

Councillor report for At. Briavels Parish Council

13th July 2026

County News

At Full council on 24th June, a number of important motions were decided upon. I couldn't attend because of the extreme heat but my green colleagues spoke up for me in supporting the motions we wanted to see approved.

Motion 995 – Extending Youth Voice in Climate Decision-Making

This was to continue funding the youth voice, particularly in respect of climate change work by the council. Their voice input had been cut off when the Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group funding stopped and we wanted it to resume.

The motion was approved by a majority with Reform councillors voting against.

[https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/g12170/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2024-Jun-2026%2010.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1pg 18](https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/g12170/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2024-Jun-2026%2010.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1pg%2018)

Motion 997 – Community Energy and Community Benefit for Gloucestershire

My amendment was presented by Cllr Dr Richard Dean, and looked to join community energy work with the work of a previous motion on renewable energy on the public estate to avoid duplication and work more collaboratively through Climate Leadership Gloucestershire. In the end this amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment and council voted by a majority to approve it.

GCC News

New highways chief shocked by government funding gap

Warning over 'black hole' on road funding as county faces ongoing shortfall of £15.5million.

Gloucestershire County Council leading the way on green skills at landmark 2026 conference

Gloucestershire is set to take a major step towards a Net Zero future as leaders from across education, industry and government come together for the Clean Energy and Green Skills Conference 2026.

Plans to strengthen adult social care services take another step forward

People in Gloucestershire who rely on mental health support will benefit from more joined-up services, as the next step in improving adult social care is delivered.

FoDDC

The full council meeting held on Tuesday 30th June had to decide on the future of the Local Plan (LP), and the consequential allocation of 13,200 houses in the district by 2043.

In the end the majority of votes went for the new Gateway Process, it being the only choice for the new LP, all other options having run out of time to make a plan by December 2026 to allow more time to determine how best to put these houses/homes into the district sustainably.

In effect, the council will begin again using the new National Planning Policy Framework and planning and infrastructure policies to rebuild a plan that will be acceptable and sound at examination. It is highly likely that the final plan will not be agreed until after the FoDDC has been abolished.

<https://news.fdean.gov.uk/news/council-revises-local-plan-approach-and-moves-to-new-government-gateway-system>

The next Full Council meeting will be on 21st July.

Local Government reorganisation

We are due a government decision on the future shape of unitary council(s) before 17th July government recess.

Roads

I am hoping that Lower Road will be resurfaced towards the end of August. Fingers crossed on timing, weather etc.

Please continue to report potholes through Fix my Street.

With kindest regards,

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Please contact me with any issues you think I can help with.

Kind regards,

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