

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7.30pm
at The Ellendune Community Centre, Barratt Way, Wroughton, SN4 9LW

Minutes

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

Officers: Zoe Dyer - Finance & Administration Officer.

FC/355 **Apologies**
There were no apologies received.

FC/356 **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 2025.

FC/357 **Public Questions**
There were 3 members of the public present.

FC/358 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Member RESOLVED To confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd February 2026.

The Chair suspended standing orders and moved agenda Item 11.1 up the agenda, Transportation Representative Reports.

Transport Reps (Cllr G Overbury & Nathanael Hooper – Copy attached).

The Transport Representative (Cllr G. Overbury) reported several upcoming changes to local bus services. The Number 9 route will be withdrawn after six weeks due to SBC claiming insufficient usage, despite residents reporting that evening services often carry 20–30 passengers. The service is expected to end by late April, leaving many residents feeling isolated. Other route updates include changes to the 49, which will run hourly, potential developments on the 82 and 81 routes through Thorney Park and Chiseldon, and news that Salisbury has introduced 13 electric buses.

Concerns were raised about the lack of visibility for Wroughton on bus route maps, and suggestions included using a smaller bus or introducing a temporary service similar to the previous Number 16. A case needs to be presented to SBC, with involvement from MP Danny Kruger and Heidi Alexander recommended. A further meeting will be arranged before 12 April 2026, and the Advert will be contacted to promote it.

The Chair reinstated standing orders.

FC/359

Resignation of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council received and accepted the resignation of Cllr Graham Overbury. The Chair expressed the Council's sincere thanks to Cllr Overbury for his dedicated service as a parish councillor over the years and welcomed his continued involvement as an independent Transportation Representative.

FC/360

Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report that the Finance Officer has successfully completed both the ILCA and FILCA qualifications and congratulated her for her efforts. It was also confirmed that the new Deputy Clerk will commence their role in early April.

The Chair thanked councillors for their participation in the recent drop-in sessions and reminded all present about the upcoming litter pick – Thursday 26th March.

FC/361

Swindon Local Councils Forum (SLCF)

Members received a verbal update from the Chair and Cllr D Archer regarding the recent meeting with the SLFC.

All noted that SBC officer Simon Anthony was in attendance and discussed Weed detectors .

Simon Anthony discussed the potential introduction of a weed detection machine to ensure spraying is only carried out when necessary. He also raised concerns that road sweeping is currently undertaken once a year, rather than the suggested four times annually, and highlighted the need for improved cleaning of footpaths and roads. It was noted that Highworth is independently managing recycling arrangements without council involvement. Matt Peach provided an update on the growth plan.

FC/362

Ward Councillor Update

To receive a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillors.

Cllr G Cook: Sandbags: Overall responsibility for protection lies with the property owner.

Discussed previously; Parish to look into further. Borough does not feel need to support before flooding events.

Cllr GC- Pitching's Flood Work: Area under bridge has been cleared. Work was carried out by residents to prevent flooding issues.

Cllr GC- Wharf Road: Reported dip in the road. Will continue to be monitored.

Cllr GC- Hills Site Fencing installed to protect land.

Cllr GC- Gas Leak – Mill Lane: Reported.

Cllr MC - Speeding / Traffic Issues: Concerns raised about speeding, new safe routes planned for next school year. Access community bus reported for speeding and mounting pavements. Grange residents raised concerns about 20mph limit, especially delivery drivers. Question raised whether 20mph will make a difference given driver behaviour; request for additional traffic calming measures.

Cllr MC - Devizes Road: No plans currently for traffic light crossing; placement would be residents' choice if pursued. Beacons to be replaced with brighter lights.

Cllr MC - Wroughton School (W/Stowe): Parking issues during drop-off/pick-up times due to tradespeople and congestion.

Cllr MC - Purple Bins: Reported as widespread issue across borough. SBC has been asked to remove them. Concern that SBC needs to take action.

Cllr MC - Rubbish Collection: No updates available on 3-weekly collection proposal.

Cllr MC - Wroughton GP Capacity (W/Stowe): Concerns about apparent gap in primary care provision. ICB data suggests mismatch between registered patients and local population (15,000 registered vs ~8,000 residents).

Request for clarification on “no need” assessment for additional GP services.

Questions raised about system-wide priorities and funding allocation for Wroughton/Stowe.

Cllr MC – Allotments: Talked about the Allotments and being transferred back to the parish. 1999 the regs changed. MC to Keep chasing this.

Cllr MS - Care Board Meeting Update: No current plans to build additional GP facilities.

Request for explanation of how needs assessments and figures were calculated.

Susan Hughes Event: Roadshow on 16th April focused on dementia awareness.

Outstanding / Follow-ups Raised

- Clarification on purple bin removal responsibility (SBC).
- Traffic calming options beyond 20mph zone.
- GP provision methodology and funding breakdown for Wroughton/Stowe.
- Update on waste collection changes (3-week cycle).
- Continued monitoring of Wharf Road dip.

FC/363

Wroughton Community Library

Members NOTED a report from the Library Supervisor regarding the Community Library provision, copy attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

FC/364

Friendship Café (Warm & Welcome Space)

Members received a verbal update Cllr D Archer and Cllr L Campisano regarding recent activities at the new Friendship café in the Wroughton Library. All noted that the sessions are going well average of 30 people attend each week with new people still coming along.

FC/365

Parish Council Representatives' Report

To receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

Carnival Committee (Cllr L Campisano & Cllr D Archer)

4th July event however no further update.

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

Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer)

No update.

Ellendune Community Centre Management Working Party (Clerk) .

No update

FC/366

Youth Team Update

Members received a report from Young Swindon & Wiltshire (previously SMASH) regarding the recent Youth Activities in the parish, copy attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book. Members raised questions over attendance numbers which the Community Projects & Events Officer will bring back to the next meeting.

FC/367

Wichelstowe Updates

Members received the notes from the Transportation / Travel Steering group on 24th Feb 2026 a copy is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Members received the notes from the Wichelstowe Stakeholders update meeting on 26th Feb 2026, a copy is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book. No further comments were added.

FC/368

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds approvals

All present reviewed the recommendations from the Community Assets and Open Spaces Committee (11 March 2026) the summary of Costs for Approval will sent forward to the Full Council 23 March 2026. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members RESOLVED to agree the projects barring number 6 , the bus shelter due to the changes with this service. This item will be put on hold pending more information from the bus companies and or Swindon Borough Council.

FC/369

Retrospective Planning Application Comments

Members NOTED the attached Planning & Highway comments have been sent back to SBC today and these have been agreed by the committee via email in advance of the meeting. A copy of the planning comments are attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

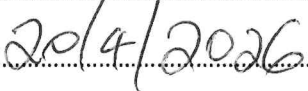
FC/370

Future Agenda Items

To consider any future items.

- 1) Dog Fouling initiative, how to impose more impact on the community.
Action: Clerk to take back to the Community Assets and Open Spaces Committee for consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....
Date.....
Chair of the Council