

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

Thursday 15th January 2026, At Zeals Village Hall

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The meeting was opened at 1907

PRESENT: Cllrs C Spencer, (Chair), J Gray,(Vice Chair), M Gibbons, L d’Ambrumenil,
L Gilby (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllr G Jeans

No report from Cllr Jeans

ZPC 25/50 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Patch, Cllr Corbin and Cllr Thomas.

ZPC 25/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) To consider any written requests for dispensations by the clerk. - None Received.
- (ii) To receive any declarations of interest - None Received

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Zeals Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011

ZPC 25/52 MINUTES

Council **AGREED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th November 2025.

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr d’Ambrumenil

Resolved 4 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 25/53 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) To note the balance of the account. **£12,706.33** (31/12/25) in current account and £55,021.12 in the deposit account.
- (ii) The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following payments and any that come in after the agenda had been sent out.

Account	Amount	
One Man & His Mower – Christmas tree. Total £190.00 Owner donated £100.00 toward cost of tree, Parish Council to pay £90.00	£90.00	
Bourton Fencing – for supplying and fitting chain link fence and moving gate in the Play Area.	£1677.60	

- (iii) To note payments paid out under delegated powers:

Anthony Chubb – Repair and modify Zeals Village Hall notice board	£208.20	By BACS
Clerks Wages – Nov / Dec	£490.00	By SO

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Gibbons
Resolved 4 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/54 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) Applications to consider at the meeting: or any urgent applications that come in after the agenda goes out

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Proposed, Seconded
Resolved 0 – 0 - 0

- (ii) Applications considered/determined since last meeting: For Information

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2025/09757 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area THE RECTORY, PORTNELLS LANE, ZEALS, WARMINSTER, BA12 6PG Applicant Name: Mr Simon Ferris	No Objection	Under Consultation

ZPC25/55 PRECEPT

To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the projected Precept for 2026/27.

The clerk was asked to add the cost of a Christmas tree to the budget.

It was resolved to increase the 2026/27 Precept by 2.50%, which is the predicted rate of inflation for the next year. This will increase the total per month for a Band D property to £22.74, an increase of £0.55

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr d'Ambrumenil
Resolved 4 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/56 VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** for the Parish Council to pay for the repairs to the smashed Perspex, due to the board being vandalised over the Christmas period.

The clerk was requested to get a quote and get the repairs done.

Proposed Cllr Gibbons, Seconded Cllr Gray
Resolved 4 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/57 GRASS CUTTING AT THE CHURCH

It was resolved to increase the payment to the church by £150.00, from £250.00 to £400.00

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr d'Ambrumenil
Resolved 4 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/58 UPPER STOUR COMMUNICATION

Cllr Gray has been to some meetings about joining up communication between businesses in Zeals as there was a thought that there is no cohesive communication across the village. There is a meeting at the beginning of February that Cllr Gray will attend, a proposal will be made on how to improve communication which will be taken back to the different organisations for discussion.

ZPC25/59 WEBSITE – TO ADD AN EXTRA PAGE TO PUBLISH THE COUNCILS POLICIES

It was discussed and resolved that this would be a good idea, the Clerk was asked to implement.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 4 – 0 – 0

ZPC 25/60 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ash tree on the green – does it need cutting back?

ZPC 25/61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday
19th March 2026 with a Village Hall meeting
before.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the matters above in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

The meeting finished at 2002