



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Monday 27th April 2026

The event opened at 6.30pm to give residents an opportunity to engage with local community groups and partake in light refreshments.

**The formal meeting began at 7.00pm.
Meeting held at the Ellendune Community Centre, SN4 9LQ (Main Hall)**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions by the Chair

The Chair Cllr J Hewer welcomed members of the public, councillors and staff.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr H Woodward and Cllr N McMahon.
No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole.

3. Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the last Annual Parish Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 27th April 2025.

4. Report from the Chair of Wroughton Parish Council

All present received a report from the Chair, a copy is attached as Appendix A.

5. Financial Report for the year 2024/2025 by the Clerk

All present received a report from the Clerk, a copy is attached as Appendix B.

6. Committee Report - Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

All present received a report from Cllr M Smith the Vice Chair of the Committee, a copy is attached as Appendix C.

7. Committee Report – Chair of Community Assets & Open Spaces Committee

All present received a report from Cllr D Archer the Chair of the Committee, a copy is attached as Appendix D.

8. Wroughton Community Library – Supervisors Report

All present received a report from the Library Supervisor, a copy is attached as Appendix E.

9. Report from Swindon Borough Councillors (Ward Councillors)

Both Ward Councillors, Cllr G Cook and Cllr M Courtliff provided reports, copies of which are attached as Appendix F.

10. To note reports from other community groups.

Reports from the following organisations are attached via the reports page for this meeting:

- Little Lambs
- Science & Innovation Park
- Vision 4 Wroughton
- Wroughton & Wichelstowe Parish Church Report
- Wroughton Gardening Group
- Wroughton History Society
- Wroughton Bowls Club
- WYFC Club

Verbal updates received from the following:

Young Swindon and Wiltshire: Amy Cox, YSW's Director of Youth Work, spoke about the work the charity had undertaken in the parish over the past 12 months.

Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club: Martyn Gregory, the Council Liaison from the cricket club, gave the meeting an update on recent activity at the club. He said that the club runs both a Saturday team and a Tuesday team and has around 30 members across both. He spoke about the close working relationship the club has with the parish council and looked ahead to when the club will eventually be able to play on the new cricket pitch currently being built by Hills in North Wroughton.

Vision 4 Wroughton: Bev Margerison, the Chair of V4W, said that the year had started off with the annual Duck Race in May and that the event had raised more than £2,400 for local children's groups. The public are encouraged to apply for grants after the Duck Race to help fund children's groups. She spoke positively about activities to mark the 1200th anniversary of the Battle of Ellendune and the connection that the parish has with its history. Other highlights she mentioned were the Scarecrow Trail, the New Year's Day walk and the organisations involvement with the parish's working groups.

Wroughton Youth: Representative Will Crowe thanked the parish council for their support and talked about the club's values and ambitions for the future. He outlined plans for the club to change its name to Wroughton and Wichelstowe FC and the exciting opportunities offered through the soon-to-be-built Wichelstowe Sports Hub. He talked about how football can have a positive impact on young peoples' mental health and wellbeing and said the club would welcome any volunteers to help take it forward.

Wilts and Berks Canal Trust: The meeting heard that the trust and the parish council has recently signed memorandum of understanding to help bring together their ambitions for the local area and deliver community benefits. The trust touched on some of the exciting developments along the canal that are currently in the pipeline and talked about the plans for the continuing build-up of Wichelstowe and the new canal bridges. A call was made for volunteers to help the trust grow and continue to be successful.

10. Questions from Parishioners

There were no questions from the public.

The Chair, Cllr J Hewer thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and noted the positive and constructive feedback and discussions.

The meeting ended at 8:21pm

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