

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

20th November 2025

Attendees: Cllr T Willis, Cllr J Rainey, Cllr A Milne, Cllr L Wright, Cllr S Osmond, Cllr T Ramsay
Clerk: C Malyon
Residents: None

113.Apologies: to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

RFO- T BALL

114. Declarations of interest

- a. To declare any personal interests or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.
- b. To receive, consider and approve any requests for dispensation relating to Agenda items.

RESOLVED: Cllr Willis declared his post as Rugby Borough Councillor; Cllr Ramsay declared his role as trustee for Wolston Leisure Centre and that his Wife has an allotment. Cllr Rainey declared as Village hall as a Trustee

115.Minutes of previous meetings:

To review and if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings 3rd July, 23rd July, 4th September, 9th October and 6th November 2025.

3rd July- Defer Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

23rd July Defer Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

4th September Defer Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

9th October Defer Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

6th November not expected by the Chair at this meeting. Defer Proposed by Cllr Willis, Seconded by Cllr Ramsay

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

The Clerk asked Cllr Ramsay if the above minutes would be acceptable by 26th November with which was agreed

116.Finance

The council recognised that as the RFO was on annual leave, the full item could not be discussed and understood the Clerk's decision to keep it in as it is a standing item and some items could be resolved and updated rather than defer.

Motion to defer items A, B and C Proposed by Cllrs Wills and seconded by Cllr Ramsay

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

- a. To approve accounts for payment. Finance update for approval, to include bank reconciliation.
- b. To note payments received.
- c. Consider Grant applications and make any appropriate decisions.
- d. Consider Grant applications and make any appropriate decisions.

£1500 annual donation been made annually for many years. Updated finance practices may have led to the VH treasurer not being aware application was deficient and that accounts and details are required with new and or regular applications.

Cllr Osmond highlighted that it is important to recognise Cllr Rainey as representative for the village hall and happy to support his colleague in this endeavour.

The Council recognises that everyone makes mistakes, this is a village owned asset. If we don't support local committees and volunteers we will lose them.

The PC should make efforts to rebuild relationships and be collaborative rather than adversarial.

Cllr Ramsay TR happy to join committee

TR has to abstain as not been able to read the application

Cllr Wright proposed the grant be paid, Cllr Milne Seconded this.

Motion carried

Councillors voted in favour : Cllr Willis, Cllr Wright, Cllr Osmond, Cllr Milne

Councillors Abstained: Cllr Rainey, Cllr Ramsay

e) Consider Charitable donations and make any appropriate decision

i. RBL annual donation-

Cllr Wright proposed that the council pays the annual £500 and that any extra that can be made available at the end of the financial year would be worthy of debate when the amount is known. Seconded by Cllr Milne- Pay £500.

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

ii. Salvation Army donation for Christmas Events

Cllr Wright proposed that this year and last years donations be made. This was seconded by Cllr Rainey

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

117. LGR Update To receive information on Local Government Reorganisation update as per an updated brief.

At this point of the meeting, Cllr Willis handed the chair to Cllr Rainey

Cllr Willis reported 3 parties voted to support bid for unitary option.

1 party abstained.

28th November is the date for the vote to be submitted to local government.

There will then be a government led consultation in spring 2026 to be followed by decision Summer April 2028

As an elected member of RBC, Cllr Willis cannot advise but will support any PC decision.

Cllr Wright highlighted his concerns that there are no fields between Baginton etc to Coventry which leaves Wolston with a nice clean break to Rugby and proposed that WPC register to RBC that they feel vulnerable being on edge of the boundary and want to safeguard areas.

Proposal by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Ramsay – That Wolston Parish Council register with RBC the concern that villages on the edge of boundary are at risk of being swallowed up by a greater authority and want to safeguard villages on the periphery of the Coventry boundary.

Motion carried All Councillors voted in favour

Cllr Willis withdrawn from vote due to elected role with RBC

118. Future dates: Thursday 4th December 2025- Full Parish Council Meeting with Public Forum.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm