MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 5.00pm on Thursday 25 June 2026

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend

Present: Cllr S Stuart, Cllr W Rees, Cllr R Coldrick, Cllr T Harrison

Guests: 1

Minute Taker & Clerk: Rachel Scully, clerk@wopc.org.uk

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.05pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action
26/27.01	**Apologies:**	
	Received and noted, Cllr Brown, Cllr Chown, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Reilly, Cllr Aitkenhead.	
26/27.02	**Public participation:**	
	a) Members of the Public & Press None This agenda item was moved during the meeting b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police representative PC Thompson was present and discussed the following: The recent area team changes that had taken place over the last 6 months. He mentioned that a PCSO should also be joining the team. There had been four reports of anti-social behaviour. Three RTA collisions one involving violence, one involving robbery and one involving interference. Mentioned that police representatives had attended a Careers Day at Water Orton School, and also attended Water Orton Carnival and had the opportunity to engage with the community. PC Thompson mentioned that the shoplifters, under 18's are processed and dealt with. Discussed that the police are patrolling the area together with the parking areas to be more visible to act as a deterrent. He mentioned that the police are greatly aware of the parking issues on Friday and Saturday evenings around the village and therefore are trying to link with businesses. There are future plans to do Cuppa with a Copper at the library. PC Thompson mentioned the issues with off road bikes which are very problematic for the police to deal with. There has previously been a weekend of action where the police have tried to seize bikes. He urged people that any issues and incidents should be reported to the police. PC Thompson mentioned that he would look further into the anti-social behaviour reports for further information and review them. He mentioned that he would follow and write about the parking	

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	restrictions and charges in the station car park. Agenda item moved during the meeting b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: There were no reports available. Cllr Stuart mentioned the Local Plan and commented that other than the old school site and the contingent site behind Vicarage Lane when HS2 is finished there was nothing new to report.	
26/27.03	**Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**	
	None	
26/27.04	**Minutes:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2026.	
26/27.05	**Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors**:	
	To receive updates/reports (if available) a)There was no written Chair's Report, Cllr Stuart expressed thanks to Cllr Harrison and the carnival committee for all their hard work on putting on the carnival. b) The Borough Councillor's Report was received and noted. c) There were no other reports.	
26/27.06	**Clerk's Report:**	
	The Clerk's Report was received and noted.	
26/27.07	**Arley Rural Protection Group:**	
	The Parish Council RESOLVED to write to Arley Rural Protection Group along the lines that the Council is interested and supportive of green belt and the group's initiative but due to the wider Local Plan consultation the Parish Council would not presently be able to actively get involved.	**SS**
26/27.08	**County Councillors' Grants Fund 2026/2027**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the making of an application to the County Councillors Grant Fund for £350 towards the service costs of the defibrillator and £350.00 towards remedial works to the Pavilion.	**SS**
26/27.09	**Maintenance:**	
	a)The monthly maintenance report was not available. The Clerk reported verbally that the wet pore repairs still needed to be carried out but these had been delayed due to the very hot weather conditions. b) The Arboricultural Inspection and Survey Report carried out by Warwickshire County Council was noted and received. The Clerk to review the report in more detail, linking to any Tree Preservation Orders. The Clerk mentioned that a resident had contacted the Parish Council to ask if there were any plans to cut back one of the specific trees on the playing field that the houses in St Blaise look out onto. The Clerk to prepare a letter for posting to the houses in St Blaise Avenue that are affected by the tree and explain that an Arboricultural Report had been conducted and the Parish Council is in the process	**RS**

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	of reviewing the report. c)The quarterly play area inspections for Vicarage Lane and Openfield Croft were received and noted. The repairs to the wet pore were mentioned in the report.	
26/27.10	**Finance:**	
10a) 10b) 10c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of invoices. It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 20 June 2026, and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule. It was RESOLVED to approve the 2026-27 receipts and payments account and bank reconciliation to 20 June 2026.	
26/27.11	**Internal Auditors Report for year ending 31st March 2026:**	
	The Internal Auditors Report for 2025/26 was received and noted. The Clerk to prepare a report for an action plan based on the Internal Auditors Report.	**RS**
26/27.12	**Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2026:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26.	
26/27.13	**Accounting Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the end of year accounts and Accounting Statements for 2025/26.	
26/27.14	**Details of the Arrangements for the exercise of public rights:**	
	It was RESOLVED to note and approve the date of announcement and the period of public rights for the Public Inspection of the Accounts set by the Clerk/RFO.	
26/27.15	**Planning Application Consultation-Old School Site**	
	PAP/2023/0266 The council's response to the planning application consultation for the development of the old school site was received and noted.	
26/27.16	**Planning:**	
16a)	To consider new applications (if any): None	
16b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: PAP/2021/2021 PAP/2026/0013,DOC/2025/0052, PAP/2025/0431,PAP/2026/0023 Decisions noted.	
26/27.17	**Items for Next Meeting:**	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
26/27.18	**Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:**	
	The next Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 30 July 2026 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	

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26/27.19	**Closed Session:**	
	The Parish Council moved into a closed session to exclude the public and press, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed**.** The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the recommendations relating to leases agenda item b) c) d) and e).	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed:…… Dated: ……

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