

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2025 at 7.30pm
At the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton. SN4 0RX

Councillors: Cllr J Hewer
Cllr L Campisano (Vice-Chair)
Cllr G Cook
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr E Shaw
Cllr B Streeton

Clerk: Emma Freemantle

FC/173 **Apologies**

To receive apologies. Cllr N McMahon, Cllr D Archer, Ward Cllr M Courtliff and the PCSO team.

FC/174 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

There were no Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 24 May 2024.

FC/175 **Public Questions**

There were 4 members of public present to advocate the Bras for Africa, agenda item 9.

FC/176 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the Full Council meeting on 17 February 2025.

The Chair suspended standing orders and moved Agenda Item 12 forward.

FC/177 **Bras for Africa**

Members considered a report from the Community Projects and Grants Office with regards to the collection of bras at the Ellendune Community Centre. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The members of the public present provided a verbal update in relation to the charitable cause, after consideration Members RESOLVED to agree with the following recommendations:

Recommendation:

1. **Councillors discuss whether they are happy to support the initiative and a collection bin being placed in the foyer of the Ellendune Community Centre.**

2. **Should they wish to support this initiative, Councilors consent to the Community Projects Officer liaising with Jane Lane to ensure the campaign donation point is labelled, publicised and managed appropriately.**

All 4 members of the public left the meeting and the Chair reinstated standing orders.

FC/178

Chairs Report

Members received a report of the Chair a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Further information will follow regarding the flood alleviation meeting with the SBC, and dates / times to be confirmed. The parish council will assist with sharing the information once the details have been confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed that the report from Cllr Chris Watts will be discussed under private and confidential at the next Planning & Highways meeting.

FC/179

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a verbal update from Cllr G Cook regarding the Perry's Lane flooding report.

Road Safety Partnership update - Perry Payne, disappointed that he is no longer working on a report for Priors hill and Marlborough road. Unfortunately, he is not in a position to be able to progress this work.

Cllr G Cook has also spoken to PCSO J Trueman about the incidents involving road safety and she has been advised that complaints need to go back to wilts police.

Ridgeway school, Cllr G Cook met with Julie Furnivall – parking complaints from residents by the Ridgeway School, Wroughton. Dunbar Road, Kerrs way, Ridgeway School, school and football club parking has been an issue. SBC Julie Furnival will share coms and feedback with the parish regarding.

Cllr G Cook has asked police to attend monthly meetings and have some stats ready for each monthly meeting, she is currently waiting on a reply.

Cllr G Overbury has also raised a direct enquiry regarding the public toilets at the Swindon Bus Station.

FC/180

Wroughton Community Library

Members NOTED the written report will follow in April.

FC/181

Friendship Café

Cllr L Campisano provided a verbal update regarding recent activities at the new Friendship Café in the Wroughton Library.

There were 20-25 people in attendance this week and the sessions are going well, the quiz was a success and the History Group are also due to showcase some items and provide an informal talk. The refreshments are received well.

The Friendship Café session on Monday 14th April will include an afternoon tea in memory of Cllr L Campisano's mum who sadly recently passes away. Members thanked Cllr L Campisano for her generosity.

FC/182

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Transportation Reps - Members received an update from Cllr N Hooper regarding recent issues and developments with the Wroughton Bus service. A copy is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr G Overbury confirmed that the Bus Boulevard in the town center will have a delayed opening. There are no plans for electric buses however there are new time tables available and there are copies available to pick up inside the Ellendune Community Centre.

Carnival Committee (Cllr L Campisano & Cllr D Archer) – No Update.

Footpath Working Party Update - Cllr H Woodward provided an update from the Wiltshire Rights of Way group. The Footpath update for WPC will be presented to the Community Assets & Open Spaces

Committee for more of a division however there is now lengthy interactions taking place. Ashen Copse footpaths are clear and are all in order, there had been previous miscommunication regarding this area.

The Wichelstowe footpaths are in a mess and some are not clear, WPC need to establish which footpaths are clear and which need finding / maintenance. Members also noted that the Canal path is closed, footpath along the side of the motorway (Peglar's way to railway line).

Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer) No update, apologies from Cllr D Archer.

FC/183

SMASH Youth Work

Members received an update from the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding the staffing of the parish council's youth provision via SMASH, a copy is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

All present NOTED the quarterly update from SMASH and their ongoing work with in the parish, a copy of which is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/184

VE Day and VJ Day 80th Anniversary

Members received an update summary from the Community Projects & Grants Officer regarding the 80th anniversary for VE and VJ day this year and the involvement of Wroughton Parish Council alongside the Royal British Legion. Of copy of the event information is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book. The Clerk confirmed both dates in May and August and the Chair Confirmed he would be in attendance. There will be wreath laying and the lighting of the Beacon.

FC/185

Wroughton Churchyard

Members considered changes to the rubbish collection services provided by the parish council as a gesture of good will, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members RESOLVED to agree with the following recommendations:

- 1) A budget of up to a max of £150 for the purchase of 2 x new black wheelie bins
- 2) Agree a budget of up to £60 per month for the new fortnightly collection of the 1100L bin (£720 per year).
- 3) The WPC Grounds team to remove the existing litter bins and dispose accordingly.
- 4) The waste collection service overall is reviewed on an annual basis.
- 5) Budget to be used for 2025/2026 = Solar Farm funds 1075/100 - Available £24,944
- 6) Contracted costs are then factored into the general reserves, general budget for 2026/2027.

FC/186

Risk Management

Members reviewed and RESOLVED to agree the 2025/2026 parish council Risk Management risk assessment, a copy is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

FC/187

Parish Council Newsletter

Members RESOLVED to agree the draft format for the parish councils Spring newsletter to be delivered throughout April 2025, a copy of the draft is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED to agree printing costs up to £4165/100 - £4,000

RESOLOVED to agree to delivery costs of up to £ 4165/100 £4,000

All agreed to approve the quote for Originzone ensuring that a proof will be available in advance of the final work.

FC/188

Wroughton Parish Council Projects 2025/2026

Members formally RESOLVED to agree the outcomes set at the working party on Monday 10th March 2025 which formalise the parish councils' priorities and Earmarked reserve funds for the next financial year. A copy of the projects list is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

FC/189

Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw'.

Reason: **Contractually Sensitive.**

FC/190

Akers Land, Mooremead Road.

Members considered correspondence received from Swindon Borough Council in relation to the allotment site off of Mooremead Road and noted the correspondence from the Clerk, a copy of which can be found in the Confidential Minute Book.

Members received the notes from the Clerk following the meeting held with the Chair, the Deputy Clerk and Swindon Borough Council from 17th Feb 2025 and have agreed to send further questions back to Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which is also found in the Confidential Minute Book.

Members also NOTED the information following the parish councils working party discussions held on 10th March 2025 and the Clerk advised she is waiting on information to come back from Swindon Borough Council.

Meeting closed at 20.52.

Signed:

Chair of the Council

Date: