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I hereby give notice of a Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26th November 2025 at 7pm in Saul Memorial Hall. Members of the Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business, residents of the Parish are welcome to attend. Anyone attending should be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

Please be respectful of your proximity to other people attending the meeting and take relevant steps to respect their welfare.

Agenda

011125 **To receive apologies for absence.**

021125 **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**

031125 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2025.** The minutes having already been circulated to the Councillors for their consideration prior to the meeting.

041125 **Public Question Time**
10 Minutes is allocated to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council, 3 minutes will be allocated to each person. Speakers are requested to keep their comments brief. Standing Orders item 3, para (e)(f)(g)(h)(k).

051125 **To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies.**

061125 **To receive a report from District Councillor Robert Brown**

071125 **To receive an update on planning application S.25/1011/FUL Wheatenhurst Solar Farm (Proposed) which has now been referred to Stroud District Councils Development Control Committee. The meeting will be held at 6pm on 2nd December at Ebley Mill. Since the last meeting letters have been written to the following -**

- To the Stroud District Council Case Officer – Setting out the Parish Council's formal response to the additional documents submitted by Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE).
- To Mr. Harry Witt, Alpaca Communications – Expressing the Parish Council's disappointment regarding the level of Community Benefit Contribution proposed by PACE and requesting that the offer be reconsidered. The letter also outlined current and forthcoming Parish Council projects that would benefit from Community Benefit Contribution.
- To the Chairman of the Development Control Committee (DCC) – Highlighting that planning application S.25/1011/FUL is exceptional as it involves land within two parishes. The Parish Council has respectfully requested that each affected council be permitted four minutes to speak, and that the time allocated to public speakers be extended to ensure fair representation given the wider geographical impact of the proposal.

To update the Council on responses to the above letters.
Council to formally decide who will speak on behalf of the PC at the DCC meeting on 2nd December. The Case Officer Alena Dollimore has recommended REFUSAL. This may still be overruled by the Development Control Committee.

081125 **To receive a further update on the proposals and considerations for the disused Section of the Stroudwater Canal at Upper Framilode:**

- The PC continues to consider the CIC proposal alongside other collaborations with bodies who are experienced in similar projects.
- To discuss recent meetings with professional bodies re the restoration of the disused section of the Stroudwater Canal at Upper Framilode.
    - Stroud Valley Projects (SVP) has confirmed they will be happy to work in partnership with the PC on the canal.
    - A meeting with JPR Environmental, Stonehouse, has been held at the canal to discuss the work involved. They were very enthusiastic and will be submitting a draft plan of work to be considered, staged progress to fit in with both environmental considerations and costings.

091125 **Planning Application**
Application Number: S.25/2146/VAR
Location: 2 Stanley Villas, Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester.
Application Type: Variation of Condition
Description Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.25/0639/HHOLD - alterations to fenestration.
Respond by date: 03.12.2025

Application Number: S.25/2006/TCA
Location: 9 Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.
Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area
Description: Ash trees on boarder of allotment - cut overhanging branches back by 3metres to trunk.
Respond by date: 02.12.2025

Application Number: S.25/2077/HHOLD
Location: Silverdale, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.
Application Type: Householder Application
Description: Erection of a side and rear extension, front canopy, porch and rear dormer extension. Erection of a carport/shed and alterations to existing garage.
Respond by date: 21.11.2025 this has been extended to 1st December 25

Planning Decisions

Application Number: S.25/2002/TCA Land to the West of Saul House, High Street, Saul, Gloucester
Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area
Description:. T1 Willow - Crown reduction of 2m. T2 Betula - Clear Ivy and Crown reduction of 2m. T3 Maple - Crown reduction of 1.5m. T4 Oak - Height reduction of 1.5m. T5 Maple - Crown reduction of 1.5m. T6 Hornbeam - Crown reduction by 5inches. T7 Lime/Maple - Crown reduction by 5inches. T8 Beech - Crown reduction by 5inches.
Decision: Application approved

Application Number: S.25/1902/HHOLD The Tea Gardens, Framilode Passage, Saul, Gloucester.
Description: Erection of a garage
Decision: Awaiting decision

Location: S.25/1011/FUL Land At Epney, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.
Description: Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm with access tracks, fencing, landscape planting and other associated infrastructure
Decision: this will now be referred to the Development Control Committee on 2nd December at 6pm

101125 **To further discuss the restoration of the War Memorial at St Mary's Church, Fretherne.** Cllr Bierer to give update on availability of a quote and the work involved for the restoration. Cllr Robbins to provide details of any quotes he has got.

111125 **Christmas on the Pound – Cllr Jeffries to provide final update.**

- There has been a change to the date of the event – now Sunday 7th December
- It is on the front page of the Parish Newsletter; posts will be put on social media to advertise the event and appeal for help putting up the lights.
- To agree a budget for Christmas attire competition – adults and children

121125 **Clerks report – to update on action raised at the October meeting and other matters arising**.

- **Repair of the fencing at Upper Framilode Pound** – the Clerk has checked with GCC Highways, it is almost certainly their responsibility, hope to confirm this at the meeting.
- **The new defibrillator** has been installed.
- **The 3rd issue of the Parish Newsletter** has been circulated.
- **Following discussion at the last meeting and reviewing the ROSPA inspection report,** it was agreed that the linkages on the basket swings would be closely monitored, and the Play Inspection Company would be asked to carry out a full inspection of them at the 2026 survey.
- At present, only one notice board is available to install, a separate quote for £50 to solely install the Upper Framilode notice board has now been submitted. Council to approve this split in funding.

131125 **To note on record the PC's thanks to the three people who laid the Remembrance Day wreaths on behalf of the Parish –** Cllrs Findlater and Jeffries and member of the public -Tim Lever. The PC has been informed that the wreaths on the War Memorial at Fretherne, with the exception of the PC's, are lifted after 10 days (in line with protocol at the Cenotaph in London) and stored for re-use the following year but annual donations continue to be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Would the PC now like their wreath to follow this protocol? St Mary's is happy to store the wreath on the PC's behalf.

141125 **Finance: To approve the following payments in accordance with the budget.**
Supporting documents have already been sent to councillors.

Payee	For	Amount
Clerk	Administration inc Pay November	£409.64
Town & Parish Websites	Annual Renewal	£440.00
Clerk – Kay Brown	Refreshments for the meetings	£3.50
Clerk	Admin inc December pay	£409.64
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation for the Poppy wreaths	£200.00
Clerk	Biz Stationary – Parish Newsletter issue 3	£99.99

Signed / Date

To ratify payments made, and income received, between meetings

HMRC	PAYE payment	£316.60
Amazon	Lights for trees around the Parish – Christmas 25	£64.61
Water Plus November	Allotment water supply	£52.49

To review and approve November 2025 bank reconciliation and accounting spreadsheet. These have already been circulated to the Councillors.

151125 **To discuss and resolve the letter received from the Internal Auditor, Iain Selkirk, detailing his charges for the financial year 2025/26.** The letter has been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

161125 **To approve the amended Email policy as discussed at the October meeting.** The policy has been sent to the Councillors in advance of the meeting.

171125 **To discuss the budget for Financial Year 2026 – 27**. The Responsible Financial Officer has circulated a proposed budget to the Councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration, taking into consideration there is still a further four months of the financial year to go.

181125 **To begin discussion on the level of Precept for the financial year 2026-27.**

191125 **To begin discussions around the Business Plan for the three-year period 2026 – 2029** in view of the work achieved this year within the Parish and what is ongoing. Achieved this year -

- The Oak bus stop on Saul Pound has been restored
- The fencing along the tow path between Moor Street and Saul Junction has been replaced
- A notice board has been purchased to be sited along the canal tow path adjacent to The Ship car park
- The notice board at Upper Framilode Pound is purchased and due to be replaced with a new, larger board
- The trees on Saul Pound are undergoing long overdue reduction work, the willow is due to be pollarded and others will had dead wood removed and reduced to encourage healthy growth. This work will recommence in February.

Councillors to bring suggestions of future projects to the meeting to be considered.
Early proposals for next one

- A couple of costings for a replacement bench on Upper Framilode Pound have been circulated for Councillors consideration
- Cllr Robbins to update the information re containers for storage
- Ecological project on the discussed section of the Stroudwater Canal at Upper Framilode

201125 **Matters arising at the allotments:**

- **To consider an allotment holders request to plant a small cherry tree on her allotment.** The species is a Karina cherry tree. The tree will be grown as a cordon on framework on the allotment, it will not be allowed to grow any higher than 2 – 3 metres, will not shade or overlap any other allotments.
- **The tenant who rents six of the eight raised beds has submitted their notice to vacate.** The raised beds have been cleared of all items and plants. Council to ratify refunding the Bond of £75.

201125 **Date of next meeting 28th January 2026.**

Signed: *Kay Brown* 20th November 2025

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in exercising any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.