



Whiteparish Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Bev Cornish (Locum Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper, 16 members of the public.

Public question time

A member of the public made a lengthy statement on the watering of the flower tubs in the Village Triangle advising that she had liaised with the owner of the Village Shop who had confirmed that they were happy to organise the watering of the tubs during the summer of 2026.

A member of the public expressed concern about the potential for an accident when he had seen horses from the local stables being ridden the wrong way down the section of Dean Lane which was a one way street. He said he had spoken to the owner of the stables about his concerns.

The Chairman advised that concerns had been raised previously about this but all members of the public could do was to report their concerns to the police.

A member of the public raised concerns about the parking of vehicles in the High Street. He said that three camper vans were parking regularly either close to or at the bus stop. Rule 243 of the Highway Code says you are not to park at a bus stop.

The Clerk read out the Police Report as follows:

Report for past 30 days:

'06/11 – Possible theft of parcel from Clay Street – Under investigation

In the wider area, there have been a small number of incidents involving vehicles being stolen and vans being targeted for tool thefts. We urge residents to take necessary precautions by securing vehicles when not in use, removing any items of value visible or otherwise and utilising a faraday pouch for keyless operated vehicles'.

Wiltshire Councillor Cooper gave a brief report advising:

- Wiltshire Council was running an overspend of £6.5 million and by the end of the financial year this may be closer to £10 million. This would have an impact on the 2026/27 budget.
- It was considering how it could bring in money in other ways such as whether town and parish councils could contribute to the funding of the parish stewards.
- It was still spending money in unnecessary areas such as producing a Dog Directory.

To receive and accept apologies for absence

254/25 No apologies were received.

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

255/25 No declarations were received.

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

256/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that there were no matters to be dealt with which would require 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 21st October 2025

257/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 and they were signed by the Chairman.

Planning and enforcement update

258/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no comments.

To consider and agree responses to planning applications received

259/25 At this point in the meeting the Chairman RESOLVED to open the meeting to members of the public to enable them to speak on the planning applications.

The planning agent and architect spoke on behalf of their client in support of planning application PL/2025/08543 Land at Romsey Road, Whiteparish.

Three members of the public spoken in objection to application PL/2024/11341 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

- a. **PL/2025/08543 Land at Romsey Road, Whiteparish** - Approval of Reserved Matters (internal access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following Outline Planning Permission PL/2022/09532 for 25 dwellings with access to Romsey Road, parking, open space, landscaping, and drainage and approval for pursuant to conditions 10, 20 and 22 of PL/2022/09532:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to support the application on the grounds that it was compliant with Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
- b. **PL/2024/11341 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish** - Extension of existing Gypsy/Traveller site to facilitate the siting of 1 additional pitch comprising the siting of a mobile home and touring caravan:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application. In the Appeal Decision dated 4th November 2022 (Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/W/21/3267074 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG) against the decision of Wiltshire Council to refuse Application Ref: 20/06783/FUL, dated 10 August 2020, Planning Inspector Mrs H Nicholls FdA MSc MRTPI allowed the Appeal for the doubling of pitches on the site from 1 pitch to 2 pitches:
 - In doing so she *'concluded that there would be a degree of harm from the proposal relative to the condition of the site for a single pitch. This harm results in conflict with CS Policies CP47, CP51 and CP57 and Policy C6 of the Local Plan which collectively seek to ensure that development protects, conserves and, where possible, enhances landscape character and local distinctiveness by responding to the value of the natural and historic environment'*.
 - A survey undertaken at the site at that time, as part of Wiltshire Council's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, identified the need for a single pitch.
 - The circumstances of the appellant 'necessitated them living on the same site together' and *'It is clear to me that the extended family not only wish to live*

- together but, in fact, need to do so for health and care-related reasons. The family have a settled base and it allows them to access local medical care’.*
- Conditions arising from the Appeal Decision stated that;
 - *‘No more than four (4) caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968, as amended, of which no more than two (2) shall be static caravans, shall be stationed on the land at any time’*
 - *No vehicle over 3.5 tonnes shall be stationed, parked or stored on the land.*

At the time of the consultation for the current planning application, the site is in breach of the conditions placed on it by Planning Inspector Mrs H Nicholl as it now has 3 pitches with 3 static caravans – the third being already occupied without planning consent and numerous HGVs above 3.5 tons are permanently located on the site. Furthermore, there are several unresolved issues within the site such as other building works being completed without planning consent, the smell and treatment of sewage on the site and frequent noise and light pollution which is impacting on local wildlife.

Based on Mrs H Nicholls’ conclusion that with an increase from one pitch to two pitches *‘there would be a degree of harm from the proposal relative to the condition of the site for a single pitch. This harm results in conflict with CS Policies CP47, CP51 and CP57 and Policy C6 of the Local Plan’* the Parish Council considers that it is reasonable to conclude that there would be even greater harm caused to the landscape character and local distinctiveness of the natural and historic environment by the addition of a further pitch with static caravan and mobile home.

Taking account also of Mrs H Nicholls’ comment in her 2022 decision that *‘there is a need for two pitches at the site for the family to continue to support each other’*, the current application’s planning statement provides no information on the occupiers of the third static caravan, their relationship to the existing family on the site or the need for an additional pitch.

The Parish Council maintains its serious concerns submitted on this application in February 2025 both about how the current arrangements for sewage will cope with the increased accommodation and the increase in water run off onto the A27, which is already causing serious flooding problems on the A27.

For the reasons set out above, the recognised harm a third pitch would cause to the Special Landscape Area (SLA) and there being no identified need for it, the Council objects to this application.

- c. **PL/2025/08708 Lower Cowesfield Farm, Cowesfield, Whiteparish** - Prior approval Part 3 Class R: Agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use - Change of use from agricultural to flexible commercial use:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- d. **PL/2025/08836 10 The Bramleys, Whiteparish** - Proposed rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory, plus internal reconfigurations.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- e. **PL/2025/08949 Dean Lodge, Miles Lane, Whiteparish** - Proposed Two Storey Extension to Rear of Property along with Alterations to Roof and Window over Landing:

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to request an extension to the consultation period for this application to the date of the next meeting because no plans were available to view on the website prior to the meeting.

- f. **PL/2025/08428 Abbotstone House, The Street, Whiteparish - T1 Oak - Remove major deadwood. Shorten one limb towards rear garden, over wall, by up to 3-4m back to a suitable growth point. Shorten canopy towards house to achieve a 2m clearance. Remove lowest limb back to main stem:**
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.

Police Report

To consider and agree on next steps following the report from the representative of Wiltshire Police and, in particular, the next steps to be taken in relation to the Green Close area

260/25 Following a discussion, and as no representative of Wiltshire Police had been able to attend the meeting, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to raise the matter with the Police Inspector of the Neighbourhood Policing Team at the forthcoming meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. The Clerk was asked to write to the Local Highways Engineer to seek guidance on whether the Wiltshire Council-owned land in Green Close could be used to install a layby for residential parking as councillors considered this potentially to be the long-term solution to the issue of vehicles parking on the A27 close to the junction with Green Close.

Finance update

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances

261/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £2,777.19.

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 15.11.25 £21,216.46

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 15.11.25 £80,100.37

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

New Forest National Park Local Plan Review Consultation

To consider a response to the next stage of the draft Local Plan Review which is under consultation from 5th November to 19th December 2025

262/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED not to submit a response to the consultation.

Rights of Way and Common Land update

263/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no comments. Councillor Harris agreed to provide the Clerk with the What3Words location on the footpath leading to Pepperbox Hill so that she could report the overgrown areas to Wiltshire Council which he had come across when walking it recently.

Highway's update, including an update on the watering of the flower tubs on the Village Triangle

264/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to note with thanks the confirmation from the owner of the Village Stores to organise the watering of the flower tubs in 2026. It also agreed to replace the tubs. The Clerk agreed to look back at the quotes previously obtained.

265/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

- **Memorial Trust** - Councillor Foote advised that he had no further update since the last meeting.
- **New Forest National Park** - Councillor Palmer advised that he had no further update since the last meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police** - Councillor Harris advised that he had been unable to attend the last meeting due a holiday commitment but he had received a message recently from Wiltshire Police about being alert to hare coursing in the local area.
- **Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)** - Councillor Snowden advised that she had nothing to report other than the fact that the trees on the A36 had been taken down.

Correspondence/communications update

266/25 Councillors noted the correspondence circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm