

FONTHILL GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026

There were present Cllrs Mary Scott-Gall (deputising for the Chair), Paul Gorford, Treasurer, Caroline Marking, James Evans and Cheryl Bell

Cllr Gerry Murray was also in attendance

Apologies were received from Cllr James Hill, Chair

1. There were no Declarations
2. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed
3. Matters arising: There has still been no progress on the repairs to the fallen sections of wall. Concern was expressed as the growth of the grass verge obscures the fallen stones from view, creating a danger to traffic.
4. Financial statement: The Treasurer stated that at 1st June the balance on the Current Account is £3485 and on the Deposit Account it is £2105, making a total of £5590. He also confirmed that the year accounts 2025/2026 have been signed and approved.
5. Any other business: Cllrs Bell and Marking reported that approximately 20 guests are expected to attend the party to be held on Friday 5th June.
6. Cllr Murray reported that funding for future traffic schemes in the County have been confirmed. He also reported that a community owned energy scheme has been discussed, whereby those joining may enjoy discounted rates. He reported that crime is down in Wiltshire, but with rural crime, mostly in the form of poaching and hare coursing, committed by outsiders, on the increase. Two local Fire Stations are intended to be closed, one in Mere and one in Wilton. These would leave our area to be covered by Tisbury Fire Stations, which is a voluntary, and considerably under manned, local Station. Cllr Murray suggested we should seek a meeting with the Tisbury Fire Station Manager to obtain reassurances about the future provision of services. He also advised that lobbying is under way to stop the Salisbury authority from increasing charges for parking, and extending charges to evenings and Sundays. He is hopeful that after discussions these changes are likely to be reversed.

There being no further business, the Meeting was declared closed.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 6 July 2026