

HILL CROOME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm Monday 2nd February 2026

1. Apologies -None received

2. Declarations of Interest – no new declarations from Councillors

3. Minutes – the Minutes from the meeting held on 15th December 2025 were circulated to Councillors and agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Planning:

- a. Boughton Stud – no further update to report
- b. Boughton View – no further update to report
- c. 4, Meadow Close – no response from Enforcement regarding the failure to follow the plans

5. Finance –

- a. Full reconciliation provided to Council
- b. A list of expenditure and receipts was provided and signed off as a true record for the accounts
- c. The Clerk provided a list of upcoming payments for approval in advance, due before the next meeting. These included – Lengthsman monthly invoices, Annual Insurance premium, OIC Membership, CALC and NALC membership. In addition the ongoing purchase of Dog Bin bags and lawn mower fuel. All were agreed.
- d. The Clerk confirmed that the Precept request had been acknowledged for 2026-2027
- e. The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator cabinet repair had been carried out, replacing the internal electronics and all is now working again.

6. Cotterill's Charity – nomination for representative Trustee

The Trustee nominated on behalf of the Parish Council is Mr B Swinbourne. The Trustees have been advised of the agreement of the Council.

7. 'Clustering' – the Clerk explained to Council the meaning of the term. It is aimed at possible economies through sharing capability or contractors with other Parishes. As we move towards the Unitary Authority and the potential for greater responsibilities, it is something to be considered.

8. Progress reports:

- 1. Drainage at Ash Lea – following the site meeting new suggestions are being examined to re-route the water from the north side of the A4104. The tarmac is to be re-shaped on the corner to allow for better drainage.
- 2. Speed signs – both now up and running providing a better deterrent showing actual speeds.
- 3. Pothole – a significant hole has been reported and repaired within four days.

9. Lengthsman – January is usually a quiet time. A proposal to offer a new contract was agreed.

10. Training – Councillors reminded as to the opportunities that arise. All currently up to speed.

11. District and County Council updates

Councillor Allen provided a verbal account relating to changes at County Hall, Budget proposals, cancelled flood work, siding out on the A4104, Local Neighbourhood Plan, the Community Recognition scheme and the new Dementia Cafe. A written report is held on file.

12. Police Update – the dates of our meetings have been passed to the local team and they hope to attend meetings where possible.

13. Correspondence – the Clerk reported the sad news relating to the passing of Brian Webb, former Chairman and Peter Moreton, former Auditor to the Council. Our best wishes go to the families at this difficult time.

14. Items at the discretion of the Chair

Two items were raised – a. The poor repair to the manhole o/s Myrtle Cottage. This will need to be monitored for deterioration. b. The sunken hydrant cover near the same location. Report required to highlight the issue to Severn Trent.

15. Councillor's Reports – Cllr Wall gave advance apologies for the May meeting.

Dates of upcoming meetings - 13th April, 11th May, 21st September, 16th November

Date of Next Meeting Monday 13th April 2026

Signed as a true record.

P. Smith

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P. Smith - Chairman

13th April 2026

Date