



Redmarley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

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Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Josh Wheeler, Cllr Neil Goodall & Cllr Vicky Goodall (All will be referred to by their initials or first name)

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), District Cllr Philip Burford (PB), two members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

35. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from District Cllr Gill Moseley (GM).

36. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

37. **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th May, 4th June and 9th July 2025 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

38. **Public Consultation**

(i) Concerns were raised regarding the safety of some trees in Mill Lane, Lowbands. A MoP has already been advised to contact GCC Highways.

(ii) The clerk has been made aware of the practice of grass clippings being thrown into ditches around the village. **Action:** Clerk will contact the Street Warden.

39. **District Councillor Report(s)**

District Councillor Philip Burford gave his account of last Thursday's full meeting of FoDDC, highlighting the decision to instigate a 6-week consultation on the latest version of the Local Plan. It appears likely that the ruling group will be keen to promote the notion of two large new settlements at Glynchbrook and Churcham. After discussion the following **Actions** were agreed: (i) Clerk will check hall availability with a view to holding an additional ordinary council meeting on Monday 11th August; (ii) Clerk will obtain a quote from Alpha Colour Print for 460 A5 leaflets to publicise the issue and promote the meeting.

40. **County Councillor Report**

The clerk read a report from County Councillor Gill Moseley. All matters are mentioned elsewhere except The Robin Bookable bus service which now covers most of the Newent area and calls at recognised landmarks.

41. **Action Tracker**

The Actions Log was discussed and agreed. Significant updates:

1. New Member. To readvertise for new member(s) in August.
14. Lowbands AED. MH will seek a price for an insulated case.
16. War Memorial. Clerk has looked into two funding sources and will report in September.
23. Quiet Lanes. Covered under 45.4
25. Rose Bushes. **Completed.**
30. Sponsors' Sign. A0 version approved at £107.75. Post options to be further explored but hardwood option agreed in principle. NG will erect.
31. Picnic Bench. **Completed.**
33. Rotting Bench Repair. **Completed.**
35. Replacement Bin. No sign from FoDDC. Clerk to purchase a new unit.
36. Submission re P0490/25/LD1 (Dymock). **Completed.**

New matters will be added to the tracker asap.

42. **Planning**

42.1 **Planning Responses**

P0944/25/TCA The Retreat, Chartist Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3NL. Apple (T1 on submitted sketch plan), undertake a 20% crown reduction and remove dead wood to improve shape and size of tree. **No Objections.**

42.2 **Dealt with Between Meetings**

None.

42.3 **Planning Updates**

(i) 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. **Refused** on 13th June 2025.

(ii) P0567/25/TCA Foxfield Road From The Causeway To Junction With The Lottery Redmarley. Fell and remove a large Norway Spruce (Tree 1) planted in the garden. It is now a large tree easily within toppling distance of Foxfield and its dense canopy is affecting the shrubs underneath which are becoming straggly. Fell and remove a Silver Birch (Tree 2). as it is in the location of a proposed new dwelling proposed under Planning Application P0452/25/FUL. **Approved** on 12th June 2025.

(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. **Consent Granted** on 1st July 2025.

43. Funding Request

It was **resolved** not to contribute to the Forest of Dean Imjin Veterans' Memorial.

44. Email Accounts

It was agreed that the clerk should seek out a suitable arrangement to move to ".gov.uk" email accounts for himself and all council members.

45. Highways Issues

45.1 Road Safety, Signage etc

(i) It was mentioned that the recent surface dressing on lanes south of the village has failed to fill the ruts.

(ii) Hedges alongside Bromsberrow Road from Playley Green towards the village are overgrown and needs to be reported via FixMyStreet.

45.2 PROW Issues

(i) GRA74 remains blocked beyond the A417, in spite of Josh W's repeated attempts and reports. After discussion the following **Actions** were agreed: Josh W will obtain a price to clear the path and check with GM whether any funding support is available.

(ii) GRA 35 continues to attract misuse. It was **resolved** to install bridleway style gates at either end.

45.3 Road Closures

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

45.4 20mph Speed Limit Consultation

It was agreed to engage with GCC's Community 20s and Safer Roads initiatives and to attempt to develop the Quiet Lanes proposal. Members requested enquiries be made about the prospect of extending a 30mph limit.

46. Correspondence

(i) GCC shared informed information about their Ash Dieback Replanting project and invited councils to identify potential sites for consideration.

(ii) GCC is reaching out to councils, businesses, organisations and the public regarding the restructuring of councils within the county. Take part via the following path:
<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/gloucestershire-county-council-local-government-reorganisation-survey>

(iii) FoDDC shared information about expanded kerbside plastic recycling.

(iv) FoDDC advised regarding changes to public availability times at Newent Leisure Centre.

(v) National Joint Council for local government services advise that agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2025 (covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026). The new pay rates increased by 3.20% per annum at each point.

(vi) GRCC shared their July newsletter.

- (vii) Forest of Dean Dementia Action Alliance offered free dementia awareness training.
- (viii) MoPs have been in contact regarding increasing issues with dog mess.
Action: Clerk will liaise with Street Warden.
- (ix) Contact has been made warning of the state of listed building (1156556) Church House, The Causeway, Redmarley. **Action:** Clerk will write to occupant requesting remedial works. If necessary, he will escalate to FoDDC Planning. If that produces no satisfactory outcome the matter will be escalated to Secretary of State.

47. Financial Matters

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| (a) | Statement of Accounts on 18th July 2025 | | |
| | Treasurers Account | £ | 370.41 |
| | Deposit Account | £ | 23,880.27 |
| (b) | Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972 | | None |
| (c) | Adverse variance to budget (>£10) | | No Report |
| (d) | To ratify payment made between meetings | | |
| | 30/05 Bank Service Charge | £ | 4.25 |
| | 24/06 M Holtom (AED Cabinet Parts for repair) | £ | 29.59 |
| | 28/04 Bank Service Charge | £ | 4.25 |
| (e) | BACS Payments for Approval | | |
| | Redmarley Village Hall (Hire, July) | £ | 30.00 |
| | REL Williams (Wages June, July & Backpay) | £ | 713.16 |
| | HMRC Re above | £ | 171.80 |
| | ICO (Data Registration Fee) | £ | 72.00 |
| | AB Complete Ltd (Wasp Nest Treatment) | £ | 72.00 |
| | PATA (Payroll Function) | £ | 15.00 |
| | V+N Goodall (Fixings & Plaque) | £ | 101.98 |
| (f) | Income Received – Since 9th May 2025 | | |
| | 09/05 Bank Interest | £ | 14.70 |
| | 09/06 Bank Interest | £ | 16.65 |
| | 09/07 Bank Interest | £ | 13.73 |

47.1 Accounts

The parish accounts were accepted.

47.2 Invoices for Payment

Members approved payments presented at the meeting and noted the payments made between meetings.

47.3 Receipts

Income received by the Parish Council was noted.

48. Bus Shelter

It was agreed that the bus shelter at the junction of The Causeway and Hyde Park Corner should be cleaned. The meeting was reminded that District Cllr Clayton Williams had previously offered to do this. The clerk will enquire.

49. **Cycle Parking**

After discussion there was no interest st in the ParkThat Bike project.

50. **Items for Future Agendas**

No matters were identified.

51. **Next Ordinary Meeting**

Confirm the time and date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 24th September 2025 at Redmarley Village Hall. An addition meeting is planned for Monday 11th August 2025 subject to hall availability

The meeting ended at 8.46pm.

Signed:

Date: