



Southam Parish Council



Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 14th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

Councillors: Cllrs J Calam, M Harris, K Fish, S Lennon (Chair) R Prince (Vice Chair), P Sissons, R Torrington

G Jennings (Clerk/RFO)

364. To receive apologies

365. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

366. To receive and agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 2025

367. Discussion about safety concerns on the B4632 with Dave Holland Glos. Constabulary

Background

In 2011 the Parish Council tried to convince GCC to move the Cheltenham bus stop from its position on the B4632 onto Old Road – this was refused although Old Road was deemed wide enough, the blind bend was a factor

In April 2021 SPC carried out a survey of residents with regard to speed issues throughout the parish. The B4632 was thought to be dangerous due to the:

- Poorly maintained pavements
- Difficult access from side roads and driveways due to speed of oncoming traffic – having to pull out in a rush
- Location of speed limit signs / variable speed limit
- Large number of leisure cyclist groups

At a meeting in October 2021 the ambiguity of the Winchcombe bus stop on Old Road was discussed and Max Kelly of GCC indicated that it would be possible to paint bus stop lines on the tarmac but this was never done. The position of bus stops is still a concern particularly for people crossing over the B4632.

Reasons to revisit the effectiveness of the speed limits on the B4632:

- a. The speed limit on the A435 is being decreased and there may be a perception of the B4632 being a faster route
- b. The collection of data shows that some drivers think it is OK to drive at 80mph on this road
- c. Increase in traffic volumes since 2021 with the expansion of Bishops Cleeve, Winchcombe, Broadway and Cheltenham and worsening driver behaviour
- d. Increase in leisure cyclists and pedestrians
- e. Further decline in pavement safety
- f. Elderly residents with mobility problems should have right to cross safely to the bus stop

- g. Tourists and others should be able to access PROWs safely
 - h. Pledge by GCC to take speed seriously through Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiative
 - i. Difficult to get collision data due to changes in reporting structure since 2015 but there appears to be an increase, a recent collision at New Rd junction (Aug25)
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368. Adjournment for public participation on items on the agenda (*if about another subject residents should write to the clerk* (clerk@southam-pc.gov.uk) 15 minutes. Participants in the meeting will treat others with respect and not interrupt proceedings.

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369. Receive County/Borough Councillor reports

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371. Planning Matters

Consultations:

25/00630/FUL The erection of a new dwelling and associated operational works De La Bere Stables, Southam Road, Southam

24/00953/FUL Erection of a sports hall, first floor extension to the existing sports club and spectator stand Newlands Park Southam Lane

National Grid Compulsory Purchase Order to the Secretary of State re: Cleeve Common (to be noted)

Decision Notices:

25/00524/FUL. The construction of a double car port. Rowan House Southam Lane – Permitted

Appeal Land East of Kayte Lane - Dismissed

372. Finance & Governance

1. To approve the September bank reconciliation and August/Sept budget report
2. Arrangements for Remembrance Day Parade – application for road closure sent, no fee to pay, no need to marshal road closure – awaiting RBL confirmations
3. Receive a Communications Policy for consideration
4. Agree to submit 2 Licence Review applications for Newlands to ensure an earlier closing time of 11pm
5. Community 20s and Safer Road Initiative – initial list of roads for review
6. Appointment of interim RFO

373. Parish Survey 2025

- Agree changes to the survey content proposed by Cllr Sissons
- Agree cost of publication (£70) and appoint volunteers to distribute.
- Distribution area via electoral roll

374. Date of Next Meeting

To be decided

The meeting will be adjourned excluding the public and press to discuss a confidential staff item (Schedule 12 of the Local Govt Act 1972)