

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 19.30pm



Address for meeting: QAMP Committee room.

Present: Cllrs John Hughes-Chair (JH), Steve Ritchie (SR), Tony Turnbull (TT), Miles Grocott (Mgr), Pat Savage (PS), Leanne Edwards (LE) Amanda Symonds (AS), Tony Williams and District Cllr SGC (TW),

The meeting was Quorate

In Attendance: M Evans (Clerk),

FC/25/102 Accept Apologies for Absence: Di Buckley (DB),

FC/25/103 Declarations of Interest (DOI) under the Localism Act 2011 and requests for dispensations
n/a

FC/25/104 To Agree Minutes of the Full Council 17th December 2025 and any matters arising.

These were proposed by PS and seconded SR and unanimously Resolved by the council and will be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

The meeting was recorded in line with The Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014(SI2014/2095) and normally OPC protocol of deletion after 28 days.

FC/25/105 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

Members of the public are invited to make representations to Olveston Parish Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council. (Public Bodies admission to meetings) Act 1960.
None

FC/25/106 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON ISSUES AFFECTING OLVESTON FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE Ward Severn Vale (SGC) COUNCILLORS -including discussions on A38 and Car Parking Charges

Ward Councillors REPORTS RECEIVED Annexe 1

Further discussions took place on the A38 where TW said 'Agreeing Land Ownership' with some of the residents was causing further delays. SGC now also checking land registry for the whole of the A38

Car Parking further discussions took place, about charges and length of stay and the Council echoed Parishioners comments concerning Thornbury and the need to review. TW said further discussions at SGC were happening over next few months and would report accordingly

Potholes were also discussed under this item, and Parishioners were encouraged to keep using the Report IT system, but Councillors felt the state of the roads in the Parish remained at an unacceptable level. JH asked that he and the Clerk write to N. Riglar who is the head of that department to voice our concerns and ask where the additional pothole central monies have gone. SGC pothole status is Yellow, and the report is on the SGC website

FC/26/25

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FC/25/107 Finance payments and approvals for January 2026

Jan 2026-payments			
Core Clean	Dec25 inv 1081	220.00	0
Steve Ritchie	2 cabinets comm room	340.80	56.80
John Hughes	Mtgs full, ME, LE, SR, MG	243.70	40.61
RGS	Additional work Nov 2025	1020.00	0

It was Resolved to pay all these payments and were proposed by TT and seconded by PS and all the payments/approvals were unanimously Agreed by the council.

FC/25/108 Church Farm Development -strategy engagement programme

It was Agreed that the Clerk invite developers for an informal business discussion in February and that the Council agree a communication strategy to parishioners later in the following months

FC/25/109 Code of Conduct Policy Review

It was Resolved to approve the policy as no changes for the previous year were included. It was proposed by JH and seconded by TT and unanimously Agreed by the council.

FC/25/110 MSFW review (TT)

Noted-The minutes are in **Annexe 3**

FC/25/111 Planning minutes update

Noted- last minutes in **Annexe 2**.

FC/25/112 Action List Update- (issued separately)

Updated List in **Annexe 4**-it was Agreed to take off completed items

FC/25/112 Clerk Report:

APA Date and Format -AS /Clerk -will agree a date and the format will be decided later. Clerk will issue Annual Calendar for 2026/7

Voice Meeting Monday 19th January 2026, 6.30 to 8.30 at Thornbury Leisure Centre feedback-JH found it very disappointing, agreed by the council and OPC will write to the organiser to explain and pass our disappointment to the appropriate councillors/officers

Meeting finished 20.54 pm

Future meeting:

Full Council Tuesday 24th February 2026

FC/26/26

Annexe 1

TW reports he continue to tackle the disruption being caused by the A38 road works, which are causing problems with traffic coming through our villages. I am to have a meeting with officers and will update you with anything relevant when I have it.

We have heard from the inspector regarding the local plan, they have requested some clarification on certain issues but not as much as they could of, hopefully we will receive a date for the enquiry in the spring.

I have reported over 20 potholes in the parish, some were already known about some not but are now registered.

Following the voice meeting at Thornbury I have made representation about the disruption that was caused by certain members hogging the proceeding and not giving chance for others. At future events, if there is particularly something that the parish wish to raise, inform the organiser and they will ensure it is on the schedule and that there are the relevant officers in attendance to give answers.

I have reported the issues with the stable conversation in Hazel Lane and officers are dealing with it

Matthew Riddle continue to log potholes and take up the issue with officers.

The water leak in Haw Lane has now been fixed.

Planning application at Hazel Cottage, P26/00052/HH, was debated by Alveston PC last night, although it is in Olveston Parish it was sent to APC, I hope SGC officers have asked you to comment as well, it is very near the parish border.

Planning on Millpond should be coming back to the SGC Planning Committee on 5th February.

Down Road, Alveston: I presented the petition that Cllr John Graham (Alveston PC Chair) and I organised again at the SGC Council meeting December 2025 (first presented at the Dec 2024 meeting). It has been confirmed that the road is now on the provisional draft resurfacing programme for 2026/27. Thank you to all those who signed it.

The SGC draft budget for 26/27 has now been published for debate and a decision on 11th February. Key points Council Tax up 4.99%, Green Bin fee increase from £63 to £75 pa (up 19%) and car parking charges are all up eg 70p to 80p an hour (up 14%).

The detail can be found in tomorrow evening's Scrutiny Commission Meeting agenda: [the administration's budget proposals](#)

Current SGC Consultations can be found at:

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/listConsultations> (none on this website directly affecting Olveston Parish), however, consultations on:

[School Term and Holiday Dates 2027-2028](#) Open from 19 Jan 2026 to 02 Mar 2026

[Do you feel safe in South Gloucestershire?](#)

We'd like to understand your feelings about crime and safety in your local area. It is important to note that levels of crime in South Gloucestershire are very low - there are far fewer reported offences in South Gloucestershire than in the South West region and the England and Wales averages, and crime rates have fallen over the last 20 years. However, working alongside our partners, including the Police, we will use the information you provide to help make South Gloucestershire even safer. Open from 20 Nov 2025 to 31 Jan 2026

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Changes have been introduced to the Sort-It Centres in that residents must now book a time slot to visit. Over the next year three weekly black bin collections will begin and soft plastic recycling collection at kerbside will start in all the remaining areas not covered by the pilot. I continue to press the Council to collect used blister packs, this was first requested by Olveston and Tockington WI, but is difficult as blister packs are a mixture of metal and plastic.

All the details can be found here: [Answers to your questions about waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#)

The new car parking charges in SGC owned car parks have now for six months are hitting trade badly in Thornbury and local residents who are now for the first time paying for parking. The car parks only seem nearly full on Sundays and early evenings when the charges do not apply.

Charges include: At least 10 per cent of spaces in short-stay car parks remaining free for stays of up to 30 minutes, and the first hour being charged at just 70p, £1.30 for up to two hours, £3 for up to three hours and £5 for stays up to four hours in short-stay car parks.

Parking in long-stay car parks and spaces will be £3.00 for the first four hours; 4–6-hour tariff charged at £4.00, and stays of more than six hours will be charged at £5.00.

The price of season tickets. Weekly tickets will be £20; monthly tickets will be £75.00; a new option of a six-monthly ticket will be £435; and annual tickets will be £840.00.

Blue Badges holders will be able to park for free for up to four hours in any space in any car park, provided that their valid blue badge is displayed.

You need to pay by card or app, but there is also a phone number to pay over the phone using a bank card.

I voted against them as I believe they will harm residents and traders. The Council should have looked at savings in its £330M budget for the £800,000 that parking charges are planned to raise this year.

6. Potholes and other Streetcare matters can be logged at [Report it | South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

7. Help nationally and locally with the **cost of living** can be found at (see the home page) :

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/help-with-the-cost-of-living>

8. SGC has set up an area on its web page (see the homepage) called the ‘**The Big Switch**’, advice for residents and businesses of how to help the environment and cut carbon emissions at:

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/energy-and-climate-change/the-big-switch>

Annexe 2



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD Tuesday 27th January 2026 AT 19.00pm Camp Committee Room

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Miles Grocott (Mgr.), Cllr Steve Ritchie (SR) John Hughes (JH)

In Attendance: M Evans -Clerk

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| PL/25/068 | To Receive and Accept Apologies for absence Di Buckley (DB) |
| PL/25/069 | To receive any questions, statements, or submissions from members of the public in attendance none |
| PL/25/070 | To Receive Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations |
| PL/25/071 | To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the meeting 13.1.2026 as a Correct Record
Agreed and approved |
| PL/25/072 | Applications to be considered. |

