Note: Agenda Items: 25/26.134 to 25/26.139 listed on the Summons Agenda/Minutes for Water Orton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 10 December 2025 have been duplicated on Summons Agenda/Minutes for Water Orton Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 29 January 2026.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 29 January 2026

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

Guests in Attendance: 5

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.05pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
25/26.134	**Apologies:**	
	Accepted and noted, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Newman and Cllr Aitkenhead.	
25/26.135	**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 to receive. c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police did not attend the meeting, and there was no report available.	
25/26.136	**Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**	
	Cllr. T Harrison declared her interest **in agenda item: 25/26.140 and 25/26.141**.	
25/26.137	**Minutes:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2025. It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10 December 2025.	
25/26.138	**Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors**:	
	To receive update/ reports: a) There was no written Chair's Report to receive. b) The Borough Councillor's Report was received and noted. SS discussed the Special Management Zone meeting (SMZ), proposals for rail services in and out of Birmingham and the proposal that had been made regarding the car parking to North Warwickshire Borough Council Working Group. c) Other report FF reported on Special Management Zone (SMZ)- (HS2) matters; the traffic congestion and road closures impacting the village, the complaints about the potholes, air quality values, the ongoing issues with flooding, and that there had been some improvement with the inconsiderate HS2 staff parking.	

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	Discussions took place regarding graffiti and the need for a sustainable method to address this issue. The Parish Council RESOLVED to give thanks to FF for all her work on the SMZ.	
25/26.139	**Clerk's Report:**	
	The Clerk's Report was received and noted.	
25/26.140	**Water Orton Carnival**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the use of the playing field for Water Orton Village Carnival on the weekend of 19 June to 21 June 2026. The Parish Council expressed thanks to all those involved in organising the Carnival.	
25/26.141	**Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the proposal from Hyperbole Design and Marketing for the works to be completed for compliance of the website	**RS**
25/26.142	**Maintenance:**	
	a)The report from the Maintenance meeting was received and noted. b) It was RESOLVED to approve the quote from the Forestry Team at Warwickshire County Council, in the sum of £567.00 plus VAT for the survey of trees, in the two locations, and a report. c)The monthly play inspection report was received from Cllr Chown. There was a discussion about the height of the swings on the village green and the playing field. The swings appear to be too high on the village green mostly used by the primary school children. The Clerk to review the inspection reports by North Warwickshire.	 **RS** **RS**
25/26.143	**Finance/Budget 2026/27:**	
	a)The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the waiver of Quarter 4 of the annual rent in response to a request from Water Orton United Football Club, for a review of the overall rent charge for the year given the heating system had been defective and the hot water for the showers had not been working for quite sometime during the year. b)The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the planned expenditure, the draft budget for 2026/27, (including the increase of the proposed precept amount). It was mentioned that earmarked funds for projects should be progressed. c)It was RESOLVED to approve the return of the Kind Food Grant in the sum of £1000 to Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action, due to the project the funds were intended could not be completed. d)It was RESOLVED to approve the transfer of the proposed earmarked reserve funds before year end.	**RS**
	e) It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of invoices.	

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	f) It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to end of November 2025, December 2025, and up to 20 January 2026 and any items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule. g) It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to end of November 2025, December 2025 and to 20 January 2026.	
25/26.144	**New Local Plan for North Warwickshire:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the response for the Local Plan consultation and approve that the response by Heritage and Culture Society to be appended to the response of the Parish Council. The Clerk to submit the response by email to North Warwickshire Borough Council together with the response by Heritage and Culture Society.	**RS**
25/26.145	**IM Properties Planning Application:**	
	This item was deferred until the next full Parish Council meeting on Thursday 26 February 2026 for further consideration.	
25/26.146	**Planning:**	
146a)	To consider new applications: **Reference:** The Clerk to submit comments mentioned on behalf of the Parish Council for PAP/2026/0013 and PAP/2026/0023.	**RS**
146b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) **Reference:** Noted.	
25/26.147	**Items for Next Meeting:**	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
25/26.148	**Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:**	
	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 26 February 2026 (and not the date of 27 February 2026 in error on the agenda) at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
25/26.149	**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 Council approved the recommendations to outsource Health and Safety to Croner Group for a fixed term of 24 months after which the agreement would be subject to review.	**RS**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:………………………………… Dated: ………………………………….