MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 20 August 2026

Present: Cllr Stuart, Cllr Rees, Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Chown, Cllr R Coldrick, Cllr T Harrison, Cllr P Holloway

Guests: 30

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
26/27.01	**Apologies:**	
	None	
26/27.02	**Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**	
	None	
26/27.03	**Public Participation:**	
	This item was deferred down the agenda.	
26/27.04	**North Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation-Regulation 18**	
	Cllr Stuart generally discussed and explained the Local Plan. Cllr Stuart mentioned that due to a change in policy in 2023 North Warwickshire Borough Council reviewed and re-opened the Local Plan. He explained that the plan calls for sites for development, including gypsy sites where landowners put forward sites as part of the consultation. The only site listed in the plan for Water Orton is the old school site with the Vicarage Lane site being contingent when HS2 works have been completed. Cllr Stuart mentioned that the Parish Council's response to the consultation would carry the same weight as any public representations made by residents and the general public. The vote to approve the Parish Council's response to the consultation was deferred down the agenda until after public participation.	
26/27.03	**Public Participation:**	
	This item was moved during the meeting The residents present at the meeting voiced the following concerns and comments on the Local Plan: a) The effect on Tree Preservation Orders. b) Concerns that the land behind the Vicarage is listed as green belt. c) It was mentioned that the Vicarage had been removed from the plan. Cllr Stuart generally discussed the possibility that the property at Vicarage Lane could be designated as an asset of community value.	
26/27.04	**North Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation-Regulation 18**	
	This item was moved during the meeting It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's response to the consultation to the Local Plan, with an amendment to LP49 P154, 14.92 P162, LP49(6) P162 to include concerns relating to Tree Preservation Orders.	**SS**

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	Cllr Stuart read out Section LP10 of the draft Local Plan stating that the gypsy sites were limited to 10, and the gypsy site at Watton Lane was not included.	
26.27.05	**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 nature of the business to be discussed. It was RESOLVED to approve the placing of two vacancies for a Clerk and a Special Projects Officer in the Coleshill Post and in the Parish Council's Community Newsletter. The adverts for the Councillor vacancies would be deferred until a later date.	**SS**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:…… Dated: ……

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