

- Boundary review
- Local Plan and call for sites
- Local Government review
- Grassroots Grant and successful grant application for playground equipment.
- Site visit for Thyme Application

It was noted that comments have been submitted by individuals to the Local Plan, these will be considered by the Planning Inspector. It should also be noted that the previous 5 year land supply will no longer apply in the Local Plan, which will have the potential to allow more speculative developers to come forward. This needs to be monitored.

FINANCE

- 084 25/26 To approve retrospectively, any payments made since the last meeting and to approve payments to be made.**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made in January. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr C Brickley – all in favour.
- 085 25/26 To consider agree cashbook & reconciliation to December 2025**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree cashbook and reconciliation figures to end December 2025. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr C Brickley - all in favour.
- 086 25/26 To consider and agree budget for 2026/27**
Following debate it was agreed to increase the budget by a blanket 5%. Some new budget lines to be added. A revised sheet with new figures to be circulated. Proposed Cllr C Brickley, seconded Cllr Giles – all in favour

ACTION: Clerk to circulate figures

- 087 25/26 To consider and agree Precept for 2026/27**
As a result of the decision made regarding the budget, it was **RESOLVED** to agree a Precept figure of £17500 as the request to CDC. Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Giles – all in favour. This gives a percentage increase on the Precept of 5.67% on a Band D property. This equates to £5.34 increase per annum on Band D property or .10p per week.

ACTION: Clerk to send Precept Request form to CDC
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PLANNING

- 088 25/26 To receive Decision notices:-**
25/01271/FUL: Garage conversion insertion of rear glazed door and insertion of roof light within rear facing roof slope, erection of garden store outbuilding and stone boundary wall at 1 Wadham Close Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3NR. Received CDC 17.4.25; Validated 21.5.25 – **Status: PERMITTED**
- 25/01706/TCONR|** 1 - Conifer tree - Laterally cutback the roadside clump by approx. 1.0m up to approx. 8.0m at Boxwood Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PH. Validated: Wed 04 Jun 2025 | **Status: Decided – NO OBJECTION**
- 25/03005/TCONR |G1 - Birch and Hornbeam - reduce crown back to previous pruning points- reduce crown back to previous pruning points at Tanglewood The Farriers Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3RL Validated: Wed 24 Sep 2025 | Status: NO OBJECTION**
- 25/03314/TCONR|** 1 - Yew - 1.5m overall crown reduction. G1 - Yew x2 - 3.0m overall crown reduction keeping crown **as one Southrop Manor Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3NX. Validated: Thu 16 Oct 2025 | Status: NO OBJECTION**

25/03244/TCONR | To reduce 1x Liquidambar in rear garden by 30%, and re balance due to branch failure at **Garden Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3NU**

Validated: Mon 13 Oct 2025 | Status: NO OBJECTION

25/03266/NONMAT | Non material amendment (smaller unit) to 25/01142/FUL - Removal of sewage treatment plant and installation of new package sewage treatment plant in a different position. **Site Off Wadham Close Southrop Lechlade GL7 3RL.**

Validated: Mon 13 Oct 2025 | Status: PERMITTED

25/03498/TCONR | G1 - Lime x4 - re-pollard (Trees 2, 4, 6 & 8 from North End) at **St Peters Church Southrop Gloucestershire – NO OBJECTION**

089 25/26 New Planning Applications

25/02175/FUL | Erection of 3 new structures and associated landscaping to provide additional spa facilities and hotel accommodation. Validated: Tuesday 22 July 2025 | **Status: Awaiting decision – Objection from SPC.**

25/02722/LBC | Erection of glazed extension to curtilage listed building at Thyme - Southrop Estate Office Southrop Estate Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PW Validated: Mon 08 Sep 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision – **Objection from SPC.**

OTHER MATTERS

090 25/26 To consider and agree proposed website upgrade

The supplier has submitted details of the new website. Cllrs agreed that this was good, although it was agreed that the colour needed to be changed. Cllr Giles was tasked with looking at an alternative colour green. The site has not gone live yet. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the format subject to a few amendments. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr Guest – all in favour.

ACTION: Cllr Giles to deal with colour changes and other amendments. The Clerk to enquire about the change of domain name.

091 25/26 Update on Designation of footpaths

Cllr Guest reported that a recent application to change the designation of some footpaths has been accepted by Glos County Council, i.e. they are happy with the proposals. However this process can be quite lengthy, but it is hoped this will deter speculative development.

092 25/26 To consider and formally agree expenditure relating to legal fees relating to Baxters Farm (£600 ex VAT) and to agree retainer fee for legal services (£500 exc VAT) – (retrospective)

It was **RESOLVED** to agree expenditure (retrospectively) relating to Baxters Farm, legal fees. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr Jones – all in favour.

093 25/26 To receive an update on speeding

Cllr P Brickley reported that Meysey Hampton PC have been in contact with him to seek advice on reducing speed limits in their village. He also reported that information relating to the installation of a pole and a new speed camera on the Lechlade Road, is still awaited. The Clerk reported that County Cllr Morris is not longer the person to contact but to contact County Cllr Joe Harris to see if any further information can be obtained. Cllr P Brickley proposed
1. A traffic survey on Lechlade Road for the Spring, but while we await the automated camera

2. Reinstatement of the handheld speed camera to try to calm the Lechlade road situation. Volunteers will be needed.

094 25/26 To receive Flood Warden report

A site visit was made on the 10th September by Anne Johns from Glos. been one follow-up email from Highways, which stated:

- 1. The trash screen clearance may not be as straightforward as first thought
- 2. The grip cutting programme has not yet started
- 3. Regarding the efficiency or otherwise of the hydro brake under the road near the Swan, the drainage report did not extend to this point and a further survey may be needed but there was no budget available for this. She added that on the plus side, the drainage report raised some 'queries about the utilities' which she was following up on.

Clarification of her comments in 1) and 3) was sought but none has so far been provided.

The residents of Clockfield Cottage feel it's necessary to make a further check on the underground culvert to make sure it hasn't become blocked again by tree roots. This request was included in an e-mail to Anne Johns which again received no reply.

A number of subsequent e-mails have gone unanswered. Two of these were following heavy rain, when Eastleach Road was once again flooded. On 11th December I sent her two videos which showed the blocked trash screen causing the water in the ditch to back up and issue back out onto the road via the grip.

Pete Belk of the Natural Flood Management team continues to be a helpful contact. He requested we send him the same videos, as he had a call scheduled with Anne and Simon in the New Year and would raise it with them. We await the outcome.

095 25/26 Anything the Chair considers urgent.

Cllr P Brickley reported that the Fete for 2026 will be held on the 20th June 2026. The Fete Committee had agreed that a new tent to compliment the existing tent would be a very useful addition and Cllr Brickley has sourced a new smaller tent. Cllrs agreed that this would be a good idea. This to be formally approved at the next meeting. The Fete Committee also agreed that should income for the event exceed £10k any funds left over after expenses should go towards funding of playground equipment.

096 25/26 Date of next meeting 26th March 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

.....Chairman

.....2026

APPENDIX

COLN VALLEY WARD JAN 2026 REPORT COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

[Forthcoming Committee Meetings](#) (underlined texts are linked)

Monday **5 January** 4.00 pm [Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny](#)
Thursday **8 January** 6.00 pm [Meeting of Cabinet](#)
Wednesday **14 January** 2.00 pm [Meeting of Planning and Licensing Committee](#)
Wednesday **21 January** 2.00 pm [Meeting of Council](#)
Tuesday **27 January** 4.00 pm [Meeting of Audit and Governance Committee](#)
Thursday **29 January** 2.00 pm [Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee \(Taxis, Private Hire, and Street Trading\)](#)

[Recent Committee Meetings](#) (November meetings calendar was subject to multiple changes)

Monday 1 December 2.00 pm [Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)
Thursday 4 December 4.00 pm [Meeting of Audit and Governance Committee](#)
Wednesday 10 Dec 2.00 pm [Meeting of Planning and Licensing Committee](#)
Thursday 18 December 2.00 pm [Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee \(Taxis, Private Hire, and Street Trading\)](#)

There was no Cabinet or Full Council Meeting in December

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - DEVOLUTION LOCAL PLAN REVIEW and PUBLIC [CONSULTATION](#) **UNTIL 2 JANUARY 2026**

A seven-week public consultation on the Cotswold District Council Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Consultation Preferred Options (November 2025) 14 November 2025 until 2 January 2026 was confirmed at the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting on 6 November.

Cotswold District Council has published draft options for future housing development in response to a sharp rise in government-imposed targets for new homes.

The council has developed several strategic options based on land that could be available, and housing that could be delivered in the time period.

