

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr M Patterson, Cllr M Chivers, Cllr G Page, Cllr S Meek, Cllr N Banks.

In attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public.

86.Apologies for absence – None.

87.Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None.

88.Public participation session – None.

89.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 25th November 2025 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

90.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

90.1 Update re flooding on Thorpe Road outside Sabins – The flooding has gone for now but it keeps filling with sediment so until the issue of where the sediment is coming from is sorted, it will keep refilling. The Clerk has been chasing Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Cherwell District Council (CDC) and this and has had some responses but it appears that more discussions are needed between CDC/OCC and some landowners in the parish in order to get the wider issue resolved. **Clerk to continue to chase CDC and OCC.**

90.2 HS2 update – No update.

90.3 Update re Community Speedwatch Scheme including request for the PC to purchase some items to allow the scheme to proceed – cost around £130 – A resident is organising a scheme in the parish and had hoped that the PC could provide funding to support the scheme but the resident has now been informed that there will be no cost to the scheme so no funding from the PC is required.

91.Play Area

91.1 Update re play equipment safety inspections and repairs – The contractor has already done some of the repairs and will complete the other minor repairs after the end of January.

92.Planning applications received - None

93.Planning decisions received

25/01901/F – Manor Flat, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Outbuilding conversion, new drive and external alterations. **Approved.**

25/02830/TCA – The Croft, Banbury Road through Wardington, Wardington. T1 Abies Concolor - Fell. Replace with an English native tree. **Approved.**

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. **Approved.**

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). **Approved.**

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. **Approved.**

94.Finance

94.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 07.01.2026 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£190.58
PC Savings	£26,741.93
Total	£26,932.51

	WPC Main	Williamscot	Total
Cashbook balances as at 07.01.2026	£18,124.23	£8,808.28	£26,932.51

94.2 To confirm completion of the third quarterly (Oct to Dec) Internal Control Check - Cllr Jarrett confirmed the check has taken place and all was found to be in order.

94.3 To agree the budget and resulting precept for 2026-27 – It was proposed and agreed to approve a Budget of £17,141, resulting in a precept £14,100, with the difference being covered by income. **Clerk to submit precept request.**

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

27.11.25	Emma Read	Refreshments for Williamscot event	£115.37
27.11.25	CPRE	Annual membership	£40.00
27.11.25	Rachel Breeze	Mince pies for Williamscot event	£23.94
27.11.25	St Mary Magdalene Church Wardington	Printing of Wardington Past & Present	£90.00
27.11.25	Royal British Legion	Donation	£50.00
05.12.25	ICO	Data Protection Fee	£47.00
23.12.25	Julie Burnett	Food items for Williamscot event	£64.50
23.12.25	Emma Read	Food items for Williamscot event	£170.15
23.12.25	Wardington Memorial Hall	Room hire Jan to Mar 25	£35.52
23.12.25	Kirsty Buttle	Salary Dec	£385.45
23.12.25	HMRC	Tax & Ni Dec	£107.63
31.12.25	NEST	Pension Dec	£18.49
31.12.25	Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00

94.5 To note the following receipts: Noted.

31.12.25	Unity Bank	Interest	£152.88
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95.Guidelines for Councillors’ use of Social Media – It was agreed that the PC should have a Social Media Policy. **Clerk to bring a Social Media Policy for consideration to the next meeting.** In the meantime it was agreed that if councillors are posting on social media or are reporting issues to

other authorities they do so as an individual. Any reports made on behalf of the PC should be made by the Clerk, and should only be made by a councillor if they have been allocated that task by the PC at a meeting. If councillors become aware of any concerns that they believe need to be reported by the PC they should provide details to the Clerk who will make the relevant reports or direct the complainant to the appropriate organisation. Any abusive posts towards councillors should be reported to the Clerk to be kept on file to be considered as a safeguarding issue.

96.Message from Stephen Skinner, Chair of Memorial Hall Trustees – It appears that the Memorial Hall Trustees have got the impression that the PC no longer wished to manage the play area. This is not the case, and the PC are just wanting to try to get together a Working Group of people from the village to complete the day to day management of the play area and bring forward ideas to the PC for improvements to the play area. Ideally this group would include people who have children who are of the age to use the play equipment as they are most likely to know what children in the area like or don't like in the play area and can feedback ideas from the children. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to respond to the trustees to explain the situation, and try to obtain details about the renewal of the lease.**

97.Information exchange – A councillor noted that they have recently reported 5 issues on Fixmystreet.com and were pleasantly surprised at how quickly the issues have been dealt with, so would encourage residents to make reports on Fixmystreet.

A councillor suggested that it might be helpful to raise awareness regarding what types of development are considered planning issues within a Conservation Area and who they need to contact at CDC to discuss planning permission applications. **Clerk to put together article for the Warbler.**

A resident has contacted a councillor about the path past the back of the Old School to the Church being blocked by vegetation. This is a church path so the concern has been passed on to the PCC.

It was noted that it is very helpful that residents have been spreading grit from the grit bins in areas where there is ice in the village but on some occasions it is being put on much thicker than it should be which reduces it's efficacy and makes it more likely that the parish will run out of grit before the end of the season. It was agreed that the **Clerk should put note on Facebook** advising residents that the grit is more effective when it is scattered thinly rather than piled up. It should also be noted that grit from the bins provided is only for use on public roads, pavements, and footpaths, and should not be used on private property.

Meeting closed @ 9:10pm

Date of next meeting – 17th March 2026

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