

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 26 June 2025

Present: Cllr. S Stuart (Chair), Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. C Chown, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Newman, Cllr. W Rees
Cllr. P Holloway, *(joined the meeting after co-option approved, agenda item 25.26.32)*

Guests in Attendance: 4

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

25/26.31	Apologies:	
	Accepted and noted. Cllr Coldrick, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Reilly, Warwickshire Police and MG, Balfour Beatty Vinci.	
25/26.32	Co-option Candidates:	
	a) Presentation was received from the co-option candidate Paul Holloway. b) The co-option of the Office of Councillor for Water Orton Parish Councillor was approved. c) The Co-opted Councillor signed the Declaration of Office before the Clerk.	
25/26.33	Public participation:	
	a) Members of the Public & Press There was no public participation. b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) Discussed flooding on Birmingham Road, test holes are planned for August to investigate levels of drainage. Discussed the old school site and security arrangements. It was mentioned that soon there maybe updates regarding the development of the site. Vesey Bridge has been followed up and an update will be provided to the Council when the information is available. The trees on Coleshill Road have also been followed up and works have been conducted. An issue was raised with the green bin that had been allocated on the corner of Vicarage Lane where the path had not been completed. It was mentioned that it needs removing for safety reasons. d) Report from Police representative (for information only): Report of Warwickshire Police from 24/04/2025 and 26/06/2025 was received and noted.	
25/26.34	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	None.	
25/26.35	Minutes:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2025.	
25/26.36	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	a) The Chair's Report b) Borough Councillor's Report The Report was received and noted.	

	c) There were no other reports available.	
25/26.37	Clerk's Report:	
	The Clerk's Report was received and noted. The Clerk to further report on the insurance valuations and the compliance with Assertion 10 – Digital and Data Compliance on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26 at the next full Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 31 July 2025.	RS
25/26.38	Community Engagement Meeting:	
	The minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held on 03 June 2025 were received.	
25/26.39	Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Membership Survey 2025:	
	It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council at this time would not respond to the WALC Survey. It was agreed that Cllr. Stuart would email WALC to advise of the decision of the Parish Council.	SS
25/26.40	Warwickshire County Councillors Grant Fund 2025/26 (Round 1):	
	It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Stuart would make an application to Round 1 of the County Councillors' Grant Fund 2025-26 towards the heating repairs for the Pavilion with the aim for improvement to community assets and their sustainability.	SS
25/26. 41	Defibrillators:	
	It was RESOLVED to note and consider the works relating to the defibrillators, positioning a registration within the village, and to enable actions to be taken to bring forward further proposals at a forthcoming meeting.	
25/26.42	Maintenance:	
	The monthly play inspection report was received and noted. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the repairs to the gate stop noted on the last monthly inspection which have not yet been conducted. It was noted there were a mass of holes on the village green which appear to have been caused by the use of metal detectors. The Clerk to look further into the issue.	RS
25/26.43	Playing Field Gate:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the quotation received from Warwickshire Gates to include the lettering and the self-closer. Consultation to take place (before instruction to the Clerk of the works to the gate) with Cllr. Freeman on whether levelling the path is a viable option, and after referral to Cllr. Aitkenhead on whether Warwickshire County Council could undertake those works if viable.	NF RS
25/26.44	Playing Field Gate Sign:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the proposal for a warning sign for the playing field gate. A large sign that warns "KEEP CLEAR GATES IN CONSTANT USE", with red lettering on a white background. A sign that could easily be read on suitable material that could be attached to the vehicular gate with cable ties. Cllr. Stuart to email the Clerk a link for the purchase of the sign.	SS RS
25/26.45	Finance:	

45a)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 20 June 2025 and any items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule. The Clerk's comments were noted regarding the over-payment of the Jerroms invoice, dated 31 March 2025 in the sum of £108 and the North Warwickshire Borough Council, annual trade refuse invoice in the sum of £1,342.72 which await refund.	
45b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 20 June 2025.	
45c)	It was RESOLVED approve the earmarked funds.	
25/26.46	Policies:	
	a) It was RESOLVED to adopt the Standing Orders. b) It was RESOLVED to refer the approval of the updated Financial Regulations from National Association of Local Councils (NALC) until a response has been received regarding clarification of some of the clauses raised by the Clerk. c) It was RESOLVED to adopt the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk. d) It was RESOLVED to adopt the Publication Scheme. e) It was noted that there is an on-going review of the playing field risk assessment actions.	RS
25/26.47	Planning:	
47a)	To consider new applications: Reference: PAP/2025/0283, PAP/2025/0203 No comments	
47b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: HS2/2025/0002 Noted	
25/26.48	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
25/26.49	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council, the Annual General meeting is to be held on Thursday 31 July 2025 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
25/26.50	Closed Session:	
	The meeting did not move into a closed session.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20.38pm

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....

