

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 26 February 2026

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend.

Present: Cllr. S Stuart (Chair), Cllr. W Rees, Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. R Coldrick, Cllr. T Harrison
Cllr. P Holloway,

Guests in Attendance:

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
25/26.01	Apologies:	
	Noted and accepted, Cllr Chown and Cllr Reilly.	
25/26.02	Public participation:	
	a) Members of the Public & Press None b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: There were no reports available. Cllr. Stuart generally discussed the Borough Councillor Report, which was received and noted. c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police did not attend the meeting and there was no report available.	
25/26.03	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	Cllr. S Stuart and Cllr. P Holloway declared their interest in agenda item: 26/26.19	
25/26.04	Minutes:	
	It was RESOLVED approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2026.	
25/26.05	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	To receive update/ reports: a) There was no written Chair's Report. There was a general discussion about the recruitment of councillors and the website. b) Borough Councillor's Report was discussed at agenda item:25/26.02b). It was noted and received. c) Cllr Rees, Thomas Dole Report was noted and received. d) There were no other reports.	
25/26.06	Clerk's Report:	
	The Clerk's Report was received and noted.	
25/26.07	Maintenance:	
	The monthly play inspection report from Cllr Chown was reported verbally by the Clerk, received and noted. There were no significant risks to report, and the works to the wet pore would be carried out as the weather conditions improve.	

25/26.08	Neighbourhood Fund:	
	The Parish Council to RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of the creation of a ringfenced and designated Neighbourhood Fund to support development activity around the village as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
25/26.09	Appointment of Auditor:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendation to appoint Kim Squires as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council for 2026/27.	
25/26.10	Finance:	
10a)	It was RESOLVED to approve that the Clerk would go back to North Warwickshire to discuss the contract costs and try to obtain other quotes.	RS
10b)	It was RESOLVED to approve a year end Health Check with Scribe to carry out a remote review of the data and to provide a detailed report. The cost of the Health Check being £79.00 plus VAT.	
10c)	It was RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices.	
10d)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 20 February 2026 and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule.	
10e)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 20 February 2026.	
25/26.11	Local Government Reorganisation- Government Consultation:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that this agenda item would be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 after the North Warwickshire Area Committee meeting has taken place.	
25/26.12	National Planning Policy Framework Consultation for 2025/26:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that the Clerk would make contact with North Warwickshire to try and agree an extension to respond to the consultation.	RS
25.26.13	Grand Union Canal Transfer – Phase Two Public Consultation:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that this agenda item would be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 for further consideration and to report back on further views and comments.	
25/26.14	Solihull Consultation for New Local Plan:	
	The Parish Council agreed that Councillor Harrison would respond to the consultation based on the comments discussed in the meeting. The Clerk would make contact with Solihull, (planning and spatial) to try and agree an extension preferably until after the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026. The Clerk to report back on the extension.	TH RS
25/26.15	IM Properties Planning Application:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that this agenda item would be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026. The Clerk to make contact with Wishall and Moxhull Parish	RS

	Council to establish the exact deadline date for the consultation and to obtain further information.	
25/26.16	Planning:	
16a)	To consider new applications: Reference: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would prepare a response based on the comments of the Parish Council in relation to PAP/2026/0063.	RS
16b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: PAP/2025/0475 Noted	
25/26.17	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
25/26.18	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
25/26.19	Closed Session:	
	It was RESOLVED to move the meeting into a closed session and 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 Council RESOLVED to approve that the Clerk would make further enquiries relating to the leases and update the Parish Council at the next meeting if information becomes available.	RS

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed:.....

Dated: