

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
Thursday 16th July 2026, At Zeals Village Hall
zealspc.org.uk**

The meeting was opened at 1902

PRESENT: Cllrs C Spencer, (Chair), J Gray, (Vice Chair), M Gibbons, A Patch, D Corbin,
L Gilby (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public

Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr G Jeans

While it is good news that the fire stations have been saved from imminent closure, this decision is by no means secure. The Government won't let the council increase the precept as much as they need, so the stations need to modernise otherwise they will close.

Cllr Jeans is asking all the PC's to write to their MP and the Chief Fire Officer if they want to see the fire stations stay open permanently.

Andrew Muirson is the local MP and Andy Cole the Chief Fire Officer.

ZPC 26/20 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs d'Ambrumenil and Cllr Thomas

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Patch

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/21 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 26/22 TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21st MAY 2026 AND THE EGM HELD ON 30TH JUNE 2026.

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/23 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) To note the balance of the account **£13,073.36** (30/06/26) in current account and £71,706.74 in the deposit account.
- (ii) The Parish Council is asked to RESOLVE to pay the following payment and any that come in after the agenda has been sent out.

Account	Amount	
AM Light Grass Cut – 29/5/26	£60.00	
WALC	£315.38	
AM Light Grass Cut – 28/6/26	£60.00	

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

AM Light Grass Cutting Apr – Jun	£280.00	By BACS
Clerks wages – May / June	£612.14	By SO
Fran Hill – Microsoft subscription	£84.90	By BACS
JW Flynn	£69.99	By BACS

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PL/2026/02500 - Householder planning permission Longcross Cottage, 12 Longcross, Zeals, Warminster, BA12 6LJ Respond By: 29 May 2026	Install timber cladding to existing garage and reconfigure flat roof to pitched with plain tiles and install solar PV panels. Create log store to side of garage	No Objection
PL/2026/03000 - Householder planning permission Wyvern Cottage, Chapel Lane, Zeals, Warminster, BA12 6NP Respond By: 6 July 2026	Demolition of existing garage, together with approved disposal of existing Asbestos roofing and the creation of new footings to support the erection of a timber framed garage with an enlarged footprint and incorporation of solar panels on the south facing roof	No Objection

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

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2026/02163 - Full planning permission Boyes Transport Yard, Longcross, Near Zeals, Warminster, BA12 6LL Retrospective planning application for retention of welfare facilities and revisions to workshop building permitted by planning permission PL/2022/01499. 8 June 2026	Object	Refuse

ZPC 26/25 SID (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE)

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to buy the new SID device, sharing between 3 local parish councils at the cost of £1,000 to each PC, or to go halves with Kilminster if Stourton aren't interested.

There was also discussion on placing a pole for SID at the Longcross cottages and sort out the leaning pole at the other end of the village.

It was also mentioned there is an overhanging tree at the Bourton end which may effect sight and needs to be cut back.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/26 GRIT BINS AT THE PLAY AREA

There was general discussion about the grit bins and it was decided that the existing grit bins needed replenishing before the winter. It was also pointed out that the grit is there for the pavements, not the roads and it is WC that is responsible for gritting the roads. The clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council and ask if they will put in a new grit bin in this area.

ZPC 26/27 PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Paul Thomas as the person to go to for small repairs to the play area.

Thanks were also given to the very kind householder who will water the new grass in the play area until it is more established. A sub meter for water will be brought to go on the tap, so the householder can be reimbursed for the cost of the water.

It was also **RESOLVED** to increase the remit of A Light, if he is happy to do so.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Patch

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

There was also discussion on a new picnic bench for the area and it was **RESOLVED** that a budget for up to £250.00 could be spent on a new picnic bench.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/28 ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

A judge has been found for the allotment competition and Cllr d'Ambrumenil has been asked to confirm with her.

Ongoing conversation about the allotments, especially the unused ones, we are to ask one person who has given up his allotment but not removed his stuff, to remove it before the end of August.

The clerk was also asked to see if A Light will trim the empty plots and if he can do something about cutting the hedge back that encroaching on the pathway.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 26/29 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Update on the allotments

ZPC 26/30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17th September 2026

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 2011