



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

In attendance: Bev Cornish (Locum Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper, 3 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. There had been a peaceful start to the new year with no relevant crimes to report on for this period and the area remains free of anti-social behaviour.

Public question time

Two members of the public spoke in objection to planning application PL/2025/09926.

Wiltshire Councillor Cooper gave a brief report advising:

- The Council's waste strategy was under scrutiny with the closure of two household recycling centres. This was causing some problems with residents due to the lack of consultation.
- The changes to parking charges would be put to the next Full Council meeting. Charges were to be standardised across Wiltshire with charging hours changed to 7 am to 7 pm and charges on Sundays. These changes were likely to affect businesses.
- He had been in regular contact with the Enforcement Officer with regard to a local planning matter.
- The February budget meeting was likely to be held over 2 days.
- The time allocated by the Parish Stewards to working in parishes could be changed to every two months rather than every month. His personal view was this was stage 1 of the potential change to parishes being charged for visits by the Stewards.

To receive and accept apologies for absence

298/25 Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Camley, Foote and Palmer due to personal commitments.

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

299/25 Councillor Harris declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2025/09926.

Councillor King declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 309/25.

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

300/25 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 16th December 2025

301/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th December 2025, with abstentions received from Councillors Aldhouse and Pavey, and they were signed by the Chairman.

Planning and enforcement update

302/25 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

303/25

a. PL/2025/09926 Clover Park, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish - Demolition of rear building and construction of a new warehouse extension with increasing daily operating hours to permit 24-hour operation (subject to mitigation included within NIA). Following a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The application is contrary to Core Policy 57 in the Wiltshire Core Strategy and in particular sub-clause vii. *'having regard to the compatibility of adjoining buildings and uses, the impact on the amenities of existing occupants, and ensuring that appropriate levels of amenity are achievable within the development itself, including the consideration of privacy, overshadowing, vibration, and pollution (e.g. light intrusion, noise, smoke, fumes, effluent, waste or litter)'*.
- There would be an adverse impact on the residential amenity of the adjacent residential properties and, in particular, noise impacts. The neighbouring properties are already being disturbed because the applicant is constantly breaching the conditions contained in their previous approval for the site with regard to operating hours. These are supposed to be from 7 am to 7 pm but continue to be breached weekly. Consequently, the Council has little confidence that the applicant will adhere to the nighttime noise mitigation of not accessing the eastern side of the site between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am.
- The application contains no traffic/transport management plan to mitigate the impact of lorries accessing the site 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Nor is there any limit in hours to lorries accessing the site using the A27 from Romsey which would create constant overnight disturbance and noise for residents living alongside the A27.

b. PL/2026/00094 Honeysuckle Cottage, The Street, Whiteparish - T1 Apple - Reduce by 2-3m (to previous points).

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.

Finance update

To approve accounts for payment, to record the bank balances and to note the bank reconciliations to 30th November

304/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £1,653.69 and approved the account balances.

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 14.01.26 £11,623.23

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account. 14.01.26 £80,100.37 (31.12.25 Interest credited £441.43)

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

To approve the signing of the following documents

305/25

- 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 the Code Agreement in principle subject to the requested revisions being accepted and set out in a revised document which had yet to be received. If the changes are not made then the document must be considered again by the Council at its February meeting.
- b. A Code Agreement between Whiteparish Memorial Trust, Whiteparish Parish Council and Wessex Internet Limited to be signed by Councillor King on behalf of the Council as the Custodian Trustee of Whiteparish Memorial Trust after receiving approval from the Memorial Trust:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the signing of the Code Agreement by Councillor King in principle subject to the requested revisions being accepted and set out in a revised document which had yet to be received and the approval of the Memorial Trust. If the changes are not made then the document must be considered again by the Council at its February meeting.

CIL Monies

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

306/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting to await clarification from the Locum Clerk that CIL monies can be spent on playground repairs and Councillor Agate advising of the quotes received for carrying out the repairs.

Rights of Way and Common Land update

307/25 Councillor King gave a brief report on a meeting with Wiltshire Council's Countryside Access Team at which officers had agreed to clear Bridleway Whiteparish 30. He said he had asked that they clear the first 380 metres but the officers had confirmed they would clear the whole length of the wooded area. It was anticipated that this would be done by the end of January. The Locum Clerk agreed to send an email thanking the officers for the meeting and for their prompt action in response to the Council's request.

Highway's update

308/25

- a. Surface Water Flooding - To receive an update from Councillor King on the flooding issue on the A27 at Newton Bungalows:
Councillor King reported that Wiltshire Council had written to the landowner whose land contained much narrower pipework with insufficient capacity to that which was under the road. The local highways engineer had asked them to install larger pipes as it was the narrower pipework which was causing water to back up and remain on the highway causing a hazard.
- b. Flower Tubs - To ratify the purchase of 3 oak tubs/planters from Wine Boxes Etc at a cost, including delivery, of £111.85 to replace the existing planters in the Village Triangle:
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ratify the purchase of the oak tubs.

Councillors advised the Locum Clerk of several parking and highways issues which she agreed to raise with Wiltshire Highways and the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor King passed the Chair to Councillor Hayday due to his declaration of interest in the next item.

Whiteparish Charity

To re-elect Councillor King as a Trustee of the Whiteparish Charity.

309/25

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED re-elect Councillor King as a Trustee of the Whiteparish Charity.

Councillor Hayday passed the Chair back to Councillor King.

Policy

To approve a Publication Scheme for the Council

310/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Council's Publication Scheme which sets out how it will make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities.

Meeting Dates

To approve the dates of meetings up to April 2026

311/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the revised dates for meetings as Tuesday 17th February, Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 21st April (to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting) and all to be held at the Memorial Centre at 7.30 pm.

312/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

- **Whiteparish Memorial Trust** – Councillors Snowdon and Agate gave a detailed report on the recent meeting at which the matters discussed were the play area works, a grant to All Saints Church for the works to the wall and installation of steel hoops in the car park and a leak in one of the toilets.
- **Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police** - Cllr Harris advised that there had not been a recent meeting with one likely to be held in February.

During the report, Councillors queried the police report which had been read out at the start of the meeting. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk would contact the officer to question why two recent burglaries had not been included in his report.

Correspondence/communications update

313/25 Councillors noted the correspondence circulated by the Clerk.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26 pm

CONFIDENTIAL

Exclusion of the press and public.

To review confidential staffing matters.

314/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to note the Chairman's update regarding the Clerk's absence on extended leave.