

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Wednesday 28th May 2025, Baptist Chapel, Main Street, Wolston

Attendees:

Councillors (CLLR): Cllr Willis, Cllr Rainey, Cllr Wright, Cllr Milne, Cllr Osmond, Cllr Ramsay
Clerk Malyon, RFO Ball and 5 Members of the Public

The meeting started at 18:00 with a welcome from the Chair

1) Apologies: to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Ward (Borough), Cllr Poole, (Borough) Cllr Sonko (County)

2) Parish Council Chairman's review of 2024-25 – See appendix 1

3) To approve the minutes/reports of Annual Parish meeting held on 2nd May 2024

Motion Carried: Noted and approved unanimously by all councillors.

4) Any other matters raised – due to the informal structure and natural flow of discussion; these notes are covered within item 5

5) Parish matters raised by electors

Residents raised concerns with regards to dog walking fields within Wolston; this has become more noticeable since more people work from home. It was reported that residents claimed to witness 10 dogs with one dog walker the previous Sunday morning at Melody's Meadow.

Councillor Willis advised that complaints regarding noise are encouraged to be reported by residents directly to the environment Committee. Whilst the PC can register a complaint on residents' behalf; it will have more substance to come directly from residents.

Residents raised concerns regarding the apparent lack of maintenance of Brook Street including that it has been a mess for years since residents have been refused permission to maintain, the barriers require painting and that weeds require clearing on the bank of the brook underneath the railings.

A question was also raised regarding why the brook is referred to as a river in some published documents.

It was requested that the brook be cleared out yearly to remove soil along with bricks and concrete that have settled there further to recent floods,

Councillor Wright also questioned whether all service pipes are in use on the brook as one seems to be sited in the incorrect place.

It was raised that Meadow Road flooded for the first time in living history with the last flood and that this should be investigated.

It was raised that the corner of Brandon into Bretford is a further area of concern with regards to flooding and will be reported to the County.

A resident has raised a concern regarding a lack of bollards for crossing at the Spitfire (Allotment Drive) development.

Residents requested that potholes on Main street and Priory road are raised with the highways team.

Upcoming plans for the Poppy cascade was discussed and whether a temporary notice may be required from the planning team.

Councillor Wright asked who qualifies for flood funds and also who leads the flood emergency team. For example, who should be contacted when the worst does happen.

The meeting closed at 19:16