



WISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Wiston Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm, Wednesday, 6th November 2024, at the Meeting Place. Water Lane, Wiston.

Draft Minutes

Present: Cllr. Garner, Cllr. Goring, Cllr. Leppard, Cllr. Page
In attendance: Cllr Marshall
Clerk: Matthew Thomas
Members of the public: -

24.44 **To consider accepting apologies for absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Nash. Shortly after the meeting, apologies were received from Cllr. Circus and Cllr. Manton.

24.45 **To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed:** None were made.

24.46 **To Approve the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 18th September 2024:** The minutes were approved without alteration and duly signed by the Chair.

24.47 **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation:** There were no members of the public present.

24.48 **To receive reports from County and District Councillors:** Cllr Marshall reported that there was an £8 million gap in WSCC's budget for 2025/26 but that this represented 1% of the total budget and he was confident the shortfall could be reconciled without the need to cut services.

The challenges for 2025/26 were funding Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care and Highways. An extra £13 million had been found to improve the rate of patch repairs during the 2024/25 winter season. In response to a question by Cllr Goring, Cllr Marshall explained

that larger repairs were completed at a pre-agreed price by a single, large contractor.

24.49 Meetings Attended by Councillors: None were reported.

24.50 Highways and Footpaths:

Water Lane footway, Overhanging Vegetation: Cllr Goring had spoken with a local contractor about cutting the pathway along Water Lane three times during the 2025 growing season and was awaiting their response on a price.

Action: Cllr Goring to report the proposed annual cost to the next meeting.

Hole Street Speed Indicator Device: Cllr Garner reported that he intended to fit two new batteries to the SID in the week beginning 11th November. Further investigations were underway for fitting supplementary solar panels.

24.51 Planning matters.

DC/21/1474: Coombwick House: Although the 2021 planning application had been refused, the meeting noted that extant planning permission remained for a barn conversion which had not yet commenced.

24.52 Finance

24.52.1 Approved payments: The expenditure detailed below was approved:

Balance per bank statement	£11,142
Total receipts	£2,421
Total payments	£978
Balance per bank statement	£12,585
Prepared by	M Thomas
Approved by	

Date	Payee	Outgoing	Incoming
30/9	Horsham DC		£2,420.72
3/10	Bank charges	£5.00	
7/10	HMRC - PAYE/NI	£49.80	
7/10	Litter Warden	£54.66	
7/10	Clerk	£198.88	
9/10	Elan City - batteries for SID	£191.90	
1/11	SLCC membership	£80.00	
1/11	HMRC - PAYE/NI	£65.00	
1/11	Litter Warden	£71.88	
1/11	Clerk	£260.82	
	TOTALS	£977.94	£2,420.72

24.52.2 **Latest Bank Statement for approval:** The August/September and September/October bank statements were approved and duly signed by the Chair at the meeting.

24.52.4 **Draft Budget 2024/25:** This was discussed and unanimously agreed.

24.52.5 The National Association of Local Councils salary award was noted.

24.53 Community matters

24.53.1 Repainting the old Telephone Box beside The Old Post House

The Clerk reported that the repair and repaint work had been completed at a total cost of £785, to include the replacement of the internal light.

24.53.2 Broadband Speeds

The Clerk reported that Mr Andrew Griffith MP had not yet replied to his letter of 8th October.

24.53.3 Sewage Discharge into Honeybridge Stream

The Clerk reported that Mr Andrew Griffith MP had not yet replied to his letter of 8th October.

24.54 Correspondence

No correspondence of note had been received.

24.55 Information items: None reported

The meeting closed at: 18.31

Signed:..... **Date:**
Chairman.