

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of Prestbury Parish Council held on Monday 18th August 2025 at 19:00 at Pavilion, New Barn Close.

Members present: Cllrs: M Hansen (Chairman), K Bishop, H Breach,
J Gardner (from item 64), S Hope, C Hunt, L Langrish, P Kennard, J Roden, C
Taylor, V Russell Also present: 6 members of the public, Borough Councillor Stan
Smith (SS).

PPC25/057	Welcome to the meeting, apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Atty and Stark, Parish Clerk Chloé Simpson, County Councillor Ian Cameron, Borough Councillor Jan Foster.
058	Declarations of interest None
059	Approval of the minutes from the PPC meeting of 21st July 2025 Cllr Hunt proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded. The minutes were approved.
060	Matters arising not on the agenda None
061	County and Borough Councillor Reports – Cllr Hansen referred to a message from Cllr Cameron regarding the two-week extended closure of the A435 Evesham Road due to over-running works. His written update is appended to the minutes. Cllr Smith (SS) updated regarding works arranged to address issues in Glebe Road and proposed double yellow lines on The Bank. Cllr Cameron had allocated some of his £20k discretionary funding No report received from Cllr Foster
062	Committee Reports – Finance and General Purposes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of financial statements List of payments in July List of receipts in July Budget vs Expenditure to end of July July 2025 bank reconciliation All circulated on 13 th August 2025. No questions or comments arising
063	Committee Reports – Allotments Nothing new to report, minutes of last meeting are on the website. It was stated that the PPC allotments are not for sale and that PPC would support any campaign to keep other Cheltenham allotment sites open.

064	<p>Committee Reports – Facilities Management</p> <p>Cllr Gardner joined the meeting.</p> <p>Emergency drain repairs have been carried out.</p> <p>A new tennis coach will take over from NE14 Tennis on September 1st.</p> <p>Licences for use of football pitches have been agreed and signed.</p> <p>Planters on the village green and in Wyman’s Brook will be put in place in the autumn.</p> <p>The village war memorial has been tidied and ongoing cleaning will be started soon.</p>
065	<p>Committee Reports – Planning</p> <p>A very quiet month with only one non-controversial application.</p>
066	<p>Group report – Business Improvement Group</p> <p>A number of possibilities are being investigated and will be discussed at the relevant committees prior to presentation to full Council if deemed viable.</p>
067	<p>Community Governance Review</p> <p>CBC need to finish their analysis of responses to previous consultation ahead of recommendations and second round of consultation. (See Timetable).</p>
068	<p>Remembrance Service</p> <p>An application for the usual road closure was made to OneLegal, referred to CBC who, contrary to previous years, then referred it to GCC before recognising that it is their responsibility. Other arrangements, such as the bugler and Police presence are in place.</p>
069	<p>Consideration of more bus shelters in Fortina Close/Mandarin Way</p> <p>The best location for any new shelters will be considered as there may be sites that would get more use. Contact to be made with the appropriate Borough Councillors (Flo Clucas and Frank Allen) and SS also to follow up.</p>
070	<p>Consideration of Parish Events</p> <p>The previous event of 2022 was funded by a grant of £15,000 and was held free of charge to participants/attendees. Ways to fund a similar event in 2026 are being investigated.</p>
071	<p>Discuss Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiative</p> <p>Community attitude towards this was gauged via a post on the PPC Facebook page and emails to the Clerk. Responses were evenly split between pro and anti opinions. This will continue to be investigated but it is clear that very careful selection of appropriate roads will be necessary if taken forward to action.</p>

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072	<p>Public session to provide members of the public and/or press with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda or raise items for future consideration. This session shall not exceed fifteen minutes and each member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.</p> <p>One member of the public thanked the Council for the efforts so far in tidying the war memorial and immediately surrounding area.</p> <p>One member of the public asked about PPC attendance at the planned CBC Governance Review meeting at which PPC do intend to have a presence.</p> <p>One member of the public thanked PPC for their recent award of a grant to the schools reading charity.</p>
073	<p>Matters for future consideration (not for discussion)</p> <p>None</p>
074	<p>Consider any applications for co-option</p> <p>None</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting – Monday 15th September 7pm</p>

Gloucestershire County Parishes Report August 2025

County News

Final ‘cause for concern’ at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service lifted

Following a visit by His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS, the final cause for concern around promoting equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) has been lifted.

County council Children’s Services judged ‘Good’ overall following Ofsted inspection

Gloucestershire County Council’s Children’s Services have been judged as ‘Good’ with some ‘Outstanding’ elements following its most recent Ofsted inspection. This represents a significant improvement since the last full inspection in 2022.

Have your say on pharmacies in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire’s Health and Wellbeing Board is inviting residents to take part in a statutory consultation on local pharmacy services. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and closes on Friday 29th August. Please share with your local residents.

Gloucester Library

Gloucester Library will be relocating from its current premises on Brunswick Road to a brand new, state-of-the-art facility at the University of Gloucestershire - City Campus.

