



Whiteparish Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs King (Chairman), Agate, Camley, Harris, Hayday, McFarland, Palmer and Pavey.
In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton and 3 members of the public.

Public participation

A member of the public spoke in objection of planning application PL/2024/11341 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG.

It was reported that some documents have been removed from the Wiltshire Council planning website regarding Tricky's Paddock planning applications.

A member of the public advised that a large, possibly dangerous, hole has appeared on Right of Way 8, off of Common Road.

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

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

26/25 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllrs Bishop, Francis and Gould 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.

27/25 Cllr Palmer declared a personal interest in agenda item 10. To consider a grant application of £53.97 from Whiteparish Women's Institute for 3 litter pickers as she submitted the application on behalf of the Whiteparish Women's Institute.

28/25 Cllr Harris declared a personal interest in agenda item 5e. PL/2024/11341 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG Extension of existing Gypsy/Traveller site to facilitate the siting of 1 additional pitch comprising the siting of a mobile home and touring caravan as he is a neighbour.

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.

29/25 This item was not required.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025.

30/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 and they were signed by the Chairman.

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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:

31/25 PL/2024/11401 Gate Cottage, Cowesfield Gate, Cowesfield, Whiteparish, SP5 2RB Removal of temporary building and erection of car port and garden store.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application

32/25 PL/2025/00244 Oakwood, Hop Gardens, Whiteparish, SP5 2SS
Roof alterations with rear facing dormer and construction of detached garage.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

33/25 PL/2025/00767 Parkwater Farm, Cowesfield Green, Whiteparish SP5 2QS
Prior approval Part 3 Class Q: Agricultural buildings to dwelling houses
Prior Approval for conversion of 155.6 sqm (gross external area) agricultural barn to C3 dwelling with mezzanine (225.6 sqm GEA).
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

34/25 PL/2025/00648 Nunns Orchard, Dean Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2RJ
Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area
T1 Eucalyptus - Remove lowest major limb over the road and utility cables. T2 Sycamore - Reduce major limb over the road by up to 3-4m. T3 Lime - Reduce group of limbs over the road by up to 2m. T4 Eucalyptus - Honey Fungus - Pollard to approximately 9-10m. T5 Macrocarpa - Remove to as low as possible.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

35/25 PL/2024/11341 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG
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 and recommend refusal to this application as follows:

1. Over development of site.
2. Development in open countryside which is classified as a site in a Special Landscape Area (SLA).
3. History of flouting planning. On current application parts 2, 4, 7 & 8 and on the inspectors' response of appeal they are known as 44, 45, 46, 47 & 48.
4. Please can the LPA confirm who is the applicant – Mr Gammell Senior or Mr Gammell Junior?
5. We believe this development will increase the water run off on to the A27, which is already causing serious flooding problems on the A27.
6. There are no pavement facilities for several hundred metres to the village.
7. The plan is incorrect. There are no current photographs of the site.
8. Previous lack of enforcement on this site giving the Parish Council and the local community no confidence in the LPA.
9. The Parish Council has serious concerns about the current sewage to cope with possible increase. Will current sewage works suffice capacity?
10. Family circumstances – successive inspectors have approved applications as it is a pitch for one family and it is why Wiltshire Council have not included it in the Gypsy and Traveller plan for additional pitches on this site.

Planning and enforcement update.

36/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no queries. The Clerk reported that the Planning Town and Parish Council Forum is now on 5th March 2025.

Finance update.

37/25 The Clerk reported that the internal audit is scheduled for 10th April 2025.

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

38/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £6,592.14

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 13.02.25 £6,282.75

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 13.02.25 £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 the Village Fete 2025 on Parish Council land.

39/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the 2025 Village Fete on Parish Council land subject to the necessary risk assessment and insurance to follow from the Memorial Trust.

To consider a grant application of £53.97 from Whiteparish Women's Institute for 3 litter pickers.

40/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to agree a grant of £53.97 for Whiteparish Women's Institute for 3 litter pickers.

To consider renewing the Open Spaces Society (OSS) annual membership of £45.00.

41/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to renew the OSS annual membership at £45.00.

To consider renewing the Society of Local Clerks and Councils (SLCC) annual membership of £190.00.

42/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to renew the SLCC annual membership at £190.00.

To consider action following the advice from Wiltshire Council regarding the possible erection of Ridden Horses in the Road Ahead traffic signs on the A27.

43/25,17/25 This item was deferred as awaiting an update from Wiltshire Council.

To consider action following the village response for a request for a bench near the entrance to Green Close.

44/25 There was no support from the public or the Parish Council for a bench near the entrance to Green Close.

To note the Annual Parish Meeting is on 18th March 2025.

45/25 The Clerk reminded Councillors the Annual Parish Meeting is on 18th March with an ordinary Parish Council meeting to follow directly after.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

46/25 The Clerk reminded Councillors that Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC), in association with the Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum is hosting an online session entitled 'Improving the rights of way network at a local level' on 24th February.

Highway's update.

47/25 The Clerk reported that the Parish Steward had visited today and he arranged for the sweeper by the school, including the lay by.

48/25, 325/24, 37/24, 18/24 It was noted the disabled bay by the school has still not been marked, yet it is believed another disabled bay has been marked at The Green. The Clerk will investigate.

49/25, 224/24, 196/24, 168/24, 139/24, 102/24, 71/24 The posts for the new SID's have still not been erected. Wiltshire Council have advised installation may now be completed the week commencing the 24th February however this once again is not definite and may change.

50/25, 257/24, 143/24, 101/24 The Clerk advised the replacement street name plate for The Green has still not been installed and will chase Wiltshire Council Highways again.

51/25, 200/24 Cllr Hayday reported the large pothole at Newton Close near the entrance to Newton Lane has still not been filled. The Clerk will pursue.

52/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Pavey updated on the Whiteparish Memorial Trust. The solar panels are now to be installed on part of the roof of the Memorial Centre in March 2025.

New Forest National Park: There was no report.

Area Board: Cllrs Hayday and Agate updated on the recent Area Board at Morgans Vale on 13th February 2025.

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

Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police: Cllr Harris advised the last meeting was cancelled as the Police were unable to make it.

Correspondence/communications update.

53/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18th March 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 8.28pm.