

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF PUCKLECHURCH 7TH MAY 2025

Time: 7pm

Venue: Pucklechurch Primary School Pucklechurch

Due to a combination of staff changes and sickness at the school, the booked venue was not open so the meeting took place in the school car park. The planned presentation on “Engaging with our local heritage” had to be deferred.

This meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting, not a meeting of Pucklechurch Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors and must be held once a year between the 1 March and 1 June. It was summoned by Gail Boyle as chairman of the Parish Council under Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12 Para 17 (1) who also presided at this meeting.

Present: Cllr G Boyle (chair) and 7 residents of Pucklechurch parish.
Apologise: Shirley Hall and Lori-Anne Button.

1. Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council

Gail Boyle welcomed everyone to the unexpected ‘open air’ meeting and explained its purpose.

2. Annual Parish Minutes of 17th April 2024

Minutes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Update

Pucklechurch parish Neighbourhood Plan has proceeded through Regulation 14. A follow up meeting with South Gloucestershire council was positive and with some further minor changes to align to the evolving Local Plan, the plan will progress to the next stage.

The parish council successfully secured a £40,000.00 grant from SUEZ Community Fund which together with council funds will be used to install the much-needed active play area at St Aldams. The installation is anticipated to start in May 2025.

The Scout Hut is being transferred to parish council ownership to ensure it remains a valuable community asset.

The parish council submitted comprehensive responses to the South Gloucestershire council Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation.

The parish council continued to work with the Pucklechurch Community Association (PCA) trustees to help support the community centre. It was noted that the PCA annual general meeting is on 14th May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Editorial control of Pucklechurch News has reverted to the parish council – the editor is Cllr Hawkins. Following the recent tender process, the next edition will be produced and printed by HMP Ashfield Print Department.

Assembly discussion points

EV charging points (funded via West of England Combined Authority - WECA)

Locations identified by South Gloucestershire council for 7kw charging bays at St Aldams Drive and another within the conservation area have been deemed unsuitable. A suggestion from the parish council to consider the Community Centre car park was rejected as was a request that faster 20kw chargers (available under the scheme) might be more appropriate. It is understood that HMP Ashfield intend to install EV chargers with public access.

With no further questions the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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