

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th July 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 N Bankes, Cllr E Batchelor.

In attendance: Clerk, 1 member of the public.

27.Apologies for absence – None.

28.Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr Page declared an interest in item 33 as he is a relative of the applicant.

29.Public participation session – The applicant re planning application 26/01553/OUT was in attendance and answered some questions about the application. He advised the application is for a mix of 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses and is outline permission for up to 8 houses, as if there were 9 or more houses there would be a requirement to include social housing which would make it more difficult for a developer to make the site financially viable. The existing house will stay as a separate dwelling.

30.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 23rd June 2026 - The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

31.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

31.1 HS2 update – Trafford Bridge has been closed.

31.2 Update re concerns raised about the state of the A361 through Wardington – The repairs have been completed but it will be interesting to see if they have worked when it next rains. A meeting will take place on Thursday with Highways, and HS2 to see if any funds can be obtained from HS2 to help maintain the road. It was agreed that this item no longer needs to be on the agenda unless any further issues occur.

32.Play Area

32.1 To receive the Annual Play Equipment Inspection Report and agreed an actions required in response to this – There are a couple of minor issues raised which will be repaired by volunteers. Unfortunately someone has pulled the gates off their hinges and damaged the gate posts so the gates have had to be removed until they can be refixed. A volunteer has offered to rehang the gates by attaching them on the inside of the gate posts as they cannot be rehung in the original location due to the damage to the gate posts.

32.2 Update re play equipment safety inspections and repairs – The monthly inspection has taken place and no issues (other than the missing gates) were raised.

33.Planning applications received

26/01553/OUT - Barn Farm Plants Garden Centre, Barn Farm, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Outline application with all matters reserved, except for access, for demolition of existing buildings, and erection of up to 8 dwellings with associated parking, drainage, and landscaping. **No objection.**

34.Planning decisions received

26/00226/F – Lower Lodge, Williamscot. Erection of two extensions and associated engineering works. **Application withdrawn.**

26/00445/TCA – Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington. T1 Willow - pollard at 5 metres leaving lower stem epicormics. T2 Robinlas - Lift crowns roadside, reduce and reshape by 2 metres. T3 Holly – fell. **Approved.**

26/00500/F and 26/00501/LB - Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Variation of Condition 1 (plans) of 25/01993/F and 25/01995/LB - changed to include additional external CCTV cameras to the Main House and Stable. **Approved.**

26/01019/LB - Lower Lodge, Williamscot. Erection of two extensions and associated engineering work. **Application withdrawn.**

26/01023/LB – The Last Straw, Wardington. Like-for-like replacement of rear window (existing unauthorised). **Approved.**

26/01251/F – Williamscot Hill Farm, Williamscot Hill, Williamscot. Replacement Conservatory. **Approved.**

35.Finance

35.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 22.07.2026 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£438.44
PC Savings	£27,665.33
Total	£28,103.77

	WPC Main	Williamscot	Total
Cashbook balances as at 22.07.2026	£19,345.49	£8,758.28	£28,103.77

35.2 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: None.

35.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

30.06.26	Unity Bank	Interest	£139.14
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35.4 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

Playsafety Ltd	Annual play inspection	£133.20
Kirsty Buttle	Salary Jul	£416.82
HMRC	Tax and NI Jul	£121.58
NEST	Pension Jul	£20.00

36.Information exchange – There is still a vacancy for a councillor that needs to be filled. There were no responses to the advert put out. A resident has advised a councillor that she is interested in joining. **Cllr Jarrett to contact the resident to discuss the process and how to apply.**

It was noted that the minutes from the last meeting were still draft until they were approved at this meeting, but they did not include the 'draft' watermark in the Warbler. It was also noted that the details for the district councillors are not correct in the Warbler due to recent changes. **Clerk to inform the Warbler editors of the new details for the district councillors, and to ask that they ensure draft minutes are marked as such.**

The local MP will be at the Hare & Hounds on Thursday at 5:30pm.

Meeting closed @ 8:32pm

Date of next meeting – 8th September 2026

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