MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 30 July 2026

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend

Present: Cllr S Stuart, Cllr W Rees, Cllr K Brown, Cllr R Chown, Cllr T Harrison, Cllr P Holloway

Guests: 3

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Actions:
26/27.01	**Apologies:**	
	Received and noted, Cllr R Coldrick and Cllr D Reilly.	
26/27.02	**Public participation:**	
	c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police representative PC Thompson was present and discussed the following: There had been four reports of anti-social behaviour. One robbery, two burglaries, ten road traffic accidents, three of which were collisions and seven road related. PC Thompson mentioned the issues with off-road bikes. In August the West Midlands Team and Warwickshire Police would be operating in specific areas in Warwickshire targeting off-road bikes. Cuppa with a Copper recently took place on Friday 24 July 2026 in Water Orton, the police offered advice to residents who attended and gave out Faraday pouches. PC Thompson mentioned speed check operations are due to be carried out on Tuesday 04 August 2026 in various locations for a period of 30 minutes per location. It was mentioned that the statistics for the village were fairly low. PC Thompson mentioned that he would look further into the anti-social behaviour reports for further information and review them, but mostly they do relate to the off-road bikes, and would also look further into collisions and speeding. He urged people that any issues and incidents should be reported to the police. It was noted that there had been discussions at the North Warwickshire Area Committee for West Midlands Police to work with Warwickshire Police on operations. a) Members of the Public & Press None b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: Cllr Aitkenhead reported on the following: Discussed and provided an update of the issues relating to signs, drains and the planting of trees, some of which have been resolved with some jobs are on the list waiting to be done. The potholes on the A446 at junction with Marsh Lane have been	

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	filled in. The fly tipping on Gypsy Lane has been removed. A survey has been carried out by Warwickshire County Council on the condition of all the road signs in Water Orton. Cllr Aitkenhead reported that next week he is due to meet with the council officer to discuss the grant fund applications and approve some of the local community applications. Discussions have taken place with a Birmingham City Council consultant about measures that could be taken to protect Vesey Bridge. Objections were raised to the Overton View (old school site) planning application. The speed limit on Gypsy Lane will be revisited at the next meeting with the highways surveyor. This Agenda item was moved during the meeting c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present:	
26/27.03	**Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**	
	Cllr Harrison, Agenda Item: **26/27.08**	
26/27.04	**Minutes:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2026. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 23 July 2026 could not be approved as they were not available. Agenda item deferred until the next full council meeting due to be held on Thursday 24 September 2026 at 7.00pm.	
26/27.05	**Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors**:	
	To receive updates/reports (if available) a) There was no Chair's Report available. b) Borough Councillor's Report Cllr Stuart verbally reported on the elections in light of the Local Government Reorganisation, which would be taking place in May 2027 on the basis of voting councillors for the new shadow council/authorities. Existing Borough Councillors would have their terms extended by a year. The Parish Council elections are to be held in May 2027. c) There were no other reports.	
26/27.06	**Clerk's Report:**	
	The clerk's report was received and noted. General discussions took place regarding correspondence received from residents that were mentioned in the clerk's report, regarding the flooding of the playing field, the telephone box, and the play areas. The Parish Council discussed inviting comments from the wider community on what they would like to see for the village in the future.	
26/27.07	**JoyArts**	
	It was RESOLVED to support the proposals from JoyArts for the use of the village green to host a family friendly afternoon of games and arts activity on a weekend in August or September.	**RS**

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	The Clerk to contact JoyArts to ascertain their exact plans and arrangements for hosting the event which would need to be clarified, the event being on the village green.	
26/27.08	**Carnival Committee:**	
	The Chair of the Carnival Committee was not present at the meeting and sent apologies. It was RESOLVED to approve the permission for the Carnival Committee to have use of the playing field to hold the 60th anniversary of Water Orton Village Carnival on 19 June 2027, with planning and use of the Pavilion and playing field from 18-21 June 2027.	
26/27.09	**Committees, Working Groups and Representation:**	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the following Committees for 2026/2027: Staffing, Finance, Community Engagement, Maintenance. It was RESOLVED to appoint members to the Committees as follows: Staffing: Cllr Coldrick, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Rees Finance: Cllr Brown, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Rees Maintenance: Cllr Chown, Cllr Coldrick, Cllr Stuart Community Engagement: Cllr Brown, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Stuart It was RESOLVED to approve that the Community Engagement and Maintenance to have Working Groups (2 councillors abstained from the vote).	
26/27.10	**Policies:**	
	a)It was RESOLVED to adopt the Publication Scheme b)It was RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Conduct. c)It was RESOLVED to adopt the Communications Policy d)It was RESOLVED to defer adopting the Environmental Policy for further review for 3 months until the next full council meeting on October 2026 at 7.00pm. e)It was RESOLVED to adopt the Vexatious Complaints Policy, and to rename the policy the Vexatious Communications Policy.	
26/27.11	**Maintenance:**	
	a)The monthly play inspection report was received and noted from Cllr Chown. The repairs had been made to the wet pour surface to the play area on the village green put there were patches appearing. Discussions took place about the sustainability of the play area and whether there are any other options for alternative flooring. The Clerk to approach contractors and obtain three quotes for the cost to replace the flooring of the whole play area.	**RS**
26/27.12	**Finance:**	
12a) 12b) 12c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of invoices. It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 20 July 2026, and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule. It was RESOLVED to approve the 2026-27 receipts and payments account and bank reconciliation to 20 July 2026.	
26/27.13	**Planning:**	

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13a)	To consider new applications (if any): 2026/0529/HH No comments	
13b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: 2026/0258/TRE, 2026/0299/AVC, PAP/2026/0023 Decisions noted	
26/27.14	**Grand Union Transfer Scheme:**	
	The Parish Council considered whether to agree a date for the Grand Union Transfer Team to attend a future meeting to provide an update. It was agreed to revert back to this item at the next full council meeting due to take place on Thursday 24 September 2026 at 7.00p. The Clerk in the meantime would make contact with the team to obtain further information.	**RS**
26/27.15	**Items for Next Meeting:**	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
26/27.16	**Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:**	
	The next Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 24 September 2026 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
26/27.17	**Closed Session:**	
	The Parish Council moved into a closed session to 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. There were no updates available relating to the leases. The updates were received in relation to HR matters. The item relating to the possible vexatious communication was deferred.	

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

Signed:…… Dated: …….

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