The recommended option that will be discussed by councillors includes:

- A new village near Driffield
- Extensions to Kemble, Ampney Crucis, Preston, Siddington, Fairford, Moreton-in-Marsh and Cirencester
- Smaller developments in other towns and villages

This option could provide sites to deliver 14,650 homes between now and 2043 – the updated Local Plan period – with potential development areas outside of the National Landscape across the north, south and east of the district.

Only one option meets the full government target, and this involves building within the National Landscape which is unlikely to be viable under current planning rules.

The council is also talking with neighbouring authorities exploring whether they can help meet the shortfall. The consultation in November will also include a call for further sites in the district that have potential to be used for housing.

At this stage, these numbers are indicative and high-level, based on sites that currently have planning permission, as well as sites that have been put forward to the council by landowners, which have potential for housing.

The results of the consultation might mean that some sites are discounted or other new sites may come forward.

As previously mentioned, Cotswold District Council needs to plan for 1,036 new houses each year, more than double previous targets, as part of a national drive to build 1.5 million homes during this parliament.

This has rendered our Local Plan 'out of date' - specifically Policies DS1, DS2, DS3 and DS4 - other policies are still relevant. CDC is therefore undertaking an update (2-3 years). Cotswold National Landscape areas will retain the usual protections. Other Paragraphs of the NPPF which are steering the new shift: In particular 11d, Footnote 8, 68, 84, 91, 110, 115, 129, 135, 139.

Until the new local plan is published, these policies are subject to NPPF Paragraph 10 - Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Delivery so the 'Tilted Balance' - Benefits outweighing Harm has shifted - i.e. applications are more likely to be approved. Over 84 per cent of our district is protected National Landscape, which severely limits where houses can be built, yet 18,650 new houses are expected to be delivered over the next 18 years. In July, Cllr Evemy with the full support of the CDC Conservative group to Angela Rayner, the previous Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, requesting a rethink. In response, the minister said there would be no change to housing numbers and that the council should proceed with a full update to its Local Plan. Mike Evemy again with the full support of the CDC Conservative Group has written again to her replacement, Steve Reed. At the time of writing a response has not been received/published.

CDC 2026/27 BUDGET [CONSULTATION](#)

UNTIL 14 JANUARY 2026

GLASSJAR - FRAUD REPORT WEBSITE

The Counter Fraud and Enforcement Partnership have launched GLASSJAR (Gloucestershire Against Scams Joint Agency Response) — a new website designed to raise awareness, support victims, and disrupt fraud across Gloucestershire. The site can be found here:

www.cfeu.org.uk/glassjar

This project has been a collaborative effort, bringing together partners including Gloucestershire Constabulary, Crimestoppers, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Trading Standards, Victim Support, NHS, and the Councils across the county. On GLASSJAR, people can:

- Report fraud quickly and securely
- Learn how to spot threats and protect themselves
- Access support for victims, families, and communities
- Stay informed with the latest fraud trends and local statistics

Fraud can affect anyone – by working together, we can all help to 'put a lid on fraud' across our county.

A417 MISSING LINK

A417 Missing Link project 2025 progress and public information events COMING:

Kier will be hosting two public information events in January. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet the team and discuss the project. The events will take place on the following dates:

7 January 2026 (11am to 2:30pm)
National Star College, Cheltenham (GL53 9QU)

13 January 2026 (11am to 2:30pm)
The George Inn, Birdlip (GL4 8JH)

This amazing video gives an aerial view of progress made in 2025:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dZMn6iutH0>

National Highways are changing their communications. To receive updates, opt in to ensure compliance with GDPR, [please follow this link](#). Visit the [A417 Missing Link web page](#).

The Customer Hub, located at the crusher compound at Shab Hill, is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm. You can visit any time during these hours, without pre-booking an appointment. Members of the team will be on hand to answer questions. 10 mph and site restrictions. Please Reverse Park.
A417 Project Office, Birdlip, Gloucester, GL4 8JX
What3words: <https://what3words.com/shaped.quietest.payback>

Site visits for members of the public. If you are interested, please contact A417MissingLink@nationalhighways.co.uk
All roadworks and planned road closures on motorways and major A roads, including the A417, are published here: <https://www.trafficengland.com/>
Road Closure Reports, which includes a seven day look ahead of planned road closures, are updated twice daily, Monday to Friday except for bank holidays: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/>
To find the latest information about local road closures, please visit: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/roadworks/>
Webpage: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a417-missing-link/>
Email: A417MissingLink@nationalhighways.co.uk
Phone: 0300 123 5000
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Did you know that you can report highway issues, such as potholes, and track their progress online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fixmystreet Or download the app: FixMyStreet

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