

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the parish council meeting of Wolston Parish Council Held 6th November 2025 at 19.15 Wolston & Brandon Village Hall Main Street, Wolston

Cllrs present Cllr Willis, Cllr Rainey, Cllr Milne, Cllr Wright, Cllr Ramsay and Cllr Osmond

Attendees: Clare Malyon-Clerk, 1x Resident

6th November 2025

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:15pm, welcoming all those present

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

Apologies received from RFO – Mdme Ball

96. Information items: to consider and discuss items for information and comment if appropriate:

- a. County Councillor report
- b. Borough Councillor report
- c. Local Government Reform in Warwickshire update

Cllr Willis gave an update that to the best of his knowledge our four borough district council have opted for two unitrees. Where Rugby will go is unsure, it will be sent to central Government who will make the decision. Cllr Willis has meetings in the future and will feedback regarding local plan and local government reorganisation as and when possible.

Future agenda item.

97. Public participation: to adjourn to allow public participation for 15 minutes. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair. If members of the public wish to raise issues which are not on the agenda, they should notify the Clerk, 5 working days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

A local resident raised concerns regarding tree concerns raised at the October public meeting. The Chair updated that it will be handled by Marstons in the following stages and reliant on budget.

- The Apple tree from St Mags to play area to be chopped down, as apples not being recovered. Plus over hanging trees over the car park.
 - 2nd stage rear of Hawthorn and Main street. Time scales reliant on budget
 - Straying onto other peoples land and cutting down trees is an absolute no. not taking any further action
- If becoming more of an inconvenience let PC know. The arborist states that there is no risk to life or property.

A46 traffic build up. Clerk requested to contact Cllr Sonko with concern regarding this inconvenience.

98. 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. TR 2 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

99. Minutes of previous meeting:

To review and if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings 3rd July, 23rd July, 4th September and 7th October 2025

Review all minutes from start of financial year/ change of structure.

- **Cllrs would like to see updated amendments.** Not updated and circulated. 11th June 2025 no mention of Cllrs of in attendance. No mention of proposition. 43.44.45.

- **Cllrs requested that minutes are distributed within 1 week, 10 days of the meeting**

Resolved- Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Rainey to defer until all minutes updated and shared

- **Vote- All in favour**

100. Notice of Motion Cllr Wright- In the interest of road safety, Wolston PC debate the need for a raised platform to the pedestrian crossing in an endeavour to improve safety by reducing the speed of vehicles along School street and Warwick road and inform WCC of the Councils decision.

Cllr Wright is concerned that when he met R Fenwick. Just this side of crossing whilst taking a photo a car nearly knocked a child off the crossing. Can there be a raised platform due to hedges and other obstacles. Pedestrians walk from coop onto crossing. Speed has increased in area. Most speed through the humps at Half moon and needs upgrading. Brought PC as worried that a child may be killed and we haven't highlighted. Traffic lights would be welcomed. Main street onto school street is also too sharp a turn.

TW to contact RF and copy in Clerk. PC to take chairman's advice.

Action Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Ramsay

101. Proposal by Cllr Rainey for an alternative to the former working group structure which provided focus and direction to the forward planning of the PC business and its day to day operation.

Find myself in position that there are no driving forces that details the minutiae, don't see as Cllrs in open spaces saying we want to do this, how do we do this. BAU should be taking care of itself. We are a small Council with enthusiasm and skills however there is no set structure. A get together for accountability, rather than just signing cheques is required. It is the Cllrs responsibility to direct officers where we want to be next year and listen to them as how to we get there, rather than just paying the bills. A role and responsibility to get together to assess where we are and where we want to be.

Resolved: The above was proposed by Cllr Rainey and Seconded by Cllr Ramsay. All Councillors voted in favour

102. Co-Option- An opportunity for residents to request Co-option onto the Parish Council to replace vacant seats. **None received.**

103. Progress reports/information from working groups and committees, items of update for Parish Council – to consider/decide matters relating to each as required

- a. **Flood Action Group-** Cllr Wright requested that Hardcore etc washed down during flood. Can we get permission to clear it out. Cllr Willis read out an extract from 29th October from EA.
- b. **Allotments-** Bonfire and domain name items are being advised by the Clerk. Review of all documents has been requested. The Wildflower meadow promised by spitfire requires chasing before it is too late to plant for spring and summer growth
- c. **Wolston Leisure Centre-** Christmas dinner almost sold out. Changed the age group and spread the locations further. Chair of trustees has agreed to attend a PC meeting to explain how they work. M Hesketh.
- d. **Wolston Youth Group-** stall on car park in R&C
- e. **Wolston, Brandon and Bretford Joint Burial Committee-** set out procedure for land plots
- f. **Streetlighting-**

104. Finance- Deferred due RFO apologies

- a. To approve accounts for payment.

- b. Finance update for approval, to include bank reconciliation.
- c. To note payments received.
- d. Consider Grant applications and make any appropriate decisions.
 - i. Village hall-
The RFO has requested accounts
Proposal to defer to Extraordinary meeting. JR to get accounts from village hall cmtte and present to PC.

Not resolved: Proposal to defer from Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright : Vote- All Cllrs in favour – Cllr JR had already declared that he could not vote and Abstained

- e. Consider Charitable donations and make any appropriate decision
 - i. RBL annual donation £500 defer Cllr LW suggested £1000 despite being advised and LW reading out previous minutes that extra donations cannot be considered until end of financial year.

Proposal to defer until end of year finances proposed by Cllr Ramsay and Seconded by Cllr Rainey- Vote All Cllrs in Favour

- ii. Salvation Army donation for Christmas Events- Pay this year and investigate whether last years was paid. If not pay that also. As it had already been voted on and approved; no need for extra vote.

Resolved- Cllr Ramsay proposed, Cllr Willis seconded: Vote all Cllrs in favour

105. Planning To receive information on planning applications and decide any actions as appropriate: -

- a. Update on Rugby Borough local plan
- b. New planning applications to be distributed to all councillors on receipt.

None received

106. Clerks Report - Progress report and update and decide any actions as appropriate.- The Clerk gave an update regarding events upcoming including remembrance Sunday and Christmas light switch on. Which also encompassed item 107

107. Events Update– to consider/decide matters relating to each as required.

- a. Remembrance Sunday
- b. Christmas Fayre

108. Adoption of updated policies –

- i. Code of Conduct
- ii. Bullying and Harassment
- iii. Equality and Diversity

Not resolved: Items not available to Cllrs to review – Cllr Ramsay Proposed; Cllr Willis Seconded : Vote: All Cllrs in favour

109. Future Agenda Items – Councillors are asked to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas.
NDP- expenditure requested by Cllr Wright, Part of local plan agenda item

G& L Salsbury trust

Recruitment and preparation for 2026 elections

Speed Camera- Cllr TR to liaise with RFO on return from annual leave

Cllr TR to Invite MH to talk re leisure ctr

110. Date of Next Meetings –

To confirm Thursday 4th December 2025 at 7.15pm for the for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council
If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Parish noticeboard **three** clear days before the meeting is held.

Date requested of 20th November for an extraordinary meeting to approve outstanding minutes

Proposed by Cllr Ramsay, Seconded by Cllr Wright : Vote: all Cllrs in favour

111. Confidential matters: to consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for discussions and decisions in relation to either Personnel matters or Legal matters.

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. TW/ LW- Cllr Rainey had left room

112. Cllrs to debate the current partnership/ working between Cllrs and officers and identify how this can be approved and identify solutions. TW/ TR AIF

A Proposal was made to facilitate a workshop with Cllrs and Officers. What is working well, what isn't.

Proposed by Cllr Willis, Seconded by Cllr Wright Vote: All Cllrs in favour

Close 21:34