P25/01918/HH - The Millpond, Hardy Lane, Tockington, BS32 4LN -deferral comments

This was deferred as new evidence was to be considered -The Clerk put on the 27.1.26 agenda for further comment to the SGC portal -statement to be prepared by SR/ME before the meeting -it was Agreed and will be posted on the portal and highlighted at the next planning meeting .The deferral is supposed to be heard on 5th February -but no confirmation yet

P25/02752/F Erection of 1no. micro battery energy storage system with associated works. - Verge At Vattlingstone Lane Opposite Quarry Road Alveston

The OPC planning position is neutral, but we would ask that the Planning officer ensures this is part of the SGC wider policy and ensure the appropriate screening is put in place to this rather unsightly diagram proposal and that there is no highways issue for the school.

Also, the Planning officer is to check there is no interference with the potential access point to the new housing development proposed at this location.

P26/00052/HH Hazel Cottage Hazel Lane Rudgeway South Gloucestershire BS35 3QP **No Comment**

Reconsulting

P26/00052/HH Erection of a single and a two-storey extension to the south elevation to form additional living accommodation. Erection of front porch. Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached double garage. Reinstatement of original access. (Amendment to previously approved scheme P24/01067/HH).

No Comment

TO: NOTE APPEALS, APPEAL DECISIONS, AND PLANNING DECISIONS MADE IN THE PARISH

None this period

Finished 19.22 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 11th February 2026 7pm

PL/25/21

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Annexe 3

MSFW Report to OPC on 27th January 2026

A committee meeting was held on Wednesday 7th January in Tockington Manor School.

On 23rd of January, a Silver Birch was purchased and planted at Old Down to replace an earlier tree that had died

On 3rd of February there will be a meeting of the Wildlife Observation and Recording Group (WORG) in Olveston Primary School. Included will be:

- A talk by Daphne Havercroft for the British Trust for Ornithology on the Garden Bird Survey.
- A discussion on the feasibility of forming Community Nature Reserves
- A discussion regarding guided walks led by Ed Drewitt:
 - 29th March 9 – 11 am around The Slad, Sheepcombe Woods, Old Down
 - 14th June time and location to be decided
 - 18th June 8:30 – 10:30 pm an evening bat walk.

Also looking to run an evening of moth trapping run by Ray Barnett of Bristol Moth Group.

Future meeting of the WORG cannot now be held at Olveston Primary School, therefore relocation to the Parish Hall is being considered.

Regarding the OPC website, the Climate and Nature sites are now being populated but not quite up to date.

Annexe 4

Action List

Matters arising (from last council meeting) and reviewed January 27th, 2025

Current Action List: **outstanding**

- I. QAMP side Kerbs-obtain quote from supplier and discuss 29.10.24-JH will bring costings to the Full Council-this is delayed until Summer/Autumn 2025 -SR is progressing with Mike Taylor.TW asked also to consider No Parking signs in the future Bollards installed -Bollards have been installed and Kerb works is now delayed -spring due to weather conditions
- II. New Signs -(Dog walking at Tockington Play area required)
- III. New Signs -gates going up 2 entrances on cricket pitch During winter season to prevent dog walking)
- IV. Communication events going forward -AS to prepare training paper in Early 2026
- V. FC/25/38 JH has met with Tennis Chair -the new £15 rent to be invoiced and JH will agree an annual further contribution early Jan/feb 2026
- VI. Notice Boards -Tockington and Olveston -new back boards and window/panes to be replaced -ME to find contractor – 2 TENDERS BY END OF FEB 2026
- VII. Peter Floyd-putting a group together on traffic issues etc -COMMENCING -Mgr will give him past papers
- VIII. Vicarage Play area Hedge row-works for Clearance Eastern edge -£1824 (inc vat)-STARTED
- IX. APA -date to be agreed AS/Clerk-then issue new Annual Calendar26/27
- X. JH -said the Olveston Primary school would like to give the Council a tour of the school-dates to be agreed and additional parking needed (SGC responsibility)
- XI. TT to investigate a plaque in RL honour (maybe Tockington Green bench)

COMPLETED -Now held as a record by the Clerk

Church Pond after Clearance (3 pictures enclosed and Rhine cleared opposite)



