

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April 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 M Smith
Cllr M Trigg
Cllr A Varma
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr D Archer
Cllr M Courtliff
Cllr B Streeton

Officers: Clerk – Emma Freemantle
Deputy Clerk – Thomas Howarth
Finance & Admin Officer - Zoe Dyer
Projects – Amanda Woodhead

FC/371 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr L Coady and Cllr N McMahon.

FC/372 **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/373 **Public Questions**
There were no members of the public present.

FC/374 **PCSO Update**
The Chair read out the latest policing update received via email copy attached as Appendix A. All then NOTED that there will be policing updates at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 27th April 2026.

FC/374 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Member RESOLVED To confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd March 2026.

NOTED: Action needed to amend previous mins to reflect Cllr M Courtliffs involvement with Ward Cllr enquiries.

FC/375 **National Highways England**
No attendance from Highways, meeting to be re arranged for next month.

FC/376 **Chairs Report**
The Chair provided a verbal report:

On 4th April, the Chair officially opened the History Museum, expressing it was a privilege and praising everyone involved for creating a valuable asset for Wroughton. On 11th April, the Chair opened the Bowling Green alongside Cllr M Courtliff and Cllr M Smith, with bowls played and even a game of Spider.

The Chair thanked all involved for a successful year and noted that elections are upcoming. The resignations of Cllr W McGregor (effective 28th April) and Cllr G Overbury were acknowledged, with thanks for their service. The Chair requested that a formal complaint be submitted to Vision ICT due to recurring issues with councillor email accounts.

The Chair wished everyone good luck in both the local and Borough elections (3 seats) and a reminder issued for the Annual Parish Meeting next week on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6.30pm.

FC/377

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillors.

Cllr G Cook reported positive news on local bus services, with the number 9 route being reinstated and the number 49 continuing to operate.

Brimble Hill; Ongoing works with traffic lights remain in place; a formal legal case has now been raised regarding disputes between homeowners and SBC.

Several local issues have been reported such as Belmont Green path, Speeding near Ridgeway School and also parking blocking driveways.

Waste updates: The Purple clothes recycling bins have been removed, and SBC will be asked to remove the remaining green bin.

Cllr M Courtliff: BT Openreach works: Cllr M Courtliff is in communication with them regarding local activity. Concerns about Bakers Road coverage were addressed, funding is in place for full coverage, and Cllr M Courtliff will continue to follow up. Coverage is confirmed (or expected) for Thorney Park.

Other news and updates; Wharf Road is being included in this year's resurfacing plan and SSE has been carrying out tree-cutting works in the area.

FC/378

Wroughton Community Library

Members NOTED a report from the Library Supervisor regarding the Community Library provision will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April.

FC/379

Friendship Café (Warm & Welcome Space)

Cllr L Campisano provided a verbal update: All is going well, new members are still coming along. Everyone is looking forward to next weeks event at the bowling green.

FC/380

Parish Council Representatives' Report

To receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

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

Wroughton & Wichelstowe Churchyard Representatives (Cllr D Hooper) Meeting arranged for next week with the Churchyard Committee.

Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer) update from Cllr D Archer, the History Group and Pavilion has been very busy, and the opening event was very successful.

Ellendune Community Centre Management Working Party (Clerk) . No update.

FC/381

Youth Team Update

Members NOTED the latest activity poster, a copy is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book. The Community Projects and Events Officer explained that the Youth Team and activities have now moved outside and will be outdoors 6-8 pm . Sessions are on a Tuesday at Munsell way.

FC/382

First Aid Villages – St Johns Ambulance

Members received an report from the Community Projects and Events Officer in relation to the new initiative and considered the approach from St John Ambulance inviting the parish council to act as a trailblazer location in Wiltshire for their new First Aid Villages project. This is planned as part of the charity's 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2027.

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Members discussed further and RESOLVED to agree the following recommendations:

- a) To allocate £1,500 of parish council General Reserves to support the SJA First Aid Village Project around 4 (or 5) current defib installations with the Community Projects and Events Manager supporting the rollout and communications.
- b) The parish council to waiving costs of the room hire at the Ellendune Community Centre for up to 4 the training sessions
- c) Members NOTED that further information relating to this project including training details, rollout and progress updates will be added as a future agenda item once the Community Projects and Events Officer has liaised with SJA.

FC/383

Parish Council Projects Update

All NOTED the previous Community Assets and Open Spaces Committee was cancelled (March 2026).

Members NOTED the various updates from the Community Projects and Events Officers report which have now been brought forward, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/384

Grant Funding – Ellendune Community Centre Kitchen and Servery

Members received a report from the Community Projects and Events officer regarding the funding opportunities available for the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Community Centre. Copy of all documentation is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The Nationwide fund is offering up to £10,000 and likely to go live in May.

FC/385

Sponsorship Agreement – Planters with Richard James Estate Agents

All present reviewed the report noting the secured sponsorship for Wroughton and Wichelstowe Parish Councils planting troughs, the new sponsorship includes current and future contributions and ongoing community support.

Total to be planted includes the 13 troughs on Wroughton High Street, a copy of the report with detail is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Officers confirmed that the first years funding has been received and the parish council is to invoice for the future 27/28.

FC/386

Work Experience Placement

Members NOTED a three-day work experience placement (30 June–2 July 2026) for a Year 10 pupil from Ridgeway School, assisting with office and library tasks and observing the Planning and Highways Committee meeting, a copy of the update is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

FC/387

Fostering Support – Parish Council Engagement with the Swindon Borough Council Pledge

The Chair provided a verbal update: The Parish Council received a request from SBC Children's Social Care regarding how the parish council might support fostering initiatives and possibly

engage with the Fostering “Pledge” Programme. A copy of the letter from SBC is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

Councillors were asked to consider whether this should be progressed and added to a future agenda. A question was raised about whether an update should be added to the Parish website and what support could be offered. The Chair read out the letter from SBC (from Cllr Jim Robins).

Members RESOLVED to agree they are happy to support the initiative and will send a reply confirming unanimous agreement.

FC/388

Future Agenda Items

Agreed future agenda item:

Wichelstowe Sports Hub.

The meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council