

UPPER DEVERILLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at Upper Deverills Village Hall on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 6.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Jamie Fagan (Chair), Angie Beloe (Cllr), Louise Stratton (Cllr).

Clerk and RFO: Lisa Gilby

The meeting was opened at 6.03pm . No members of the public were present.

89/26. To elect Chair of Parish Council

It was proposed that Cllr Fagan continues as Chair, which he accepted by signing the Declaration of Acceptance.

Proposed Cllr Beloe **Seconded** Cllr Stratton. All in Favour

90/26. To elect Vice Chair of Parish Council

Not elected due to small size of council

91/26. To accept apologies for absence

This was done preceding **89/26** as Cllr Hardwick had come in person. He verbally handed in his resignation due to personal reasons and then left the meeting. The Clerk requested for the resignation to be put in an email.

Proposed Cllr Fagan **Seconded** Cllr Stratton. All in Favour

92/26. To discuss dispensations

None.

93/26. To record declarations of interest

None.

94/26. To discuss exclusion of the Press and Public

No reasons were given to exclude the press and public. No press present.

95/26. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 13th May and 8th July 2026

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Stratton **Seconded** Cllr Beloe. All in Favour.

96/26. To hear reports from Visitors

None present, but the clerk was asked to invite Cllr Newbury to every other meeting so he can give an update on Wiltshire Council.

97/26. To hear the Chair's announcements.

None.

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98/26. To hear the Clerk's report including any matters dealt with under Parish Clerks delegated powers. LGA 1972 s101

Nothing to report

99/26. To approve the items of expenditure listed in the period from July 2026 and note receipt of any income LGA 1972 s150(5)

Set out below are the transactions that occurred in this period.

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
6 th July 26	Laura Napper April Wages	£381.15	
6 th July 26	Clerks Wages May/June	£461.66	
6 th July 26	Community First Insurance	£208.88	
15 th July 26	Auditing Solutions	£225.00	
15 th July 26	Laptop for Clerk	£257.49	
20 th July 26	Computer Mouse for Clerk	£8.32	
22 nd July 26	Pcc of Deverills and Horningsham grant	£400.00	
30 th July 26	Clerks Wages July	£327.00	
31 st July 26	Bank Charges	£7.00	
11 th Aug 26	Deverills Cricket Club grant	£1,000.00	
31 st August 26	Bank Charges	£7.00	
1 st Sept 26	Clerks Wages August	£327.00	
1 st Sept 26	DCK Payroll	£78.00	

Approved: Proposed Cllr Stratton **Seconded** Cllr Beloe. All in Favour.

100/26. Planning

Chesnut Tree Barn - Retrospective planning - No need to comment

The School House, Kingston Deverill - Replacement of septic tanks - No Objection

Proposed Cllr Fagan **Seconded** Cllr Stratton. All in Favour

101/26. To note any planning decisions

Chesnut Tree Barn - Approve with conditions

Whitepits septic tank - Approve with conditions

102/26. Clerks Contract

All happy with contract for Clerk and Chair to sign

Proposed Cllr Stratton **Seconded** Cllr Beloe. All in Favour.

103/26. Progress against the Parish Plan

The parish plan has been reviewed and actions needing addressing have been done. The council will continue to use the plan as a reference.

The parish plan can be seen on the Upper Deverills website.

Proposed Cllr Fagan **Seconded** Cllr Stratton. All in Favour

104/26. Risk Register

Carry forward to next meeting

105/26. Assertion 10 checklist

The clerk reported that there were several policies identified through this years Assertion 10 that would need to be published before next years audit. The clerk will produce these over the next 6 months.

It was also identified that the councillors should do some data protection training. The clerk was instructed to research some.

106/26. Councillor vacancy in Brixton Deverill

The clerk was asked to produce something to go in the Parish News to advertise the 2 vacancies. The councillors discussed members of the parish who they thought may be open to serving their community on the parish council.

107/26. Guide to Kingston Deverill church

It was proposed that £250.00 would be donated to Kingston Deverill church for the guide if the clerk can find the money in the budget. If the money can be found, the clerk was instructed to set up the payment.

Proposed Cllr Fagan **Seconded** Cllr Stratton. All in Favour

108/26. Police

The councillors decided they would try one more time to get a PC or PCSO to attend the next meeting to give an update on what is happening locally, particularly rural theft.

109/26. Mere Fire Station

The fire station has been saved from closure at the moment, but this may only be temporary. After this hot, dry summer with several fires in the local vicinity, it is hoped they will reconsider, but that is probably pending the fire service being able to increase the amount raised through Council Tax.

110/26. Damage to plum trees on Keysley Lane

The Chair has discovered that the owner of the plum trees has cut them back and has had to take off 2 years growth as they weren't done last year. The Chair will reply to the member of the public who raised this.

The mowing of the verge was also discussed and WC are to be reminded that it is a privately owned verge and they should only be mowing in 1 metre from the road. The Chair will contact Highways to request they don't mow too far in.

111/26. Freight Action Plan

The Chair is to formulate comments to the freight Action Plan map to encourage WC to make changes to the A350/A303 junction.

Proposed Cllr Stratton **Seconded** Cllr Beloe. All in Favour.

112/26. Response to river naming

The Chair is to reply to the parishioners' email regarding this subject.

113/26. To hear updates and agree actions with regards to Rights of Way

The Bridge Farm diversion of path will now go through as planned.
The broken bridge on the bridleway going towards Longbridge Deverill will be mended, with construction material having been taken to the site.

114/26. To hear updates and agree actions for the Parish Steward

There is no parish steward at the moment. Anything that needs doing should be sent to Wiltshire Council as normal and they will cover the role. Cllr Stratton is to email WC and ask if someone can come out and clear the drains in October.

The bushes on the corner near the church need cutting back again.

115/26. To hear updates and agree actions with regards to Highways

Nothing to report but Cllr Fagan attended the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers meeting in June.

116/26. Mobile Phone/Communications update.

Nothing to report and this will be taken off future agendas

117/26. To agree any items for the Parish Newsletter, Notice Boards and Parish Council Website

SID / Community Speed Watch / Date of next meeting

118/26. To agree any additional items for the next meeting's agenda

Risk register

Councillor vacancies

Donation for poppy appeal - to be paid retrospectively

119/26. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Abbreviations: LGA 1972: Local Government Act 1972

Meeting Closed 8.13pm

Signed (Chair)

Date