



Redmarley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES of the ADDITIONAL MEETING OF REDMARLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 11th August 2025 at 7.30pm at Redmarley Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), District Cllrs Phillip Burford (PB) and Clayton Williams (CW) and no less than 125 members of the public (MoP) and press. The meeting started at 7.32pm.

51. Apologies for Absence

None.

52. Declarations of Interest

None.

53. Planning Responses

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

P0953/25/TCA Applehurst, Phillips Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3NF. Pollard Willow tree next to telegraph pole to left of field gateway back to main trunk as in previous application. There were **No Objections**.

54. Local Plan Consultation

Cllr Josh W provided an overview of the Local Plan Consultation process, highlighting that it was the third exercise in five years, how the Labour government elected 2024 had created a new National Planning Policy Framework, the increased number of new homes rising from 330 to 600 per year across the district, the SHLAA process, and the Green Party having voted against a by pass for Chepstow in 2023. He invited attendees to carefully read the FoDDC Options Document and to respond, pointing out references to one or more new settlements at Glynchbrook and/or Churcham.

The chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable as many MoPs as possible to raise points or ask questions. PB, CW and the clerk assisted councillors in some instances. Key matters/questions were: 1. Why will the Local Plan cover 20 years rather than 15; 2. A settlement of 2,500 homes is equivalent to Newent; 3. Why are greenfield sites being considered over brownfield; 4. Traffic implications for A417, M5 J2 and local minor roads, especially through Lowbands; 5. Adverse effects on Pendock and Malvern Hills Conservation Area; 6. The need to rebuild M5 J2; Adverse effects for food

security, loss of 1,000 dairy cattle; 7. A decade of construction traffic and upheaval; 8. Loss of village life; 9. The vital historical importance of Lowbands Chartist history and conservation; 10. In previous LP versions the Sustainability Assessments regarding Glynchbrook are dominated by brown and red gradings which are bad. This part of the meeting ended at 8.44pm. The chairman thanked attendees for their interest and contributions. Most MoPs left at this stage.

At 8.50pm Standing Orders were resumed and, after discussion, the following matters were **resolved**:

- (a) When asked, no MoPs objected to their photograph being taken and it was in order to publish those on social media platforms;
- (b) Clerk to request an extension for a PC response to the consultation until 30th September 2025;
- (c) To seek a suitably qualified Planning Consultant or Solicitor to challenge aspects of the Local Plan and Consultation Process;
- (d) To approve spending up to an agreed figure to accomplish point (c). The clerk will not publish the figure at this stage for commercial reasons but will do so after the event;
- (e) To print the consultation documents for residents who have no access to IT;
- (f) To approve spending on further leaflets etc if appropriate;
- (g) To instruct Parish On Line to set up “.gov.uk” email accounts for the clerk and members;
- (h) To approve members to create a new Facebook account and post as necessary being mindful of relevant issues and constraints.
- (j) To seek to coopt one or two new members as soon as practicable.

55. Next Ordinary Meeting

To confirm the time and date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7.00pm in Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.14 pm.

Signed:

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