

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 31 July 2025

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

Guests in Attendance: 2

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item	Minute:	Action:
25/26.51	Apologies:	
	Accepted and noted. Cllr Freeman, Cllr Reilly, Police and Speedwatch.	
25/26.52	Public participation:	
	a) Members of the Public & Press None. b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) The report was received and noted from the County Councillor. c) Report from Police representative (for information only) The report was received and noted from the police.	
25/26.53	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	Cllr R Coldrick Agenda Item: 25/26.59	
25/26.54	Minutes:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2025.	
25/26.55	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	To receive update/ reports: a) The Chair's Report b) Borough Councillor's Report Chair and Borough Councillor Report was received and noted. General discussions took place about arrangements for potential proposed meeting with HS2 during August 2025. The donation/gift by HS2 of a noticeboard. c) Other reports There were further discussions regarding the potholes, funding and speeding issues. It was noted that the police report did not mention the two fires that had happened. The fire service did attend in both incidences. The police are investigating with the fire service.	
25/26.56	Clerk's Report:	
	The Clerk's report was received and noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would proceed with the insurance valuations based on rebuild value for the buildings.	RS

25/26.57	Community Engagement Meeting:	
	The minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held on 08 July 2025 were received.	
25/26.58	Attendance of MP	
	Item was deferred for a future meeting date.	
25/26.59	38 Degree Petition:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that the Parish Council would be part of the nationwide efforts to get the support and funding for Neighbourhood Plans reinstated. The Clerk to send the Neighbourhood Plans member letter to the MP.	RS
25/26.60	Maintenance:	
	The monthly play inspection report from Cllr Chown was received and noted. The mass of holes on the village green mentioned in previous report had not yet been filled in. The Clerk to ensure that the task is actioned.	RS
25/26. 61	Replacement Bins: Playing Fields and Village Green:	
	a) It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a replacement dual waste bin for the village green, Attleboro Lane. b) It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of two replacement waste bins (Trafflex 120L) for the playing field.	
25/26.62	Finance:	
62a)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment for payroll services paid to Jerroms for the quarterly period up to end June 2025 in the sum of £126.00.	
62b)	IT was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 21 July 2025 and any items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule.	
62c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 21 July 2025.	
25/26.63	Policies:	
	a) It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt updated Financial Regulations from National Association of Local Council (NALC). b) It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt Code of Conduct Policy. c) It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Communications Policy. d) It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Environmental Policy. e) It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Vexatious Complaints Policy f) It was RESOLVED to approve the inclusion of the clause relating to the safeguarding of the Parish Council's reputation in the Management Risk Assessment Strategy Policy. g) It was RESOLVED to defer the review of the Safeguarding Policy until the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 25 September 2025. h) It was RESOLVED to defer any proposals, recommendations and actions in relation to Health and Safety Policy until the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 25 September 2025. i) It was noted that there is an on-going review of the playing field risk	

	assessment.	
25/26.64	Solihull MBC Planning Consultations - Draft Solihull Settlement Hierarchy & Statement of Community Involvement	
	It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to establish whether councillors could individually complete both surveys and would then report back to the councillors.	RS
25/26.65	Planning:	
65a)	To consider new applications: None	
65b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: PAP/2025/0147, PAP/2025/0165, PAP/2025/0181, PAP/2025/0141, PAP/2025/0241 Decisions noted.	
25/26.66	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
25/26.67	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 25 September 2025 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton. There were discussions about proposals for a HS2 meeting to be hosted at the Pavilion on a Thursday evening in August 2025.	
25/26.68	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 business to be discussed for agenda item 25/26.68 . It was RESOLVED to approve that members of the public would contact the Parish Council by using a contact form via the website and in future would be directed to this method of contact where appropriate. It was RESOLVED to approve salary increments.	SS

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.26pm

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....

