

Woolaston Parish Council

Public Notice is given of the Meeting of Woolaston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 9 April 2026 in Woolaston Memorial Hall, GL15 6SU at 8pm.

Members of the public and press are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting unless specifically excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

To all members of Woolaston Parish Council
Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Woolaston Parish Council to be held at 8 pm on Thursday 9 April 2026, in Woolaston Memorial Hall, when the following business will be transacted.

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Members are reminded that the Council has a duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Biodiversity, Equal Opportunities, Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Councillors' Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.
3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026 (*circulated to members before the meeting*).
4. To receive and consider questions from the Public at the Public Open Forum. (*These can be answered but not debated. No decisions will be made on issues raised; items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting*).
5. To receive the written reports from the County and District Councillors who may attend the meeting.
6. To receive the Parish Clerk's report. (*All items requiring the council to make a decision are specified separately on the Agenda*).
7. To consider and agree a response to planning applications received.
 - a. [P0284/26/PQ3PA | Prior approval for the conversion of 2no. agricultural barns into 4no. dwellings and associated building operations reasonably necessary to convert the buildings | Woodside Farm Woodside Woolaston GL15 6NZ](#) – extn approved reply required by 10 Apr 26
8. To discuss any urgent planning applications received since the publication of the agenda.
[FODDC validated planning applications to date Mar 2026](#)
9. To note Planning Decisions taken by FODDC in March 2026
 - a. P0016/26/DISCON | Discharge of Condition 4 (Rafters) relating to Listed Building Consent P0860/25/LBC – Consent 13 Mar 26
 - b. P1291/25/FUL | Sub-division of Springfield into three self-contained dwelling – Consent 5 Mar 26
10. To note and/or discuss planning correspondence / other planning issues.
 - a. To note submission of Woolaston Parish council response to the Local Plan to FODDC.
 - b. To note report of the Severn Trent Community Flooding Team presentation (Appendix A) and consider any further actions or questions arising.

11. To consider the following matters
 - a. Policing Issues.
 - i. To note police crime statistics which can be accessed following national police.uk link ([Lydney | Police.uk](http://LydneyPolice.uk) (www.police.uk)).
 - b. Highways and Footpaths Issues – *To note actions of reported defects/new defects.*
 - c. Maintenance. *To consider any maintenance issues received*
 - i. Replacement dog bins - Birchwood Road and Playing Field
 - d. Churchyard and Cemetery – *To receive a report from the Cemetery Working Group*
 - i. To approve amendments to Cemetery rules
 - ii. To consider and approve increase in Cemetery fees
 - iii. To note 10 x Lime tree whips received and agree planting schedule.
 - e. Governance documents.
 - i. To re-consider and adopt the draft Volunteer Working Party policy.
 - ii. To consider and adopt the draft Safeguarding Policy

12. To consider the following financial matters (documents circulated before the meeting).
 - a. Financial Report. To receive the Financial Report.
 - i. To approve Bank Reconciliation and note balance of accounts as at 31 March 2026 (Current account - £1,268.15 / Deposit account - £18,288.73).
 - ii. To approve the payment of accounts for April 2026 in accordance with the Financial Report and note receipts and payments since the last meeting.
 - b. To note the Reserves Accounts (including earmarked and ringfenced) balances as at 31 Mar 2026.
 - c. To approve continued GAPTC (GALC)membership for 202/627 (cost 407.78) includes NALC membership and includes a discount for a CILCA qualified Clerk.
 - d. To approve the End of Year Accounting statement and Budget Monitoring Statement for 2025-2026 (End of Year accounting statement to be signed by the Chairman).
 - e. To review the parish council Land and Asset Register as at 31 Mar 2026.

13. To note Correspondence received and sent and agree response as appropriate (11 Mar 2026 – 8 April 2026). *A list of correspondence has been circulated to councillors before the meeting.*
 - a. To note Parish council response to two of the three proposals of Gloucestershire Local Government Reorganisation consultation were submitted on 25 Mar 2026.
 - b. To note GAPTC will formally transition to GALC with effect from 1 April 2026.
 - c. To consider WPC response to the Forest of Dean 'Nature and Climate Emergency Strategy' Consultation – ends 4 May.2026
 - d. To consider WPC Attendance on GALC Devolution Preparedness Training
 - e. To note resident correspondence on school safety and consider next steps.

14. To consider /discuss other matters:
 - a. Woolaston Winter Warmers / Friendship Group.
 - b. Update - Purchase of bench (GRCC Village of the Year award).

15. To review Risk Assessment as at 31 March 2026 and note any changes, amendments or updates.

16. To receive any councillors reports and to note any items or issues to add to the next meeting.

17. To note the dates of the next Meetings
 - a. Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 23 April 2026 at 7.30 for 8 pm.
 - b. Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 14 May 2026 at 8 pm