

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WEST SUITE, BRIMSCOMBE PORT MILLS,
BRIMSCOMBE, STROUD, GL5 2QG
ON TUESDAY 8th October 2024 at 6.00pm**



Present:	Cllr Gwen Grant Cllr Bob Tyler Cllr Brian Castle Cllr Bill Harvey Cllr David Haydock Cllr Tim Harris Cllr Martin Whiteside Cllr Greg Pilley	Chair Vice-chair
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Apologies: Cllr Alex Middle

In attendance: Hannah Warren (Clerk)
Penny Starr (Assistant Clerk)
Chloe Turner (County Councillor)
Tricia Watson (District Councillor)

1. **Apologies:** To receive and accept apologies and note absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Middle and accepted by Council.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare any interest they may have in the business set out on the Agenda to which the approved Code of Practice appears.
No Declarations of Interest were declared.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** To **approve** and **sign** the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024.
The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record [**ACTION: Clerks** to update on website]
4. **Public participation:** An opportunity for the public to raise issues relating to the Parish.
No members of the public were in attendance
5. **Monthly reports:** To **receive** monthly reports from:
 - (a) County Councillor – Cllr Turner
Cllr Turner submitted a written report ahead of the meeting ([Appendix 1: County Councillor's Report](#)). Cllr Turner was in attendance and gave a verbal update on the report. In addition, concern was raised about the drain opposite Thrupp School not draining – Cllr Turner will look into this.

(b) District Councillor – Cllr Aldam

Cllr Aldam was not in attendance but had submitted a written report ahead of the meeting ([Appendix 2: District Councillor's Report](#))

(c) District Councillors – Chalford Ward

Cllr Watson was in attendance and talked about a funding opportunity Stroudfunding – Crowdfunding for Stroud District and stated that work on Charlea Gardens is going well.

(d) Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Apologies were received from PCSO Mel Olivera who was unable to attend the meeting. **[Action: Clerks** to see if PCSO can attend the next meeting and the Neighbourhood Warden every third meeting. Also ask for monthly highlights to be submitted from both]

6. Planning applications:

(a) To **receive** application received since the posting of the agenda, **consider** and **agree** any comments to be submitted by the Parish Council

No additional applications were received

(b) To **note** decisions made by Stroud District Council on planning applications.

Council noted decisions made by Stroud District Council on previous planning applications.

7. Finances:

(a) To **approve** the accounts for payment

Payments made between meetings to be ratified: October 2024

	Payee	Details	Payment method	Amount
1	Stroud Brewery	Bar supplies for POTPF - to rectify error in payment made in September	BACs	£ 5.00
2	Chinnick Theatre Services	Hire of PA for Remembrance Day (as approved in September meeting - item 8.1c)	BACs	£ 90.00
3	Hannah Warren	Reimbursement for payment to Chris' Shed for external hard drive for computer back ups	BACs	£ 59.50
	TOTAL			£ 154.50

Accounts for approval and payment: October 2024

No.	Payee	Details	Payment method	Amount
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The accounts were approved for payment.

(b) To **receive** and **note** monthly breakdown of income and expenditure

The Council received and noted a monthly breakdown of income and expenditure.

(c) To **receive** monthly budget monitoring statement, including **noting** of any budget variances

The Council received the monthly budget monitoring statement. There were no variances to note.

(d) To **receive** monthly bank reconciliation

The Council received the monthly bank reconciliation.

(e) To **agree** a process for mid-year budget review and setting the 2024-25 budget and precept

A meeting time of 1.5 hours was agreed for Councillors to look at the proposed budget and priorities. **[Action: Clerk** to circulate a Doodle Poll to arrange a meeting time and date]

(f) To **receive** and **review** the external auditor report (AGAR) from PKF Littlejohn and **decide** what, if any action, is required

The report was received and reviewed; no actions required.

8. Items requiring a decision/resolution:

8.1 Party on the Playing Field:

(a) To **receive** the final accounts and review document for the Party on the Playing Field 2024

The final accounts were received and noted.

