

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Wolston Parish Council to be held at 7:15pm on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at Wolston Baptist Church, Main Street. Wolston CV8 3HJ

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting 3rd April 2025

211. Apologies. – Apologies received from Rugby Borough Councillor Simon Ward and Warwickshire County Councillor Heather Timms

212. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the Agenda – Councillors to declare any personal and/or pecuniary interest on items on the agenda.

213. Minutes –

a). To review and if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025

b). To review and if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th March 2025

Item deferred so that Clerk can seek advice from WALC on publishing notes in the future. All councillors agreed that a decision in principle be made that outstanding minutes should be published as soon as possible.

214. Co-option – To discuss and consider co-option of a prospective councillor, to receive any expressions of interest and if appropriate, vote and co-opt a councillor. None received.

215. Finance –

a). To approve payments for March 2025.

Vote proposes by Cllr L Wright

Seconded by Cllr J Rainey

Decision: Resolved. All Cllrs voted in favour

b). To note payments received. Resolved

c). To note the latest bank reconciliation Deferred as currently in the process of completing AGAR

d). To approve Finance Group recommendation for payment of installation of Christmas lights on Beech tree outside Baptist Church.

e). To approve Finance Group recommendation for repair of bus shelter in School Street- Resolved as part of item 215a

f). To approve payment of alarm service for Pavilion, Dyer's equipment Lane. Resolved as part of item 215a

g). To approve payment for service of maintenance equipment for PWL Resolved as part of item 215a

h). Finance Report.- Deferred

216. Planning

Proposal at: R25/0030: YARDLEYS MEADOW, STRETTON ROAD, WOLSTON

For: Retrospective Application - Change of use from solely paddock to allow commercial dog walking.

Resolved:

The Clerk confirmed that a letter of concern has been logged on RBC planning portal. The chair encouraged local residents to also register their concerns with the environmental agency

261.1 Cemetery Extension- Clarification if possible, on the plans to extend the Dyers Lane cemetery into the Telephone Exchange site of 1.04 hectares further to it being included the Rugby Borough Local Plan Preferred Option Draft dated March 2025.

Resolved: All Cllrs voted in favour for the Clerk to send a letter on behalf of WPC opposing the site for 15 houses to be built and safeguard the land for a cemetery extension.

Declarations declared: T Willis
J Rainey:

- 217. Notice of Motion Proposed-** Under standing order No8- In light of the Wolston Parish Council's unprecedented increase of 6.5% in the Council's budget for 2025/6. I request the parish council carry out an urgent in-depth evaluation of its staffing requirements to ensure the council tax payers are getting value for money in the longer term.

Not resolved: A discussion took place with differing opinions. Cllr Wright who proposed was requested to reword and resubmit the motion. There was no seconder for the motion's current wording

- 218. Membership of the Salisbury Trust -** Councillors feel that they have met with some resistance when making enquiries about the Trust with a Brandon/Bretford Councillor regarding this feels that the issue requires clarification.

Resolved: It was agreed by full Council that the Clerk contact the Clerk of Salisbury trust in an effort to gain representation for Wolston Parish Council.

Declarations declared: T Willis

- 219. Wolston PC AGM-** To decide a date to combine this at the beginning of May with monthly PC meeting as per precedent

Resolved: It was agreed by full Council to combine the two meetings 1st May

- 220. VE Day Village Commemorations-** to make appropriate decisions regarding Planning for VE Day celebrations in village on Thursday 8th May 2025 including potential road closure.

Resolved

- 221. Annual meeting of the Parish-** Suggest 21st May 2025 at 6pm. Clerk to invite all groups and churches.

Resolved: It was agreed by full Council to host this date.

- 222. Remembrance Day Commemorations-** to make appropriate decisions regarding Planning for Remembrance Day in village on in November 2025 including potential road closure.

Resolved:

- 223. Christmas in Wolston-** to make appropriate decisions regarding planning for Christmas celebrations in village on Saturday 29th November 2025 including potential road closure.

Resolved:

- 224. Correspondence passed on to councillors –** to review trial and make appropriate decisions (Clerk/ALL)

Resolved: Full council agreed that current system working well

- 225. Working Group Delegates Reports and Recommendations –** To receive timely

headlines and consider any recommendations from working groups and committees and make any appropriate decisions. **NB.** Work Group Leads to send highlight report/update to the Clerk for circulation to Councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) **Flood Action Group**
- b) **Open Spaces**
- c) **Allotments**
- d) **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
- e) **Communications**
- f) **Joint Burial Board**

226. Date of Next Meeting – To consider and confirm the date of **Thursday 1st May 2025** as the next Council meeting at The Village Hall, Main Street, Wolston at 7:15pm. If an interim meeting required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Main Street noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held

Resolved

227. Exclusion of Press and Public In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

228. Review contract for Clerk of Joint Burial Committee- to ensure that that the contract is fair and aligned with other employees

Resolved