Local Government Reorganisation Update

A series of in-person engagement events were held over July and August which provided the opportunity for residents to raise questions and share views on devolution, Local Government Reorganisation, and the future of council services in Gloucestershire directly with councillors. A survey through which residents could share their thoughts on how a unitary council – or councils – should be shaped was also circulated, receiving 3,112 responses. This information will be presented at full council in November where elected members will decide whether to submit a business case for one or for two unitary councils by the deadline in November.

For more information, please visit the dedicated local government reorganisation site: <https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>

GCC Meetings

There were no Full Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny meetings held during the month of August. The next Full Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10th September**.

Roads

I've forwarded the email regarding the A435 two week re opening delay separately.
Please continue to use and promote the use of [FixMyStreet](#) to report issues on the roads.

Consultation on Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiatives

Parishes and towns are being asked to express their interest on two issues:

1. Whether they would like any road in there area to be considered for 'Community 20s';
2. Whether there are other (higher speed) roads that would benefit from a reduction in speed limit.

Feedback is requested to be returned by **19th September** with confirmation of the date and/or meeting at which the matter was considered.

Second-hand September challenge 🤔

The second-hand September continues throughout August!

Through to 24 August 2025 you can explore the city's fantastic charity shops, collect a stamp on a loyalty card, and be entered into a prize draw for Gloucester Gift Cards. There are six prizes to be won!

How it works:

1. Pick up a free stamp card with any purchase at a participating charity shop.
2. Make six purchases across at least three different city-centre charity shops.
3. Submit your completed card before 24 August 2025 for a chance to win Gloucester Gift Cards.
4. Keep going – if you complete a loyalty card, start another for even more chances to win!

Charity shops feature goods ranging from vintage fashion to homewares, all while supporting vital causes.

Why is buying second hand supporting climate change action?

Producing clothes uses a lot of natural resources and creates greenhouse gas emissions which are responsible for [climate change](#).

Overall, the fashion industry is responsible for [8-10% of global green house gas emissions](#) - more than the aviation and shipping combined.

By supporting second hand, you're reducing the demand for new clothing, preventing clothes from being wasted and it can save you money too! 😊

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 15:14

Subject: A435 Cycleway: A435 Evesham Road closure extension

Dear Councillor

We would like to inform you of a two-week extension to the A435 Evesham Road full road closure between Cheltenham Racecourse Roundabout and the Hyde Lane / Southam Lane junction.

This two-week full road closure extension until September 22 is required due to additional work being identified for utility diversions and structural works on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR) Bridge, which have unfortunately impacted the planned construction work schedule. As the result of the above, we will need to extend the current full road closure, which was due switch to a northbound only closure from the 8 September, to the 22 September 2025.

We have been working closely with our Contractor, Montel, to minimise delays and they have increased their workforce and undertaken weekend working where possible. Despite these efforts, the additional work needed on the bridge means that the two-week extension is required.

The works to the bridge are necessary to repair and strengthen the bridge. These improvements are crucial to ensure its long-term safety and reliability for all users and to enable walking and cycling improvements along the route.

We remain confident that this extension will not affect the overall timeline for the re-opening of the road, with the road still expected to re-open in both directions on 31 October 2025 as planned. Works to complete the new cycleway and footway will then continue along the route until early 2026, utilising local traffic management as required.

The revised A435 Evesham Road closure dates are as follows:

Full A435 road closure: 2 June – 22 September 2025

A435 Evesham Road between Cheltenham Racecourse Roundabout and Hyde Lane / Southam Lane junction.

As per current traffic management with a full road closure in both directions.

Northbound A435 road closure: 22 September - 31 October 2025

A435 Evesham Road between Cheltenham Racecourse Roundabout and Hyde Lane / Southam Lane junction closed Northbound. A435 Southbound open to traffic.

Gloucestershire County Council and Montel will be communicating the road closure to the wider public on Thursday 21st August via media release, social media updates, webpage updates and letter drop to properties within and adjacent to the scheme extents. **We ask that should you wish to share the information via social media that you please wait until Thursday 21st August.**

Overall scheme progress

Construction work along the route either side of the bridge has otherwise been progressing well, and progress has greatly benefited from having the road closure in place:

- The crib wall (a type of retaining wall constructed from a series of interlocking boxes filled with rock) is currently being installed and is ahead of programme;

- The gabion wall (a type of retaining wall constructed from metal wire cages filled with stones) is nearing completion;
- The new cycleway and footway is taking shape, with groundworks; completed, kerbing installed and new street lighting columns installed.

Montel will be issuing the next scheme progress newsletter on Thursday 21st August and we will ensure you receive a copy via email.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything about the closure extension, please do feel to contact any of the A435 Cycleway project team:

- **Project Manager:** Richard Lane
- **Construction Manager:** Craig Freeman
- **Assistant Project Managers:** Richard Cornwell and Ivana Wilson