Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Josh Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Jeff Wheeler and Cllr Ken Leech (All will be referred to by their initials or first name)

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

24. Apologies for Absence - None.

25. Declarations of Interest - None.

26. Minutes of previous meeting - The minutes of the meetings held on 13th May 2026 were accepted, with one small change needed on page one, and were signed by the chairman.

27. Public Consultation – **(i)** The Local Plan was raised by core members of United Against Glynchbrook (UAG). The Chairman was asked about RPC's position re the new Gateway system, RPC will conduct research and see where FoDDC is headed. A suggestion for a Cross Parish "North" group was made, this was first tried in December but will be attempted again. A further donation to UAG was raised, this will be a future agenda item. The UAG open meeting on 4th August was mentioned, members invited. KL intends to attend.

28. Co-option of New Member – None.

29. Local Plan Updates – As per 27.

30. District Councillor Reports – PB focussed in the UNESCO Biosphere bid and whether claims it would have no impact on strategic planning were credible. It was agreed that the clerk would contact The Commoners Association, UNESCO and West Dean PC to enquire about consultation processes so far.

31. County Councillor Report – GM pointed out that the government had settled on one Unitary authority for the county, Gloucestershire Council. Shadow elections will be held in May 2027 with the new Council starting life in April 2028. There will be 110 members representing 55 electoral divisions.
The Adult Social Services Scrutiny Committee decision to reorganise staffing arrangements was discussed as well as charges for excessive DIY materials being taken to household waste centres..

32. Action Tracker - Members accepted the latest version. Relevant updates are as follows: **14/59.1 & 76.1 –** Lowbands AED. Mr Holtom is working on an updated cabinet. (AED batteries and pads all remain in good order).

23/16.4 – Quiet Lanes & 20mph zones. Redmarley is not in the first wave of areas for implementation.

30/57(ii) – Playpark Sponsors Signs. This project is now complete. Josh W expressed sincere thanks to Neil and Vicky Goodall for all their hard work and investment to make it so.

33. Planning

33.1 Planning Responses -

(i) P0779/26/FUL (Also P0780/26/LBC) The Old Rectory, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Proposed new open air swimming pool and pool house with associated works. There were **no objections.**

(ii) P0765/26/FUL Sheppard's Hill, Red Ditch Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3HT. Change of use of annex to create holiday let. The Council **fully supported** the application and noted the fully compliant application.

33.2 Dealt with Between Meetings

P0637/26/TCA Larksmere, Redmarley, GL19 3HS. Remove lower and middle height limbs of Eucalyptus at front of property where it overhangs grass and gravel parking area. Crown lift Cypress on northern boundary by approximately 2.5 metres above ground level. Remove dead Twisted Willow on northern boundary. Reduce Laurel and other small trees and shrubs on northern boundary to between 2.5 and 3 metres in height and approximately 1.5 metres in width. Reduce Plum, Apple and Fig on northern boundary at rear of property by one third. Reduce Laurel hedge on southern boundary by one third. Cut back overhanging Yew and tree of unknown species growing in church yard to property boundary. There were no objections. **Approved** on 07/07/26.

33.3 Planning Updates

(i) P0397/26/FUL Martindale, The Green, Redmarley, GL19 3 Replacement of facade fenestration and door. Permission **granted** on 20/05/26.

(ii) P0432/26/TCA The Old Orchard The Green Redmarley. Reduce height of Silver Birch to the fork at the top of the tree. Tree is very thin in relation to its height and bends significantly in high winds towards neighbouring property. **Approved** on 12/05/26.

(iii) P0415/26/TCA Orchard End Cottage The Green Redmarley. Cherry Tree (T1), reduce the crown by 3-4 metres. Plum Tree (T2), reduce the crown by 2 metres. **Approved** on 06/05/26.

(iv) P0335/26/DISCON Inn House, Redmarley. GL19 3HS. Discharge of Condition 03 (timber frame) relating to planning permission P1398/25/LBC. Permission **Granted** on 01/05/26.

(v) P0277/26/FUL Sheppard's Hill, Red Ditch Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3HT. Variation of condition 03 (Occupation) relating to P1522/15/FUL to permit the annexe to be used for short-term holiday lettings in addition to ancillary residential use. Application **withdrawn** on 23/05/26.

(vi) P0499/26/FUL 11 Hyde Park Corner, Redmarley, GL19 3JR. Erection of a rear single storey extension and associated works (retrospective). Permission **Granted** on 15/06/26.

(vii) P0365/26/FUL Fernley House, Pendock Road, Redmarley, GL19 3LG. Erection of single storey side extension incorporating existing garaging to create ancillary living accommodation. Permission **Granted** on 02/06/26.

(viii) P0313/26/FUL Camp Farm, Drury Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JX. Change of use of land and existing agricultural building from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian. Permission **Granted** on 18/06/26.

(ix) P0074/26/LBC Scar Farm, Hawcross, Redmarley, GL19 3JQ. Installation of under floor heating in the majority of rooms with heritage style radiators where this is not possible. Permission **Granted** on 11/06/26.

