



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllrs King (Chairman), Agate, Camley, Gould, Harris, McFarland, Palmer and Pavey.

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton and 11 members of the public. Plus Aaron Smith and Jonathan Quarrell, representatives of the Romsey Road development.

Public participation

A member of the public raised concerns about people leaving dog poo bags all over the village.

A member of the public raised concerns about the dangerous condition of the pavement in Green Close.

A member of the public reported that the bridleway sign at the bottom of Pill Hill is down.

The Clerk read out the update from the Police as they were unable to attend the meeting.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

54/25 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllrs Bishop, Francis and Hayday due to prior commitments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

To receive any Declarations of Interest, and to decide upon any requests for Dispensations relating to matters on this agenda.

55/25 Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda item 6c. New Forest National Park - 25/00075FULL Holmere Sawmills, Common Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QW Change of use from general industrial (Use class B2) to agricultural (sui generis) as the applicant is a relative.

Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

56/25 This item was not required.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2025.

57/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2025 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider a response to the Romsey Road development pre-planning application consultation.

Aaron Smith from Master Land & Planning and Jonathan Quarrell from Bargate Homes, both representatives of the Romsey Road development, updated the meeting on the pre-planning consultation. Members of the public and Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions.

58/25 Whiteparish Parish Council felt that whilst it appears this is a sensitive developer who is prepared to listen we do not know enough and RESOLVED, with 2 abstentions, to make no comment regarding the pre-planning consultation.

8.30pm Aaron Smith, Jonathan Quarrell and 9 members of the public left the meeting.

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Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

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Date.....

To consider and agree a response to planning applications received:

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59/25 PL/2025/01171 Upper Youngs Farm, Doves Lane, Whiteparish, SP5 2SJ 2-Storey side extension. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

60/25 PL/2025/02419 Abbotstone House, The Street, Whiteparish SP5 2SH

Trees in Conservation Area - G1 - trees adjoining road - group of Norway Maple (overhanging highway), leaning Holly and dead Elm - fell to 4m in height to maintain screen. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

61/25 New Forest National Park - 25/00075FULL Holmere Sawmills, Common Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QW Change of use from general industrial (Use class B2) to agricultural (sui generis). Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

Planning and enforcement update.

62/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and advised notification of an application PL/2025/01873 has since been received which will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on 15th April 2025. There had also been an error at Wiltshire Council with registration of PL/2025/01690 - trees in a conservation area, therefore, using Minute 6/24, the Clerk will formulate the response.

Finance update.

63/25 The Clerk reported that the internal audit is scheduled for 10th April 2025.

64/25 The Clerk advised that a VAT refund has been submitted for £1,287.89.

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances.

65/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £2,557.72

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 13.03.25 £3,725.03

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 13.03.25 £78,690.06

Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond £20,000.00 maturity date 04.06.25

Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £31,271.51 maturity date 19.06.26

To approve Parish Council meeting dates for 2026.

66/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the meeting dates for 2026.

To note the change of date for the Annual Parish Meeting to 15th April 2025.

67/25, 45/25 The Chairman advised the date for the Annual Parish Meeting had been changed to allow time for the Romsey Road presentation this evening.

To consider communicating with the landowner regarding installation of a kissing gate at right of way 8 where it meets Blaxwell Lane.

68/25 The Chairman advised a request had been received from a resident to change the stile to a kissing gate at right of way 7 where it meets Blaxwell Lane, right of way 10 making the route more accessible, particularly for less able and children in their school uniform. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ask the landowner if they would consider installing a kissing gate at right of way 8 where it meets Blaxwell Lane.

To update on the management of the flower tubs situated opposite the village shop.

69/25 This item was deferred as there are ongoing discussions with Courtens Garden Centre.

To consider entering the CPRE Wiltshire Best Kept Village competition.

70/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to not enter the competition.

To note the skatepark annual Play Inspection, in conjunction with Whiteparish Memorial Trust, has been scheduled and the cost is £66.47 excl. VAT.

71/25, 316/24 Whiteparish Parish Council noted the cost for the skatepark inspection.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

No issues were raised.

Highway's update.

72/25 The Clerk reported that the Parish Steward had visited today and the sweeper will be returning to finish areas.

73/25 A concern was raised about verge destruction by HGVs opposite the entrance to Whelpley Farm, Brickworth Road and the layby's near Tipplefield Farm and Richmond Farm. The Clerk will ask Highways what action can be taken.

74/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Agate updated on the Whiteparish Memorial Trust including the AGM which is on 5th July at 10.30am, solar panels have now been installed and 2.4T of stones has been spread at the top of the car park.

New Forest National Park: There was no report.

Area Board: The Clerk advised the next LHFIFG meeting is 3rd June 2025.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer updated on the Whiteparish Education Foundation.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police: Cllr Harris advised the next meeting is on 28th March 2025.

Correspondence/communications update.

75/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish. The next scheduled full Parish Council meeting will follow directly after the Annual Parish meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.