



WROUGHTON & WICHELSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 20th July at 7:30pm

The Ellendune Community Centre, Barratt Way, Wroughton, SN4 9LW

MINUTES

Attending Councillors:

Cllr J Hewer
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr M Smith
Cllr M Trigg
Cllr H Woodward
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr D Archer
Cllr T Moglione
Cllr R Easter
Cllr M Barrett
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr Y Bangalore
Cllr L Coady

Officers: Clerk, Emma Freemantle
Finance Officer, Zoe Dyer
Community, Projects & Events Officer, Amanda Woodhead

FC/049 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr M Courtliff and Cllr G Cook.

FC/050 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no Declarations of Interest nor Applications for Dispensations required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 17 May 2026.

FC/051 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

FC/052 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22 June 2026.

FC/053 Chairs Report

Members received a verbal update from the Chair, the following email from the PCSO team were NOTED:

Dear Clerk

Thank you for this, unfortunately, both Justine and I are on day shifts this week and unable to attend tonight.

I hope to be able to attend future PC Meetings and introduce myself properly to your Parish Councillors. Justine may still be around but is moving to East

Swindon. Apologies, I've not been able to provide you with any statistics for the area or any information as to what is happening, but I will have more for your next meeting. Thank you
Regards
PCSO Carolynn Coomer 71621

FC/054

Ward Councillor Update – Cllr G Cook, Cllr M Courtliff and Cllr M Barrett.

Members received a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillors.

Ward Cllr G Cook provided the following update:

Brimble Hill

Residents report that the current positioning of the traffic lights makes it impossible to see if oncoming vehicles have run a red light. Additionally, traffic cones in the area are consistently being knocked down.

Footpath Maintenance

Following the recent accident, the footpath requires clearing. SBC is currently disputing responsibility, claiming it falls to the Parish. I request clarification on this urgently.

Marlborough Road Upcoming Closure Resident Communication

Residents have not received adequate information regarding access or how bin and recycling collections will be managed during the closure.

Wall Works

I have reached out to the Cabinet Member to request that necessary wall repairs be completed concurrently with the road closure to minimize future disruption. I am currently awaiting a response.

Waste Management

The Orchards: Green bin collections have been missed for multiple properties in this area.

Severe Anti-Social Behaviour at Willow Walk (Sanctuary Housing)

Three separate residents have reported severe harassment and intimidation by a fellow tenants. Incidents include a physical threat to punch an elderly resident, aggressive wall-banging, strict demands dictating when a neighbour can use her kitchen, and invasive camera surveillance. The situation has escalated to continuous visual harassment (peering through windows) and front door/window banging, forcing a resident to keep her curtains drawn permanently. The police were called to the property again on July 15th. I am requesting an urgent multi-agency review with Sanctuary Housing to protect these vulnerable residents. This case has also been sent to Danny Kruger and he has contacted the tenants.

I am currently experiencing with my SBC email account being blocked, so please reply to this message on my WWPC email or contact me via WhatsApp

Cllr H Woodward also referenced that Bakers Road is due to close at the same time as Marlborough Road causing additional issues. This would mean Marlborough Road, Bakers Road and possibly Barrett Way by the Community Centre all closing at the same time.

Ward Cllr M Barrett provided a verbal update on various cases he has been investigating.

Members NOTED that the lower churchyard footpath works have started. Bladen Close Tree has been pruned. Bin collections in Wichelstowe are being missed.

Waitrose tree and lighting issues raised with SBC – Cllr M Barrett is chasing this and waiting a reply.

The Methodist Church has raised complaints about a fence being put up and anti-social behaviour, complaints about CCTV. Legg House planning application has now been approved however there were many conditions from SBC which need addressing before works can begin.

FC/055

Committee Membership

Members RESOLVED to agree to elect Cllr Martin Barrett onto the Planning & Highways Committee (Membership = 7)

FC/056

Parish Council Representatives' Report

To receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

Transport Reps – Graham Overbury & Nathanael Hooper – Copy of the update is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Carnival Committee – Cllr L Campisano and Cllr D Archer – The Committee are now looking for a field manager for the next years event in case anyone is interested. The Carnival raised an estimated £5,000 this year which is a brilliant improvement on previous years.

Wroughton History Group – Cllr D Archer – Reminder that the History Group Museum is open on Saturdays at the Maunsell Way Pavilion.

FC/057

Wroughton & Wichelstowe Closed Churchyard

Members NOTED the correspondence from SBC regarding the ongoing tree maintenance in the closed Churchyard a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members NOTED the update regarding the lower churchyard footpath maintenance repair, a copy of the photo is attached as Appendix C. All NOTED:

From 13th July Swindon Borough Council are undertaking much needed repairs to the paths down to and in the lower churchyard. The work is expected to take 6 weeks and during this time parts of the lower churchyard may not be accessible for safety reasons. While they are resurfacing the ramp there will be no access to the lower churchyard. However, the contractors will ensure that the lower churchyard is fully accessible at weekends. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but look forward to the new safer ramp and path in the autumn.

We thank Swindon Borough Council for undertaking these works, and are very grateful to our MP, Councillors and lower churchyard volunteer group who worked hard to make this happen.

FC/058

Friendship Café

Members received a verbal update from Cllr D Archer and Cllr L Campisano regarding recent activities at the new Friendship café in the Wroughton Library. Today there were 26 residents in attendance, Waitrose brought in cake and some supplies which we are very grateful for, coms will be shared on Facebook later on but the donations were generous and appreciated.

- FC/059** **Wroughton Community Library**
Item DEFERRED and to be circulated via email after the meeting.
- FC/060** **Remembrance Sunday Service – Road Closure**
Members receive a report from the Community Projects and Events Officer regarding this year's event, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.
- AW provided an update on the road closure arrangements, noting that Wharf Road had been closed earlier in the day. It was reported that St John's had agreed to provide first aid cover free of charge, resulting in a cost saving for the event. The parade was also noted to be the second largest to date. AW further advised that the parking bays outside the old toilet building should be coned off. TM asked how the money saved from the free first aid meeting for the Council to decide how the funds should be allocated elsewhere. The Council also agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to St John's in recognition of their support.
- FC/061** **Benet and Sutton Charity**
No Update this meeting.
- FC/062** **Ellendune Community Centre Working Party**
Members received the notes of the working party meeting held on 13 July 2026 a copy of which is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book
- Members considered the suggested SLA as recommended by with Working Party and RESOLVED to agree the SLA, copy is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.
- FC/063** **Tree Works Update**
Members received a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the incident involving the Willow Trees next to Devizes Road on 14 July and the request for felling via SBC. A copy of the update is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.
- FC/064** **Parish Councillor Communications**
Members considered and RESOLVED to agree formally to adopt the Parish Council WhatsApp and Social Media Communications Protocol and to note the protocol is in addition to the parish council Social Media Policy. A copy of the addition is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.
- FC/065** **Future Agenda Items**
Cllr H Woodward requested that the Neighbourhood Plan updates now feature as part of the full council agenda. Also requested that the final survey is circulated to the full council for comment and review, not just the working party and planning committee, before going to print.

The meeting closed at 20:10

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council