(b) To **consider** options and plans for a Party on the Playing Field event in 2025
Various options and plans were considered for the Party on the Playing Field event in 2025. Council approved for this to be a Parish Council event, organised by the Parish Council and a creative committee working group – adopting the roles and responsibilities set out. The Council approved the proposed budget (as set out below). Any changes to this will be proposed and considered at future council meetings.

Income	Spend/income	VAT
Ticket sales (based on 2024)	£780.00	
Bar Revenue – cash (based on 2024)	£894.00	
Sum up payments - combined bar and gate (based on 2024)	£2,478.82	
Food Revenue (vendor pitches x 4 @ £25)	£100.00	
Profit carried over from 2024	£858.98	
Parish Council administration	£2,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	£7,111.80	
Expenditure		
Toilets x 3	£330.00	£66.00
Disabled toilets	£220.00	£44.00
PA		
Marquee/Tents	£1,460.80	£292.17
Generators – including fuel	£422.70	£84.54
Lead hire	-	
Resources, materials and printing (inc. banner)	£400.00	

Hay Bales £5 per bale	£300.00	
Walkie Talkie hire	£125.00	£25.00
First aid cover	£314.00	£62.80
Water Bowser		
Stock – Bar	£241.38	
Stock - Stroud Brewery	£831.47	£166.30
Temporary event notice	£21.00	
Bin hire	£80.00	
Event insurance	£112.50	
Fire extinguisher hire	£33.28	£6.66
PLI cover	£96.00	
Parish Council administration	£2,000.00	
Flag poles x 6	£150.00	
Additional Sum up Machine	£79.00	£16.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£7,217.13	£763.47
BALANCE	-£105.33	

8.2 Wild Area between Fromeside Playing Field and Hope Mill Lane Site: To **review** plans regarding the lease of land adjacent to Fromeside Playing Field from Gloucestershire County Council, plans regarding management of land, and **agree** actions needed

Council reviewed the plans and agreed on the following actions needed:

- a) Clerks to contact Parish Council solicitors to clarify the following:**
- i. Whether the new lease can match the timescale, lease terms and lease type of the existing Playing Field lease.
 - ii. That the lease ensures there is no liability to the Parish Council as a result of the site being a landfill site during its occupancy or thereafter.
 - iii. Whether there is any circumstance in which the Parish Council would become liable for emissions of the site under the proposed tenancy and proposed use.
 - iv. The level of detail regarding plans for the site needed as part of the lease agreement (supporting its use as a community green space with activities to promote its biodiversity and public access – such as paths, tree planting and fencing).
 - v. That the lease ensures the responsibility of invasive weeds (including Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam) remains with GCC in the new lease agreement.
 - vi. That the existing leachate remains the leaseholder's responsibility.
- b) Clerks or solicitors to ask GCC:**
- vii. If a more recent contamination survey of the discharges is needed – bearing in mind that Parishioners are swimming in the river, and concerns about hydrocarbons, ochre and methane emissions.
 - viii. Whether the Parish Council are likely to get permission to undertake the intended planned activities for the site (including tree planting and fence posts).
 - ix. For a copy of the latest tree safety survey, including written confirmation that the split willow which overhangs the playing field is not a safety problem.

c) Additional Actions

- x. **Maintenance contractor** to inspect boundary fences for any work that is needed prior to signing of the lease.
- xi. **Biodiversity working group** to develop an action plan for the site for consideration and approval at a future Parish Council meeting. This plan should include details of: resources needed such as staff and Councillor time and finances; a note of specific stipulations that the Parish Council needs to be aware of in taking the proposed work forward, including periods authorised for activity (as outlined in the Wildwood Ecology Habitat Management Plan); authorisations/approvals needed – such as the consent of Stroud District Council Contaminate Land Officer, and written consent of GCC as landlord; other actions needed including ensuring PC insurance policy provides adequate cover and registration of land with HM Land Registry.
- xii. **Clerks** to source additional tree and safety survey quotes, to include looking at the split willow.

8.3 Hope Mill Lane car park: To **consider** request from Stroud Foot Clinic to lease an area for staff car parking, and **review** and **approve** draft lease agreement

The Council considered the request and reviewed and approved the draft lease agreement with the following amendments:

- Offer a fixed one-year contract with a three month notice period if in breach. Therefore, remove points 14 and 15 of the lease agreement.
- It was decided that the cost of the car parking spaces would be £2,000 per annum.

