

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2026 at 7.30pm
At the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton. SN4 0RX

Councillors: Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr G Cook
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr M Smith
Cllr M Trigg
Cllr A Varma
Cllr H Woodward

Officers: Emma Freemantle, Clerk & RFO
Zoe Dyer, Finance & Administration Assistant.

Public: 0

FC/319 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr B Streeton, Cllr D Hooper and Cllr L Coady.

FC/320 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr D Archer declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 as a member of the History Group.

FC/321 **Public Questions**
There were no public questions.

FC/322 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Members RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2025. (Not Cllr M Trigg was not present at the December meeting).

Note there is a request for committee member changes at the next council meeting.

FC/323 **Chairs Report**
The Chair provided a verbal update.

Wichelstowe Medical Facility Petition: Members are encouraged to sign the petition and to share the information more widely. The WPC office will circulate the communication regarding the petition and post comments online. Ward Cllrs will be submitting responses directly to the Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Flood Working Party: The Chair provided an overview of the recent Flood Working Party meeting, including the list of attendees. Key points included plans for divers to go down in the summer and discussion around issues at Perrys Lane. The notes from the working party and actions form part of the Planning and Highways Committee.

Ward Councillor Update

Members NOTED that the Wroughton & Wichelstowe Ward Councilors are holding a public surgery on Friday 30th January 2026 at 6pm – 7pm at the Ellendune Community Centre.

Cllr G Cook provided an update on the recent meeting held at Ellendune Community Centre Swindon Borough Council (SBC) will review the parking lines in the car park, questions were raised about permissions for the clothes recycling bin – this is still to be followed up and investigated further. The Parish council will review any update regarding ownership at the next relevant meeting. Cllr G Cook also confirmed that the lighting by the doctors' surgery has now been fixed.

Cllr G Cook advised that a meeting was held regarding bus routes for Wroughton and Wichelstowe covering updated routes and planned improvements. Members NOTED that SBC have also discussed refurbishment plans for the bus shelters.

Overtown Farm - SBC advised that the owner has submitted a planning application however significant noise issues have been reported by neighbouring residents and Ward Cllrs have been dealing with the complaints.

Cllr M Courtliff and Cllr M Smith, whilst working with Cllr G Cook, have been pushing forward the petition to support the demand for a Medical Facility / GP Surgery in Wichelstowe. All have noted that the planning permission is there for the new facility however there are restrictions in place meaning that the ICB are not able to staff the facility, nor is there a demand - and so it is not able to open.

Cllr M Courtliff confirmed **329 signatures** on the petition at the current point, Ward Cllrs have volunteers are hand-delivering letters to residents. Cllr M Smith advised that the GP information is being shared on Facebook and the parish council website.

Ward Cllrs advised that they plan to present the petition at the **19th March** meeting (location still unknown). They intend to contact the Chief Exec of the ICB and pass information to all local areas. Contact is still yet to be made with the existing Wroughton GP surgery to ascertain its position over the question "is there a need for a new medical facility".

Brimble Hill there is now legal action under way; can confirm that the site is not owned by SBC and there are ongoing disputes with the home owners. Ward Cllrs are receiving concerns raised that the area is unsafe for pedestrians due to potholes, Cllr M Courtliff confirmed that holes measuring 4 cm (40 mm) or more can be deemed a hazard.

Road Safety – School Safety Zones, Cllr G Cook advised that there are still ongoing discussions with the schools and SBC officers regarding the lowering speed limits to 20 mph. There is now enforcement in place relating to parking on double yellow lines in particular at Inverary Road near the Ridgeway School. A leaflet will be distributed containing relevant information.

Wroughton Community Library

Members received and NOTED the update from the Library Supervisor regarding the Community Library provision, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Friendship Café (Warm & Welcome Space)

Cllr D Archer and Cllr L Campisano provided a verbal update regarding recent activities at the new Friendship café in the Wroughton Library.

All NOTED that the parish council will receive £500 from Swindon Borough Council in January 2026 as a recognition of support for its provision of a warm and welcome space for the public to use. Funds to be used in support of the library activities and friendship group offering, both led by the parish council. Today marked the year anniversary of the friendship group and the session was well attended with birthday cake on offer.

FGP/327

Parish Council Representatives' Report

To receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

Transport Reps (Cllr G Overbury & Nathanael Hooper) – Update to follow at the next meeting.

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

Wroughton & Wichelstowe Churchyard Representatives (Cllr D Hooper) No Update.

The Clerk confirmed that she is in communication with the Churchyard Volunteers regarding the waste collections, notices and the additional wreath collections for the post-Christmas decorations.

Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer) – Cllr D Archer provided an update on the History Groups occupation at Maunsell Way Pavilion. Decoration is soon to take place and maintenance requests will form part of the next Community Assets & Open Spaces Committee. The History Group hope to open the pavilion to the public as Museum in Spring 2026.

Ellendune Community Centre Management Working Party (Clerk)

To note the next working party meeting is being held on 02nd February 2026.

FGP/328

Youth Team Update

Members receive a report from Young Swindon & Wiltshire (previously SMASH) regarding the recent Youth Activities in the parish, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

FGP/329

Calendar of Meetings 2026-2027

Members reviewed the calendar of meetings for the upcoming municipal year, May 2026 onwards and agreed with the schedule. Copy of the new meeting schedule is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FGP/330

Vision for Wroughton

Members received a request from the Vision for Wroughton (not the Wroughton History Group) regarding future possible legacy projects in connection with the recent Battle of Ellendun 1200 Event. A copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book. All present RESOLVED to agree to support the project ideas in principle and request an update as and when they progress.

FGP/331

Carnival Committee 2026

Members RESOLVED to agree to underwrite the Carnival again and to host the annual event on 04th July 2026 with the usual requirements. All NOTED the usual standard times for the fun fair, a copy of the formal request is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FGP/332

Parish Council Budget & Precept 2026 / 2027

Members reviewed and RESOLVED to agree the draft budget along with report of the Clerk following review at the F&GP meeting on 17th Dec 2025. A copy of the final budget is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Agreed precept demand of £792,448 which equates to £204.23 per Band D tax band property. Copy of the leaflet is attached as Appendix G.

Also RESOLVED to agree the parish councils Earmark Reserves allocations for the 2026/2027 year, a copy of which is attached as Appendix H.

FGP/333

Future Agenda Items

To consider any future items.

Working party appointments.
Committee membership.
Neighbourhood plan update.
Wichelstowe Sports hub.
Akers land.

The meeting closed at 20.31pm.

Signed:

Chair of the Council

Date: