

**Coln St Denis Parish Council  
Thursday 16th April 2026 at 6.30pm  
Coln Valley Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Nick Dummett (NTD) Chair,  
Harry Talbot Rice (HTR), Malcolm Carmichael (MC), Tom Pearson (TP)

**In Attendance:** Alice Talbot Rice (ATR) - Clerk  
Cllr David Fowles (DF) & partner

**Residents:** Edmund & Jackie Penning-Rausel, Nicky Talbot Rice, Andy Pease (AP)

**Guest:** Gill Portlock (Highways)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**1. Apologies** - from Anthony Thorp

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January at 6.30pm** were approved and signed.

**3. Matters arising**

- Phone mast update - HTR spoke to Gijs Kars Sijpstein who rejected the proposition of a mast in his sightline. Therefore Atlas are now to review alternative mast positions and report back.
- The two mystery payments were investigated and deemed a legitimate council payment. At the time ATR could not recall the payment name but can now confirm they were Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy payments. "These relate to CIL receipts collected from development in your parish and passed on in line with national CIL regulations which require 15% of receipts to be allocated to parish councils".

**4. Parish Roads update with Gill Portlock (local highways manager)**

Many concerns were raised regarding limited budgets, dodgy repairing and patchwork rather than a past promise to fully resurface the valley. Also, increase in heavy goods vehicles and tour buses. HTR pothole survey was noted.

**Action:**

- *Use FixMyStreet in the first instance then follow up with Gill so she can get it onto a programme*
- *Decide on whether we should raise the discussion of putting in a weight restriction*
- *Follow up the proposal to conduct a valley site walk with Parish reps (AP)*

**5. Fossebridge 20mph Speed Limit**

Concerns were raised (AP) about speeding on Fossebridge hill, and particularly the lack of enforcement. Permanent camera no longer works and temporary speeding vans are few and far between.

**Action:**

- *Gill Portlock confirmed that the closing date has passed for applications for 20mph.*
- *We can pursue further by emailing the Road Safety Community Hub*

**6. David Fowles update**

Discussion points were:

- *The progress on bins/laybys/rubbish*
- *Bibury One £175k funding and establishment of Bibury Heritage charity*
- *Council reorganisation*
- *Local plan update*

**7. Finances - Cashbook Accounts to 31st March 2026**

Finances still in good health.

Discussion on early loan repayment concluded un-advantageous.

**Actions:**

- *Invite proposals for productive use of surplus funds*
- *CIL payments and duties surrounding them to be discussed at next meeting (ATR)*

**8. Planning Applications received since the last meeting in January 2026**

All applications were returned with NO OBJECTION from the Council.

**9. AOB:**

- [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) email address to be set up by ATR
- *Defibrillators to be discussed again at July meeting*

**8. Date of Next meetings**

- **Thursday 16th July 2026**

- **Thursday 15th October 2026**

The meeting ended at 19.44pm