planning consent.

10. District Councillor Reports

No reports were available.

11. County Councillor Report

After responding to a number of questions about the Rock Meadow planning matters, Cllr Gill Moseley provided a verbal report. Key points were: (i) The make up of the new county council with the Lib Dems one short of a majority and working informally with Labour and Greens. The cabinet will be published on Friday. The LD group will seek a culture change and look to work more closely with expert officers. Potholes, road safety and Children & Adult Services will be priorities.

12. Action Tracker

Members accepted the updated version. Relevant updates are as follows:
25/33 – Rose Bushes near War Memorial. These are now tidy and suitable replacements will be bought when necessary. **Closed.**

30/57(ii) – Sponsors' Signs for playpark Lowbands. VG has circulated the draft which has been very well received.

31, 32, 33 and 35 – All items/materials are on order awaiting delivery.

34/103.1 – External Planning Response – Procured and submitted. **Closed.**

13. Planning

13.1 Planning Responses

To discuss planning applications in the Parish and agree to any comments.

(i) P0446/24/FUL & P0318/25/PLANOB Land adjoining Rock Meadow, Redmarley. Application to vary Section 106 agreement dated 1st April 2022 related to planning application P0917/21/FUL. **These matters have been subject to multiple variations since initial submissions with late material to be considered.** After lengthy discussions it was **resolved** that the response would be delegated to Cllrs Josh Wheeler and Johnson to compile the response which must be agreed and submitted by 23rd May.

(ii) P0452/25/FUL Foxfield Road from The Causeway to Junction With The Lottery, Redmarley, GL19 3HS. Erection of a new dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and works and replacement of four

dilapidated storage units with a food framed Garage/Workshop/Storage Barn. During debate a number of issues were raised: (i) Outside Settlement Boundary; (ii) GRA 35, which is The Poet's Path, is passable and is an important PRoW; (iii) Design Statement & Access Statements appear to be incorrect re Access; (iv) Future access and amenity space issues will arise if any development is split into two; (v) Other issues, proximity to listed building, previous refusal at nearby property, non-accordance with relevant policies, height. It was **resolved to object** and delegate the response to Cllr Josh Wheeler.

(iii) P0190/25/LBC Homestead, Parsons Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3NF. Listed building consent for restoration of existing brick barn to include rebuilding of the northwest wall, re-roofing with like for like corrugated tin and replacement of northwest gable, window and barn doors to be reintroduced. Demolition of the attached concrete block store building. There were **no objections** but it was requested that a condition be applied to the effect that the building must not be permanently or temporarily occupied.

13.2 **Dealt with Between Meetings**

P0266/25/FUL Little Close, Red Ditch Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3HT. Erection of a single storey extension with installation of solar panels on main dwelling roof and annex roof with associated works. Demolition of existing porch and extensions. Members indicated **no objections**.

13.3 **Planning Updates**

No decisions have been reached in this period.

14. **Funding Request**

To resolve whether to contribute to the Forest of Dean Imjin Veterans' Memorial and, if so, how much to pay. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the July meeting.

15. **Highways Issues**

To note any Highways issues within the Parish and agree any actions.

15.1 **Road Safety, Signage etc**

The Newent Cycle Loop sign at the village crossroads is due for replacement on 13th June.

15.2 **PROW Issues**

(i) Drift Road (Poet's Path), no updates; (ii) A417 near Down House, no updates; (iii) Playley Green, still difficult to negotiate. **Action:** Clerk to investigate with PRoW team whether there has been an Order.

15.3 **Road Closures**

Several upcoming planned closures were mentioned for publication in due course.

16. Correspondence

- (i) GAPTC invite clerks and councillors to their Annual Conference and AGM, 10am to 2pm on 12th July 2025 at Toddington Village Hall.
- (ii) CPRE invite members to a Midsummer Evening at Burnt Norton on 12th July from 4pm to 8pm.
- (iii) FoDDC have circulated a Draft Local Plan Services consultation.
- (iv) FoDDC's Active Travel Consultation is now live via their website.
- (v) Information received indicating that The Robin transport service will be available to book in the Newent area from 2nd June.
- (vi) Members disclosed having been contacted about planning application P0490/25/LD1, an application under Section 191 to establish that Longridge Shooting Ground use as a clay pigeon shooting ground together with clubhouse, parking area and all associated and landscaping and structures is lawful. Issues were raised regarding this Dymock parish matter that will affect Redmarley residents. It was **resolved** that Cllr Josh Wheeler will tender a submission.

17. Financial Matters

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 9th May 2025		
	Treasurers Account	£	500.00
	Deposit Account	£	25,914.44
(b)	Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972		
	Redmarley D Day 80 Commemoration Events	£	230.00
(c)	Adverse variance to budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To ratify payment made between meetings		
	28/03 Bank Service Charge	£	4.25
	10/04 Clear Councils (Reduced after negotiation)	£	803.64
	28/04 Bank Service Charge	£	4.25
	29/04 Sherwin Group (Timber for bench repairs)	£	251.25
	30/04 Gordon Ellis & Co (Picnic bench etc)	£	634.90
(e)	BACS Payments for Approval		
	T Sharpe (Grass cutting)	£	346.00
	Westgate Planning Services (Planning response)	£	625.00
	REL Williams (Wages April, May)	£	TBA
	HMRC Re above	£	TBA
	Redmarley Village Hall (Hire, May)	£	30.00
	RoSPA Playsafety Ltd (Playpark inspection)	£	120.00
(f)	Income Received – Since 24th January 2024		
	09/04 Bank Interest	£	17.38
	25/04 FoDDC Precept 1/2	£	7,125.00
	09/05 Bank Interest	£	14.70

17.1 Accounts

Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

17.2 Invoices for Payment

Members **approved** the payments presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer. The matter at 18(b) is to be investigated to determine who needs to be reimbursed upon the production of receipts or invoices.

17.3 Receipts

Income received by the Parish Council was **noted**.

18. AGAR & Audit

18.1 It was agreed that Redmarley Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review. The AGAR form was signed by the charman and clerk.

18.2 It was resolved to appoint Iain Selkirk in the role of Independent Internal Auditor for the year 2024/25.

18.3 The Notice of Public Rights period was confirmed to be from Monday 30th June to Friday 1st August 2025.

19. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting will be begin at 7.00pm on Wednesday 30th July 2024 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.26pm.

Signed:

Date: