

Coulston Parish Council

Minutes of the General Meeting of Coulston Parish Council (CPC) held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Coulston Village Hall, Coulston, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4NY.

Present: Cllrs. Vize (Chair), Fisher, Suter.

In attendance: Tekla Hicks (Clerk) and Cllr. Reay (Wiltshire Council).

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

25-26/59 Recording and filming of the meeting

No members of the public planned to record or film the meeting.

25-26/60 Apologies

No apologies were received prior to the meeting. Cllr. Markes was absent.

25-26/61 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 were received.

25-26/62 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th November 2025 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

25-26/63 Reports

25-26/63.1 There were no new matters to receive from the chair.

25-26/63.2 Wiltshire Councillor Reay updated the meeting:

- Proposed Wiltshire Council waste collection changes. This will include collections moving to every three weeks. Changes will also be made at Household Recycling Centres, where you will have to book prior to visiting. More information will be available shortly.
- The council predict an overspend in their 2025-26 budget of up to Q3 of £10m.
- The council are starting to consider their 2026-27 budget and will also have to publish a three-year budget shortly after their meeting in February.
- The council are holding an extraordinary meeting to consider the Lime Down Solar Park with decisions announced shortly.
- Cllr. Reay discussed the community Governance Review and CPC confirmed they had sent their response recently.

25-26/63.3 There was no update from the clerk.

25-26/63.4 The up-to-date external meetings schedule was noted.

25-26/64 Public Participation

25-26/64.1 There were no members of the public in attendance.

25-26/64.2 There were no petitions or deputations received.

25-26/65 Planning matters to discuss

25-26/65.1 There were no new planning applications received before the meeting.

25-26/65.2 The council noted the Coulston Parish Council Planning Schedule.

25-26/66 Maintenance to include items as below:

25-26/66.1 Parish Stewards jobs for the next visit were considered. It was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. To ACTION: Clerk to request the steward to clear the gullies and leaves in Dark Lane. It was also

agreed to raise the flooded corner towards Stokes Marsh Lane with Wiltshire Council.

25-26/67 Finance

25-26/67.1 Payments APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY:

25-26/67.1a Clerk's Salary.

25-26/67.1b Clerk's PAYE paid via Direct Debit.

25-26/67.1c Clerk's expenses – travel and WFH allowance.

25-26/67.2 There were no invoices already paid prior to meeting.

25-26/67.3 There were no invoices/requests for payment received after the preparation of the agenda.

25-26/67.4 Monthly Management Accounts

Members received the monthly financial report and bank reconciliations and Cllr. Suter signed the report and bank reconciliations in Cllr. Markes' absence. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

25-16/68 Confirmation of date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting. Minutes prepared by the clerk.

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