

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr M Patterson, Cllr M Chivers, Cllr E Batchelor, Cllr G Page, Cllr S Meek (from co-option item 74).

In attendance: Clerk, 1 member of the public.

73.Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllr N Bankes. Apologies accepted – None.

74.Proposal to co-opt Sarah Meek on to the Parish Council – Proposed and agreed. Sarah completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

75.Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr S meek declared an interest on planning applications 25/02844/F and 25/02988/TCA.

76.Public participation session – A resident raised concerns about the flooding on Thorpe Road, which has been a problem again over the last week or so, and the wall a bit further up the road which the resident believes is likely to fall down. The resident also has concerns about the number of cars parked up the road in that area which makes it more difficult for the road sweeper and drain clearance to take place. **Clerk to contact the Site Manager at The Manor to ask if they can try to reduce the amount of cars parked on the road. Clerk to contact Highways to advise that even when the leaves have been cleared, heavy rain such as that during Storm Claudia, still cause flooding, and ask where they have got to with the works to stop the flooding on the road and re getting the owner of the wall to repair it.**

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7:43pm.

77.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 21st October 2025 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

78.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

78.1 Update re flooding on Thorpe Road – See item 76.

78.2 HS2 update – HS2 have recently cleared the layby of litter. They also advised that the volume of HGVs (capacity to receive is 300 per day) is a monthly average of between 200 and 275 per day. Total volume ranges from 4000-6000 per month.

79.Play Area

79.1 Update re play equipment safety inspections and repairs – Cllr Page will chase up the contractor about getting the repairs done.

80.Planning applications received

25/02830/TCA – The Croft, Banbury Road through Wardington, Wardington. T1 Abies Concolor - Fell. Replace with an English native tree. **No objection.** (Response made using delegated powers).

25/02801/TCA – Ardgowan, Mount Pleasant, Wardington. T1 oak tree - reduce portion of tree over hanging the neighbours by 2-3m where appropriate and blend. **No objections.**

25/02634/F and 25/02635/LB – Wisteria Cottage, Wardington. Rear single storey extension to form shower room and snug. **No objections.**

25/02844/F – The Croft, Wardington. Replacement of wrought iron metal gates with a pair of closed wooden style gates. Replacement of rotten wooden fence at the back of the driveway with new closed board style in pressure treated timber (height and dimensions as existing). **No objections.**

25/02988/TCA – Wardington Lodge, Banbury Road through Wardington, Wardington. T1 Line of Lime trees - reduce northwestern canopy by approximately 2.5-3m to a suitable secondary growth point in accordance to BS3998:2010. **No objections.**

81.Planning decisions received

25/01993/F and 25/01995/LB – Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Variation of Condition 1 (plans) of 24/02696/F - Condition to be changed to include proposed Artwork rails to the Main House and Structural works to the stable's chimney to ensure its stability concern found during the construction. **Approved.**

82.Proposal to make a £25 contribution to the production of a village calendar – Proposed and agreed.

83.Finance

83.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 19.11.2025 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£321.15
PC Savings	£28,919.05
Total	£29,240.20

	WPC Main	Williamscot	Total
Cashbook balances as at 19.11.25	£20,057.96	£9,182.24	£29,240.20

83.2 To confirm completion of the second quarterly (Jul to Sep) Internal Control Check – Cllr Jarrett confirmed the check has taken place and all was found to be in order.

83.3 To consider renewing membership with CPRE for another year at a cost of £36 with the option to make a higher donation – Proposed and agreed to increase to £40. **Clerk to arrange payment.**

83.4 To review the draft budget for 2026-27 – The Clerk highlighted a number of areas for discussion. **Clerk to bring updated budget to next meeting for consideration and approval.**

83.5 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

31.10.25	Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00
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83.6 To note the following receipts: None

83.7 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

Parish Magazine Printing	Printing Warbler Nov edition	£312.75
N R Prickett	Grass cutting 22nd Oct	£451.20

Wardington Memorial Hall	Donation to Memorial Hall Calendar	£25.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary Nov 25	£385.25
HMRC	Tax & Ni Nov 25	£107.83
NEST	Pension Nov 25	£18.49
Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00

84.Information exchange – Cllr Meek advised she has some volunteers to form a Speedwatch group. They will now sort out their training and the police will provide a speedwatch gun to use to run sessions. A query has been raised about the condition of a style on the Jurassic Way which Cllr Chivers is following up. Cllr Page will replace the tree on the Cricket Field with the English Oak tree received from HS2 and put the plaque up.

85.To agree meeting dates for 2025 – Proposed dates are 13th Jan, 17th Mar, 12th May, 23rd Jun, 28th Jul, 8th Sep, 20th Oct, 24th Nov – Proposed and agreed.

Meeting closed @ 8:30pm

Date of next meeting – 13th January 2025

Signed..... Date.....