



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Councillors King (Chairman), Aldhouse, Agate, Camley, Elder, Foote, Harris, Hayday, Palmer, Pavey and Snowdon.

In attendance: Bev Cornish (Locum Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper, 4 members of the public.

Police Report

In the absence of the Neighbourhood Policing Team officer, the Clerk read out his report which covered the last 30 days.

Overnight on 25th January a group have targeted sheds and garages, breaking into several in the wider area. During this they also visited Whiteparish including Dean Lane and The Street where they broke into four separate ones. Fortunately, they didn't manage to steal anything from these. The entire crime series is currently under investigation.

Public question time

A resident spoke in support of his application for co-option to the Council.

Wiltshire Councillor Cooper gave a brief report advising:

- The Council's budget was to be considered at a very long meeting to be held on Tuesday 24th February.
- The removal of funding for the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) and the reduction in funding for the Parish Steward Scheme would be issues which needed to be debated along with the increase in the cost of parking and the increase in the hours for which charging was to be applied, including on Sundays.
- There was currently a backlog for the determination of planning applications.

To receive and accept apologies for absence

315/25 No apologies were received.

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

316/25 Councillor Harris declared personal and pecuniary interests in tree works applications PL/2026/00769, PL/2026/00770 and PL/2026/00772 and did not speak or vote when the applications were discussed.

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

317/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to discuss agenda item 17 - To receive an update on confidential staffing matters following the exclusion of the press and public.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2026

318/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2026, with abstentions received from Councillors Camley, Foote and Palmer, and they were signed by the Chairman.

To receive a written application for the office of parish councillor and to consider co-opting the candidate to fill the vacancy.

319/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Joseph Elder to the Council. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as a councillor.

Planning and enforcement update

320/25 The Locum Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no comments.

To consider and agree responses to planning applications received

321/25

The Chairman proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened for members of the public to speak on the planning applications.

A member of the public spoke in support of planning applications PL/2026/00469 and PL/2026/00473

- a. **PL/2026/00469 Parkwater Farm, Cowesfield Green, Whiteparish** - Replace incidental timber garden outbuilding with an incidental timber clad garage, landscaping, improvements to access and relocate oil tank.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- b. **PL/2026/00473 Parkwater Farm, Cowesfield Green, Whiteparish** - Replace Class Q Barn with a self-build house, car parking, EV charging, landscaping, removal of c.650 sqm tarmac/fenced tennis court and re-wilding all that Previously Developed Land (PDL), pre-packaged treatment works (PPTW) and drainage field, nutrient neutrality and associated work:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- c. **PL/2026/00733 Little Orchard, Common Road, Whiteparish** - T1 Apple with large basal cavity to be reduced by 1m all over:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- d. **PL/2026/00769 The Garden House, Dean Lane, Whiteparish** - T1 Conifer tree - Fell to ground level:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- e. **PL/2026/00770 The Gatehouse, The Street, Whiteparish** - T1 Willow tree - Pollard back to old cuts. T2 Apple tree - Fell and replant with new tree close by:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- f. **PL/2026/00772 Land South East of All Saints Church, Common Road, Whiteparish** - T1 Cedar tree - Remove leader out of top left (right hand one has broken off already). T2 T3 Hornbeam tree - Crown rise up to 4metres over footpath/road:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

Finance update.

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

321/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £3,092.50 and approved the account balances.

Payee	Amount	Detail
Wiltshire Council	638.00	Contributions towards LHFIFG Schemes: Disabled bay SID infrastructure (2 poles and NAL Sockets)
Phil Moore	150.00	Tidying of noticeboard, bus stop & skatepark areas in February
B Cornish	582.00	Locum Clerk services & travel expenses January 2025
Society of Local Council Clerks	200.00	Annual subscription
The Open Spaces Society	45.00	Annual subscription
Staff Costs	1447.50	HMRC, Pension and Pay
Total	3092.50	

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 12.02.26 £9,290.61

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account.12.02.26 £80,541.80

Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £21,020.00 maturity date 04.06.27

Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £32,741.27 maturity date 19.06.26

Legal Agreements with Wessex Internet

322/25 To approve the signing of the following documents:

- a. A Code Agreement between Whiteparish Parish Council and Wessex Internet Limited to be signed by two councillors and witnessed by the Locum Clerk:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve and sign the Code Agreement.
- b. A Code Agreement between Whiteparish Memorial Trust, Whiteparish Parish Council and Wessex Internet Limited to be signed by Councillor King to be signed after receiving approval from the Memorial Trust by Councillor King on behalf of Council as the Custodian Trustee of Whiteparish Memorial Trust:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the signing of the Code Agreement by Councillor King in principle subject to the approval of the Memorial Trust.

CIL Monies

To consider how the CIL monies due to expire in April 2026 can be spent

323/25 Following advice received from Wiltshire Council, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the allocation of CIL monies towards the cost of repairs to be made to the outdoor play equipment at the Whiteparish Memorial Centre. These totalled £1,154.40 including VAT.

Rights of Way and Common Land update

324/25 Councillor King gave a brief report advising that he had sent an email to officers thanking them for the work completed on Bridleway Whiteparish 30. At the same time, he had asked them whether it was possible to do some work on Whiteparish 22 and the officer had advised that they would look at it shortly to see what clearance was required to make it more useable.

He also advised that the landowner of the stile in Doves Lane, which had been reported as unsafe, had confirmed that it would be repaired when the weather conditions had improved.

Highways update

325/25 Councillor King advised that the Clerk was in contact with Wiltshire Highways regarding the possible closure of Common Road from 2nd March. No information had yet been provided but the Council had been informed of the closure by a local business owner. Concerns were raised that with the works underway and the road closure at Sherfield English, these additional works may cause further problems for drivers.

Councillor Hayday reported that the contractors had done a good job on the resurfacing of parts of Miles Lane.

Consultations

326/25

a. National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

To consider a response to the HM Government consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system: Following guidance from the Locum Clerk that the survey consisted of 224 complex questions, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that if completing the survey was too difficult, the Locum Clerk would draft a letter highlighting the important issues for the parish as well as the importance of there being continued protection for the area of the parish which fell within the New Forest National Park. Councillor Elder said he was willing to help with the responses to the survey.

b. New Forest District Council Local Plan Review

To consider a response to NFDC's Local Plan Review consultation on Regulation 18 Spatial Options and Policy Direction: (deadline 20th March 2026)
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk would draft a response to the consultation for consideration at the next meeting which, if approved, could be submitted by the deadline of 20th March.

Policy

To approve an IT and Email Policy.

327/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Council's IT and Email Policy.

328/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

- **Whiteparish Memorial Trust** – Councillor Snowdon advised that the Trust had agreed to replace the defibrillator battery at the Memorial Centre but asked whether the Council could consider paying for batteries in future years. The Locum Clerk advised that the cost could be considered later in the year when the 2027/28 budget is agreed.
- **Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police** - Councillor Harris advised that a meeting was scheduled to be held on 23rd February.
- **Southern Wiltshire Area Board** – Councillor King asked whether he should raise the issue of parking in the Green Close area again with Inspector Tina Osborne when the Area Board next meets on 12th March. Councillors agreed that the matter should be raised again and, depending on the outcome, the Local Highways Engineer could be invited to a site visit in order to consider potential solutions.

Correspondence/communications update

329/25 Councillors noted the correspondence circulated by the Clerk.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

CONFIDENTIAL

Exclusion of the press and public.
To review confidential staffing matters.

330/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to note the Chairman's update regarding the Clerk's absence on extended leave and agreed to seek external advice.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm