

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
Thursday 27th March 2025, At Zeals Village Hall
zealspc.org.uk**

The meeting was opened at 7.07 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs C Spencer, (Chair), J Gray, P Thomas, A Patch, L D'Ambrumenil.
Ms L Gilby (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present.
No questions asked.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllr G Jeans

Cllr Jeans had offered to help the Parish Councillors with their election nomination papers and was collecting paperwork, therefore not able to report.

ZPC 24/65 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Gibbons - these were approved.

ZPC 24/66 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 24/67 MINUTES

Council **AGREED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 23rd January 2025.

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil.

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

ZPC 24/68 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) To note the balance of the account. **£31,927.07** (28/02/25) in current account and £10,251.75 in the deposit account.
- (ii) The Parish Council **AGREED** to pay the following payment and any that come in after the agenda had been sent out.

Account	Amount	Chq Number
Mrs Hill Salary 1/1/25 – 31/1/25 13.5hrs @ £14.84 = £200.34 Homeworking allowance £8pm (Jan) Holiday pay, based on 10 month year – 4.7 holiday weeks = 21.7hrs holiday = £322.03	£530.37	001160
Miss Gilby Salary 1/2/25 – 28/2/25	£237.60	By Bank Transfer
HMRC Tax and NI for Clerk	£147.60	By DD, by 22 nd April

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Invoice for repair of road sign at the bottom of Portnells Lane	£91.00	To be sent once Cllr Corbin has sent invoice to Clerk
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Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil
Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

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

WALC Invoice for Clerks Training (19/3/25)	£48.00	
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Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil
Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

ZPC 24/69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PL/2025/01643 ST.MARTINS CHURCH, PORTNELLS LANE Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area		
PL/2022/09365 LAND ADJACENT TO QUARRYFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE Application Type: Full planning permission Proposal: New employment building (Use Class B2) with associated offices, access, car parking, service space, landscaping and associated development infrastructure.	To be discussed at Planning Meeting 8 th April 2025	
PL/2025/02933 9 ZEALS RISE, ZEALS Householder planning permission Proposal: Dismantle existing garage outbuilding and build garage extension attached to right side gable of bungalow, along existing driveway. Erect boundary fence between new extension boundary wall, and existing garage boundary wall. Create new parking space and path in front of the bungalow.	To be discussed at Planning Meeting 8 th April 2025	

Proposed, Seconded
Resolved 0 – 0 - 0

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

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2025/00200 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area ST MARTINS FARM, CHAPEL LANE, ZEALS, WARMINSTER, BA12 6NZ T1 Damaged in storm Darragh. Fell. T2 Crown lift over footpath and highway T3 Split stem remove split limb.	No Objection	

ZPC 24/70 RELOCATION OF SID

The clerk read out a prepared statement from Cllr Gibbons. Cllr Spencer had already had a conversation with the parishioner who had originally brought up the subject with Cllr Gibbons and there was agreement that SID would be better placed on the other side of the road to give a better line of sight, thus detecting vehicles earlier.

Cllr Gibbons statement went on to talk about how the police are keen to collect data from speed devices, and while SID is a 'view only' device, with the help of a small digital device it may be possible to extract data. The Council needs to discover the cost of this device before discussing further.

Proposed Seconded

Resolved 0 – 0 – 0

ZPN 24/71 ROAD SURFACING / GULLY EMPTYING / POTHOLE

- (i) Council **DISCUSSED** that the general repair of the roads and footpaths is awful, that none of the repairs have been sealed properly. The clerk was instructed to write to David Button at Wiltshire County Council to state there have been a lot of complaints and ask what can be done. The clerk was asked to note that parishioners could also help by writing their own letters to Wiltshire County Council
- (ii) The council discussed the Discretionary Gully Service Programme and advised that two or 3 gullies on Bells Lane and one at Bullpitts would be good for the County Council to clear.
- (iii) Council discussed the pothole near White Cross Lodge that has been filled in and case closed.

Proposed Seconded

Resolved 0 – 0 – 0

ZPC 24/72 WESTFIELD PLAYGROUND BREAKAGES

- (i) Council has **AGREED AND RESOLVED** to ask Elite Playground Inspections (Stevan Day) to come and sort out the breakages, then do their annual inspection. If possible, to see if they could come earlier than the proposed date to do the work and inspection. The clerk was instructed to contact and organise it.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

ZPC 24/73 ELECTION DOCUMENTATION

The Council were given time to discuss the documentation they need to fill in for the upcoming election and the timeframe frame that it will all happen in. Cllr G Jeans went out of his way to provide the paperwork and help the councillors to fill it in.

ZPC 24/74 ALLOTMENTS

The council discussed finding one person to act as a liaison between the tenants and the Parish Clerk, it was thought this might be quite difficult as they all tended their allotments at differing times. For the moment it was decided that putting a note on the gates would suffice.

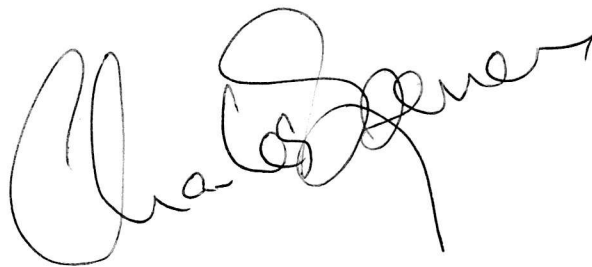
ZPC 24/75 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (i) Installation of Fibre Broadband
- (ii) Forest Lands Charity
- (iii) Find someone to tidy up the verges – ask Seeds for Success?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 22nd May 2025.

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 1956

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad Jones', written in a cursive style.