

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 27 November 2025

Present: Cllr. S Stuart (Chair), Cllr. W Rees, Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. C Chown, Cllr. P Holloway, Cllr P Lamb

Guests in Attendance: 3

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action
25/26.114	Apologies:	
	Accepted and noted, Cllr R Aitkenhead, Cllr R Coldrick, Cllr T Harrison and Cllr Newman.	
25/26.115	Public participation:	
	a) Members of the Public & Press None b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: Cllr Aitkenhead emailed report which was received and noted. Repairs have been carried out to possibly resolve the flooding of Birmingham Road. The repairs of Vesey Bridge have been kept under review, the extended re-opening date shows as 12 December 2025. Team briefing expected from WCC regarding the old school development. The resurfacing of Watton Lane was mentioned and speeding issues with suggested traffic calming measures. The report mentioned the attempts to progress the directional signage, for the convenience store on Edward Road and for the Bowling Club on St Blaise Avenue. c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police did not attend the meeting, and there was no report available.	
25/26.116	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	None	
25/26.117	Minutes:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 30 October 2025. There was an error at agenda item, 25/26.111 date for next meeting showing as 30 October 2025, amended to 27 November 2025.	
25/26.118	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	To receive update/ reports: a) The Chair's Report was circulated at the meeting received and noted. b) Borough Councillor's Report was circulated at the meeting received and noted. c) There were no other reports	

25/26.119	Clerk's Report:	
	A written report was not available from the Clerk. The Clerk mentioned that the interim internal audit that was scheduled for Tuesday 04 November 2025 was re-arranged by the Clerk, with the audit with Kim Squires Internal Audit Services rescheduled for Tuesday 09 December 2025.	
25/26.120	Community Engagement Meeting:	
	It was RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held on Tuesday 04 November 2025.	
25/26.121	Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26	
	It was RESOLVED to defer the decision until the next full Parish Council meeting on Thursday 29 January 2026. The Clerk to obtain further information and costs from other website providers and discuss the time frame with the Internal Auditor. SS would raise this and try and obtain information when he attends NWAC.	RS SS
25/26.122	Development of Land – Plank Lane:	
	The report was received and noted.	
25/26.123	Maintenance:	
	The monthly play inspection report was received and noted from Cllr Chown. There is a big hole where the wet pore needs replacing on the village green. The approximate cost for this would be £380. Seats need replacing on the swings on the village green, the approximate cost for this would be £200. The works would be scheduled for a few months when the weather improves. Possible interim solution until repair of wet pore would be the use of bark.	RS
25/26.124	Pavilion Heating System:	
	The Clerk reported that a new unit would be needed, potential costs were discussed estimated at £10,000. The Clerk to make enquiries of the availability of any grants available towards the costs. The Clerk to report when further information and updates were available.	RS
25/26.125	Finance:	
125a)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment for Glasdon UK Limited invoice in the sum of £661.12 for replacement bin on the village green, dated 28 October 2025.	
125b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment for WALC invoice in the sum of £126.00 for Councillor Training, dated 28 October 2025.	
125c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment for Chubb invoice in the sum of £557.60 for charges relating to the annual contract for the Pavilion from 24/01/2026 to 23/01/2027 for the intruder alarm, dated 10 November 2025.	
125d)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment for Chubb invoice in the sum of £282.81 for work on intruder alarm system on 07/11/2025 for the Pavilion, dated 08 November 2025.	
125e)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 19 November 2025 and any items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule.	

125f)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 19 November 2025.	
125g)	It was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments on the Multi Pay Card, Lloyds Bank Statement to 27 October 2025.	
25/26.126	Policies:	
	This agenda item was deferred to the next full Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 29 January 2026 at 7:00pm.	
25/26.127	New Local Plan for North Warwickshire:	
	It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the next full Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 29 January 2026 for review. It was agreed that the Clerk would try and obtain a hard copy of the questions and contact North Warwickshire to try and obtain an extension of the date of the deadline so the draft responses could be considered and submitted after the next council meeting.	RS SS
25/26.128	IM Properties Planning Application:	
	It was RESOLVED to agree that this item would be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 29 January 2026 for review.	
25/26.129	Solihull Policy and Spatial Planning: Public Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation:	
	It was RESOLVED to agree should anyone wish to comment on the consultation, responses and comments to be forwarded to the Clerk via email by the deadline date.	
25/26.130	Planning:	
130a)	To consider new applications: None	
130b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: PAP/2025/0416, PAP/2025/0433/, PAP/2025/0383, PAP/2025/0432 Noted.	
25/26.131	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
25/26.132	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 29 January 2026 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
25/26.133	Closed Session:	
	It was RESOLVED to move 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 HR Report was received and noted. The Council approved the recommendations for the staff vacancy and recruitment process.	RS HR

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....