[**ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with Stroud Foot Clinic]

8.4 Parish Council Policies:

(a) To **review** and **adopt** the Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council Model Publication Scheme

The policy was reviewed and adopted with the following amendment agreed: “printed information available at cost” [**Action:** Clerks to change and put on website]

(b) To **review** and **adopt** the Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council Risk Management Schedule

The policy was reviewed and adopted. It was decided that a Risk Register was also needed. [**Action:** Clerks to update on website. Clerks to liaise with Cllr Haydock on creating a Risk Register]

8.5 Asset inspection:

(a) To **receive** a progress report on actions agreed from previous asset inspections and **note** actions taken/ still outstanding.

Council received the progress report and all actions were noted

Tuesday 5th July 2022 – minute reference 8.4(a)					
Item:	Action:	Est cost:	Budget:	Action owner:	Action status:
Post mounted rubbish bin – Brimscombe corner by bus shelter	Contact SDC to re-secure bin	N/A		SDC	SDC to re-secure bin
Rubbish bin Bus shelter - Opposite War Memorial	Liaise with SDC	TBC	Maintenance	SDC	SDC agreed to cite (13/9/24)

Rubbish bin – Fromeside Playing field	Needed on site – closest bin over road – Liaise with SDC	TBC	Maintenance	PS	Awaiting next assessment - 1st Nov remind SDC to include
Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – minute reference 8.1(b)					
Item:	Action:	Est cost:	Budget:	Action owner:	Action status:
Fromeside playing field – fencing	Chain link fence has been damaged near the football pitch – get quotes	N/A	N/A	PS/GSWG	
Additional bins requested					
Item:	Action:	Est cost:	Budget:	Action owner:	Action status:
Dog poo bin outside Thrupp school	Requested by school (needed in addition to rubbish bin) - Liaise with SDC			PS	SDC agreed to move the bin. PC awaiting location details from school
Dog poo bin at Yew Tree Way	Needed in addition to rubbish bin – and to be cited away from bench – Liaise with SDC			SDC	SDC agreed to new bin
Dog poo bin at Reservoir public footpath junction – Thrupp Lane (w3w: syndicate.pages.willpower)	No bin between Rope Walk and Toadsmoor Road – requested by public – Liaise with SDC			PS	Awaiting next assessment - 1st Nov remind SDC to include
Rubbish bin at top of Halladays Pitch (w3w: pronouns.decoded)	Grit bin full of rubbish – obvious need. Could double as dog poo bin – Liaise with SDC			PS	Awaiting next assessment - 1st Nov remind SDC to include
Dog poo bin at allotments	Damaged bin needs replacing			SDC	SDC agreed to replace

(b) To **review** the asset inspection carried out during September 2024 and **agree** actions to be taken and associated costs.

Council reviewed the asset inspection and agreed on the actions and associated costs

Area	Item category	Description	Inspection notes	Action proposed	Est. cost	Budget allocation
Bourne Lane	Notice board	Top of Halladay's Pitch, Bourne Lane	Needs repainting	RB to repaint	Inc in maintenance costs	Maintenance

Brimscombe Hill	Dog poo bin	Back of ship inn on towpath	Graffiti	RB to clean off	N/A	
Brimscombe hill	Grit bin	Port Lane, Brimscombe	Rubbish inside	RB cleared - PS to report to SDC	N/A	
BRIMSCOMBE LANE	Grit bin 1465	Jct. Thrupp Ln/Brims. Ln (bot. Halladays Pitch)	Rubbish inside	RB cleared - PS to report to SDC	N/A	
Fromeside	Playing field	Fencing	Fence needs reinstating after tree fell on it	Clerks to get quotes for repair work	TBC	Maintenance
Fromeside	Playing field	General	Regularly litter around the benches	RB cleared - PS to report to SDC	N/A	
Gunhouse Lane	Notice board	Jct. Gunhouse Lane	Needs repainting	RB to repaint	Inc in maintenance costs	Maintenance
Middle road	Notice board	Jct. Middle Road/A419 (Phoenix House)	Needs repainting	RB to repaint	Inc in maintenance costs	Maintenance
Middle road	Rubbish bin	Jct. Middle road on London road	Graffiti	RB to clean off	N/A	
Middle Road	Grit bin	Rope Walk	No grit	HW to report to Highways	N/A	
Thrupp Lane	Grit bin	Thrupp Lane - outside The Thrupp	NEEDS A 4" POST UNDER LOWER SIDE TO LEVEL. 600MM LONG	RB to level when grit has been used	N/A	
Thrupp Lane	Notice board	Outside Thrupp Lane Allotments	Needs repainting	RB to repaint	Inc in maintenance costs	Maintenance
T'moor A419 EAST	Bus shelter	Toadsmoor Jct.	Does this want anti-graffiti treatment now that its repainted?	RB to treat with anti-graffiti treatment	Inc in maintenance costs	Maintenance

8.6 Grant: To receive evaluations from:

(a) Parent Carer Alliance

Council received the evaluation form from Parent Carer Alliance

(b) Thrupp School Walking Bus

Council received the evaluation form from Thrupp School Walking Bus

8.7 Football Club car parking agreement: To review and approve additions to the agreement regarding parking on Fromeside playing field by Brimscombe and

Thrupp Football Club on match days.

Council reviewed and approved additions to the agreement. [**Action: Clerk** to issue amended signed agreement to Football Club].

9. Reports and working groups: Reports from committees, working groups and projects – to bring members up to date on progress since the last meeting. **No** decisions can be made under this heading but can be an agenda item for the next meeting:

(a) Clerk's report: To **receive** the monthly report from the Clerk
Council received the monthly report

(b) Port Community Hub Committee: To **receive** an update
Nothing to report [**Action: Clerk** to circulate latest email to Council]

(c) Green Space and Biodiversity Working Group: To **receive** an update
Nothing to report

(d) Road Safety Working Group: To **receive** an update
Work is taking place on getting gateway signs for each end of the village

(e) Staffing Committee: To **receive** an update
Nothing to report

(f) Party on the Playing Field: To **receive** an update
Verbal update given earlier under 8.1

(g) BATCOM: To **receive** an update
Cllr Pilley gave the following update – Yateman's are ready to start work. Waiting for approval from GCC regarding the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

(h) Allotments: To **receive** an update
Cllr Grant gave the following update – currently one vacant plot. Need to look at what to do with the Grazing plots as two are being relinquished in January 2025 and there is currently no one on the waiting list. [**Action: Clerks** to arrange a meeting with **Cllr Grant** and **Pilley**].

(i) Heaven's Valley Community Benefit Society: To **receive** an update
Cllr Whiteside gave the following update – the seller has agreed to sell to the society and it is hoped to exchange at the end of October. £250,000 has been raised so far, 365 shareholders with more coming.

10. Agenda items: To **agree** items for the next agenda or forward to Clerk by **Friday 1st November 2024**

11. Date of the next meeting: 6.00pm Tuesday 12th November 2024 at **The West Suite, Port Mill, Brimscombe, GL5 2QQ**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.57PM**

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Appendix 1: County Councillor's Report

County Council update

Do contact me any time on:

Chloe.turner@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Tel: 07710514689

And please report any Highways defects via

highwayscouncillors@gloucestershire.gov.uk (for parish councillors & clerk use only) – feel free to copy me in if you'd like to – or via the Fix My Street app

GCC news:

- You'll see that Highways have relined Brimscombe Hill. I noticed that the yellow zigzags by the school have not been renewed – I have asked the Local Highways Manager to follow up with Ringway on this.
- The upper part of Quarhouse Lane will be one of two resurfacing projects I've been able to support with my Highways Local funding in the next financial year across the division (£30k doesn't go very far, sorry!)
- In case of interest, here is the list of central Shire Hall resurfacing projects for 2024/5: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october-2024/road-resurfacing-roll-out/>
- The Ringway contract is up for renewal. Cabinet delegated this to officers without scrutiny but members objected so there will be a call-in of that decision. Given how extensive the Ringway contract is, and the dire state of our local roads, it feels particularly important that the procurement of the new contract is well scrutinised. I'll be chairing the relevant session at Environment Scrutiny Committee next week.
- As part of Earthwatch UK Waterblitz, I did some water quality testing on the Frome at Felt Café recently. It was reassuring to see that both phosphate and nitrate levels as it passes through Brimscombe were low, however other readings on the river taken in Chalford and west of Stroud show higher incidence of both pollutants. You can see the results here <https://www.freshwaterwatch.org/pages/great-uk-waterblitz-results#RESULTS> If anyone would like to get involved in future water quality testing on the Frome/tributaries, please let me know.

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Appendix 2: District Councillor's Report

Stroud District Councillor report – October 2024

Council meetings

Link to meeting agenda and documents in the committee title.

Development Control Committee - 10th Sept

- Bristol Street Ford, London Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire S.24/0826/FUL
Demolition of existing car dealership & ancillary servicing facility & redevelopment of the site for 35 dwellings. Numerous reasons for refusal and indeed it was refused
- Barn, Mill Lane, Cranham, Gloucestershire, S.24/0535/FUL
Demolition of existing agricultural portal barn and erection of agricultural barn. Permitted.

[Video recording](#)

Housing Committee - 17th Sept

- **Policies adopted:** including: Gas & Electrical Safety, Aids and Adaptation & Private Sector Housing Renewal;
- **Budgets** monitored (Housing Revenue Account and General Fund budgets)
- **Consultation:** Depooling rents and service charges. [SDC consultation](#). The change should improve transparency, fairness, choice and hopefully lead to an improved service. All tenants invited to respond.
- **Grant funding for new homes** Agreed to accept a further £1.2m grant (from central Govt.) towards the purchase of four new council homes for Afghan families (families to be allocated by the Home Office) and four new temporary housing units (pods to be constructed on a disused garage site) for people experiencing homelessness in the district.
- **Future of Council Housing.** Committee agreed to sign this report (led by Southwark Council) and to write to the three MPs in the District to emphasise the committee's support for this vision for social housing.
- **Creation of a Housing Oversight Board**, as required by legislation, to scrutinise and improve service delivery, and appointment of a member to be responsible for complaints related to the housing service.
- **New Homes Programme:** 96 new council homes to be delivered over the coming years. The next phase of construction will cover Glebelands, Cam (23 homes), Cambridge Avenue, Dursley (13 homes) and Glos St/Bradley St, Wotton (8 homes).

[Video recording](#)

Environment Committee - 19th Sept

New Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Policy

This which supports prevention and community involvement, early identification, supportive intervention, and enforcement. Approved by Environment Committee, and then subsequently by the Community Services & Licensing Committee.

SDC will focus on partnership work - with [SOLACE](#), Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit & One Legal. Community Wardens work closely with Neighbourhood Police teams, other councils and service partners.

The new ASB policy recognises that the alleged victim should be at the centre of the case, and treated with respect and dignity, regardless of whether the ASB is considered low, medium or high level. More enforcement training for selected officers will be provided. Noted the CCTV stock around the district is old and needs an upgrade. Next

steps include a new Case Management System and better information sharing with partners.

Budget Monitoring: Revenue underspend of £116k (against budget of £7.4m) and capital overspend of £9k (for a budget of £9.3m). Largest item of spend is the Multi Service contract with Ubico which includes waste and recycling collection.

Other reports:

- **Strategic Planning Advisory Board**

Local Plan - Update on the progress of the draft local plan are published on the SDC website – [local plan examination library](#), including progress with design work to improve J14 and J12 of the M5. A final [consultation](#) on the technical evidence closed on 23rd September. An [update report](#) on the local plan was shared.

Planning policy - Changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – SDC as Local Planning Authority would need to deliver an extra 3,200 homes by 2040 (increase of 36%) according to the Government's new housing targets. SDC has responded to Government's consultation and raised concern about scale of targets and importance of focusing on affordable homes. The revised NPPF is expected by the end of the year. Development Management decision-making will be subject to the new NPPF from the publication date. SDC will need to commence a brand new Local Plan to meet the higher housing targets, as soon as the Plan under Inspection is adopted.

- **Stroud Town Regeneration Committee.** Merrywalks transport hub improvements planned for next year, to include secure bike lockers.
- **Climate Leadership Gloucestershire.** Draft of the Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy will go out for consultation in November.
- **Stroud Valleys Project Board.** Many projects right across the district which deliver big social and environmental benefits.
- **Cotswold National Landscape.** [Annual review](#) just published, which covers two important projects: Glorious Cotswold Grasslands, and Farming in Protected Landscapes.
- **Gloucestershire Resource & Waste Partnership.** Stroud District continues to have the best waste minimisation and recycling rates in the county. Committee agreed to write to GCC to request information about possible costs for the incinerator that may be passed onto Districts due to incinerators being brought within the Emissions Trading scheme.
- **Electric Vehicle charging points in car parks rollout.** SDC to install 26 charging bays in seven car parks. Mobilisation meeting with the contractor (Connected Kerb) took place in Sept. Officers keen to schedule works and commence installation as soon as possible.
- **Simpler recycling** - lots of changes afoot in the coming years, including collection of recyclable plastic film, extended producer responsibility, deposit return scheme for drinks containers.
- **Air Quality** – update on SDC responsibilities – an Air Quality Strategy is in progress. [Video recording](#)

Audit & Standards Committee - 24th Sept

Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit Update

Council is required to proactively tackle fraudulent activity. The core group consists of attendees from Gloucestershire Constabulary Economic Crime Team, Trading Standards, Victim Support, NHS and colleagues from Gloucester City and County Councils. Standalone web site in progress for signposting.

Reports

- Statement of Accounts audit for 2022/23 – approved.
- Treasury Management Quarter 1 report approved.
- Customer service standards (Corporate Care) Performance noted.
- Corporate Risk Register report.
- Internal Audit Plan – accepted.

Cyber attack risk - SDC IT Team have been assisting Tewkesbury Borough Council following their recent cyber incident and learning lessons.

[Video recording](#)

Community Services & Licensing Committee - 26th Sept

Cultural Strategy - Approved [draft strategy](#) and allocation of £250k to support the Action Plan. Arts and culture in Stroud district is thriving but needs targeted support. Final recommendations to be adopted and launched formally later in the year.

Gambling Act – review of SDC's Statement of Principles in relation to issuing and enforcing licences, permits and notifications for betting shops, adult gaming centres, family entertainment centres, pubs and social clubs with gaming machines and small lottery registrations. No significant changes made to the SDC approach. Committee agreed to write to local MP to voice concerns about impact of online gambling.

Taxi & Private Hire licencing: New policy approved for age criteria on first licensing of a vehicle. This will change to 7 years or less (currently 5 years or less) in response to feedback from the trade. The current exemptions for electric vehicles, low emission vehicles and wheelchair accessible vehicles to continue.

Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny Committee – [briefing note](#) on cancer treatment improvements, urology improvement plan, dental treatment, and concerns about South West Ambulance Service response times.

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel [briefing note](#) on key issues including lack of OPCC budget due to £7m blackhole. PCSOs not being replaced is a concern. The main topic was Constabulary's £7m. budget black hole. The precept will be going up and cuts to service are inevitable.

Leisure Centres – Work underway for Stratford Park Leisure Centre to be brought back in house in November. New Air Source Heat Pumps for leisure centres (and also museum) with final commissioning expected in October.

Abandoned vehicles – SDC has a duty to investigate and remove (see [stats](#)).

[Video recording](#)

Gloucestershire City Region Board - 5th Sept

A devolution deal may be available for Gloucestershire – new Government is yet to confirm the options. Agreed to note the GCC Economic Strategy, and work underway on a new Local Growth Plan, in line with Government requirements.

Other news

- **Funding:** Stroudfunding – Crowdfunding for Stroud District launched ([link](#)). Final opportunity to apply for Rural England Prosperity Fund as funds must be spent by March 2025. Eligibility criteria [here](#).
- **Final appeal** to families with relatives buried in St Cyr's churchyard in Stonehouse: please check whether your memorials have been identified as unsafe before they are laid flat.
- **Batteries** It's extremely important that people do not dispose of batteries, vapes and electrical items in their household waste or recycling containers. [More info here](#).