

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

Thursday 20th November 2025, At Zeals Village Hall

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The meeting was opened at 1925

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

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllr G Jeans

Cllr Jeans sent apologies as he was attending an Area Board meeting

ZPC 25/36 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

ZPC 25/37 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 25/38 MINUTES

Council **AGREED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th September 2025.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr d'Ambrumenil

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 25/39 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) To note the balance of the account. **£58,105.91** (31/10/25) in current account and £10,305.12 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	
Wiltshire Council Election Invoice	£340.00	By BACS

The Clerk was asked to question Wiltshire Council on the invoice as there was no election in the Parish as none of the Councillors had stood down.

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

AM Light – Grass Cutting 17/8, 19/9	£100.00	By BACS
CA and CJ Spencer for poppy wreath	£19.99	By BACS

Jimmy Flynn – IT Services	£175.00	By BACS
Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Battery for Defib	£280.00	By BACS

Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Patch
Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/40 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/2022/09365 - Land adjacent to Quarryfield Industrial Estate, Castle Street, Mere, BA12 6LA New employment building (Use Class B2) with associated offices, access, car parking, service space, landscaping and associated development infrastructure.	No Objection	Approve with Conditions

ZPC25/41 BUDGET

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

The clerk was asked to amend the budget for playground maintenance by adding £1,000 to cover ongoing grass cutting

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Spencer
Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/42 WESTFIELD PLAY AREA

Cllr Patch had one quote for resurfacing the play area and supplying new equipment but was asked to get 1 or 2 more.

It was decided to see if we could contact the Housing Association about grants.

The quote from Bourton Fencing was agreed to be the best option and Cllr Patch was asked to instruct them to commence the job.

It was agreed by all councillors that Cllr Patch was doing a good job with the updating of the play area.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Corbin
Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/43 SEEDS 4 SUCCESS EXTENSION

On **DISCUSSION** the Council was happy with the plans that Seeds4Success have for the veranda and **RESOLVED** they were happy for the extension to be built.

Proposed Cllr d'Ambrumenil, Seconded Cllr Corbin
Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/44 ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE FIRST AID COURSE

To be based around the defibrillator, so members of the community are confident in using it.

ZPC25/45 WIGGLY BUS – IS IT WORKING?

Unfortunately, Cllr Jeans was not present to give an update, but it was suggested that the question was asked in the next village news magazine to see what the feedback is.

ZPC25/46 IT POLICY

To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the new IT policy

Councillors are happy with the new policy that needed to be drafted to keep the council compliant with Assertion 10.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Gibbons.

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC25/47 FACEBOOK

It was agreed that as the agenda is published on the Parish Council website and posted on the notice board next to the church, that there was no need for it to be published on Facebook.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 25/48 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Grass cutting at the church
Upper Stour Communication

ZPC 25/49 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 22nd January 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 2010