(x) P1520/25/FUL Impney, Fortey Green, Redmarley, GL19 3SL. Erection os a single storey side extension at the western elevation, projecting forward of the principal elevation. Single storey extension to the existing eastern side extension. Permission **Granted** on 03/06/26.

(xi) P0319/26/FUL The Orchard, Chapel Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JF. Change of use of part of agricultural land to residential use in order to allow the siting of a caravan for ancillary purposes with associated hardstanding. (Retrospective). **Refused** on 17/07/26.

34. Highways Issues

34.1 Road Safety, Signage etc – No specific issues were named. All defects will be reported using Fix My Street.

34.2 PROW Issues – No matters were discussed at this stage.

34.3 Pavillion Pathway – After discussion it was noted that the specific area of pathway in question had been created without RPC permission or involvement. It was therefore resolved to offer Redmarley Tennis Club the option to effect remedial works themselves of to pay for the specific works if undertaken by RPC's contractor.

34.4 Road Closures – (i) Cooks Lane, Redmarley, 24-26 August, Severn Trent.

(ii) Road From Junction With Ledbury Road To Pendock Road, Redmarley, 11 August, BT Openreach.

(iii) Road From Junction With The Lottery To Junction With Murrells End, 4 September, BT Openreach.

35. Correspondence – All matters were noted.

(i) GCC Transport Team in collaboration with UWE and others shared a survey regarding The Robin Demand Responsive Transport service. Closed 15 July.

(ii) United Against Glynchbrook thanked RPC for its generous donation.

(iii) Severn Wye Energy Agency shared details re their Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme. Contact the clerk for details.

(iv) Dymock Forest Local Action shared their Climate Reality Check and Local Action newsletter.

(v) Communications received from GCC and FoDDC regarding a single unitary authority for Gloucestershire to be effective from 1st April 2028.

(vi) CPRE introduced their LandWise brownfield site survey project in search of such sites for development.

(vii) FoDDC shared Notice of Withdrawal of Forest of Dean District Local Plan 2025-2045 (Regulation 18).

(viii) There has been an exchange of emails re. proposed fencing alterations at Redmarley C of E Primary Academy. A formal planning application is anticipated.

36. Financial Matters

(a)	**Statement of Accounts on 23rd July 2026**		
	Treasurers Account	£	725.45
	Deposit Account	£	26,872.18
(b)	**Income Received – Since 8th May 2026**		Nil
	11/05 Bank Interest	£	10.59
	09/06 Bank Interest	£	11.19
	09/07 Bank Interest	£	11.41
(c)	**To ratify payment made between meetings**		
	29/05 Bank Service Charge	£	4.25
	29/06 Bank Service Charge	£	4.25
	15/07 Tim Sharpe (Grass Cutting)	£	719.00
(d)	**BACS Payments for Approval**		
	Redmarley Village Hall (Hire, 15/07)	£	30.00
	Iain A Selkirk (Independent Internal Audit)	£	170.00
	ICO (Data Registration Fee)	£	52.00
	REL Williams (Wages April, May)	£	576.02
	HMRC Re above	£	137.40
	PATA (Payroll Services)	£	36.95
(e)	**Adverse variance to budget (>£10)**	£	No Report
(f)	**Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972**		Nil

36.1 Accounts - Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

36.2 Receipts – Receipts were noted.

36.3 Invoices for Payment - Members **approved** the payments presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer and noted payments made between meetings.

37. Independent Internal Audit - (a) The Independent Internal Audit was accepted. Pages 5 and 6 of the AGAR and the Year End Receipts and Payments Account Statement will be signed by the chairman and the clerk.

(b) The dates of the period for the Exercise of Public Rights were confirmed to be from Monday 29th June to Friday 7th August 2026.

(c) It was noted that the SBA Team at PKF Littlejohn plc have logged the notice of exempt status for 2025/26 and confirmed there is no review to be performed.

38. Play Area – It was noted that the recent RoSPA Playsafety report on the condition of the play area disclosed no significant issues. Members asked the clerk to carry out a triage exercise and report back in September.

39. Items for Future Agendas – Biosphere proposal, Local Plan, future funding for UAG

40. Next Meeting - The next Ordinary Meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.44pm. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and advised that a confidential matter on commercial grounds was to be discussed.

41. **PART B Confidential Item re GRA32, Remedial Work to Steps** – At 8.48pm The clerk advised that he had received a quotation from a favoured contractor in respect of works that were necessary to improve the perilous state of this section of PRoW GRA32. He advised that a formal tender exercise would be necessary, but the quote appeared highly competitive. After discussion it was agreed that RPC should apply for a funding contribution under S274 Highways Act 1980 and for a GCC Grassroots Health & Wellbeing grant. The sums will not be disclosed at this time to protect the integrity of any tender exercise.

The Part B meeting ended at 9.19pm.

Signed: **Date:**