

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER 2025

Present: Councillors M Whiting (Chair), C Ryan, P Mason,

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hogg, Ogle and E Mason.

2025/10/13/01

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HIGGINS

RESOLVED that the resignation of Councillor Higgins be noted and the vacancy be looked to be filled by co-option at some point in the future

2025/10/13/02

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no representatives of the public in attendance.

2025/10/13/03

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8 September 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

2025/10/13/04

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The Clerk presented a report from the Police covering crime and anti-social behaviour for September 2025 which was summarised as follows:

100 incidents reported to control room.

Criminal Damage

Youths throwing eggs off the bus.
MH related incident

Theft and handling

Theft from the Coop x7

Vehicle Damage

Damage to a vehicle caused by a lighter being held against the door.

ASB

Bikes x 6
Neighbourly dispute x1
Youths causing issues.
House Party

It was noted that Believe Housing would be taking back the ownership of a property that had been associated with and ASB. A vehicle was noted as having been seized and another vehicle had been seized following a Police pursuit in Wingate. A further vehicle had been seized following a person driving without the correct documents.

The Police report included that a youth has been put on an anti-social behaviour contract for causing ASB.

The Next PACT meeting was noted as being On 20th November in the Community Centre at 6pm.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

2025/10/13/05

PROGRESS REPORT

(1) Pit Wheel

The Clerk advised that an inspection of the pit wheel had highlighted that a number of the timbers around it were rotten and in need of replacement. One quote for circa £2.5k had been obtained and others were being sought although the Clerk advised that finding suitable contractors to price the work was proving difficult.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the information given be noted and the Clerk be authorised to proceed with arranging for necessary works to be undertaken.

(2) Carol Service

The Clerk advised that the annual carol service had been arranged for Thursday 11 December.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

(3) Bruce Crescent

The Clerk advised that further incidents of anti-social behaviour were taking place at Bruce Crescent relating to motor vehicles accessing the nearby woodland area. It was noted that the County Council was to install large stones to help prevent access with the funding coming from Section 106 monies.

RESOLVED the information given be noted,

(4) Crossing Gates

RESOLVED it be noted that the crossing gates had been repaired and were to be painted later that week.

(5) Chimney Stack- Nursery Cottage

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Clerk be authorised to proceed with arranging for chimney stack repairs to be undertaken at the nursery cottage in advance of an insurance claim that was currently pending; and
- (b) further updates be awaited.

(6) Nursey Cottage- Assignment of Lease

The Clerk advised that a formal letter had been received requesting an assignment of the nursery cottage lease from the Children in Nature CIC to the Wingate Childcare Community Interest Company. He reminded Members that the principle of the assignment had been agreed previously.

RESOLVED the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the assignment of the lease with legal fees to be paid by the Wingate Childcare Community Interest Company.

2025/10/13/06

NATIONAL LOTTERRY GRANT FUNDING

The Clerk advised that at the previous Community Association meeting it had been agreed to utilise existing Parish Council National Lottery Grant Funding towards the running of the Community Centre to 31 March 2026. This had been on the advice of the National Lottery who the Clerk had met with and who had suggested that the Community Association apply for its own grant from 1 April 2026 to help cover the costs of the Community Centre for the subsequent three years.

It was noted that the National Lottery funding could be used as follows subject to available budget;

- Lift repairs
- New electric oven including associated works to install etc
- Fridge repairs/new fridge
- Miscellaneous repairs and running costs
- Salary costs for the Acting Secretary and Treasurer of 10 hours per week from 1 May to 31 October 2025
- Potential further salary/staffing costs to be determined from 1 November.

The Clerk advised that lift repairs alone were likely to be circa £22k.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the existing Parish Council National Lottery Grant Funding be used to help the running of the Community Centre to 31 March 2026 subject to further updates.

2025/10/13/07

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objections be made to the following applications:

2 Chillerton Way- Single storey side garage extension.

2025/10/13/08

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

2025/10/13/09

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Mcfarlane Group- Dog Bags

Cheque No. 406868	£1324.80
Horns Garden Centre- Misc Supplies	
Cheque No. 406869	£82.32
Npower- Pit Wheel	
Cheque No. 406870	£76.83
Robets Tours- Summer Away Day	
Cheque No. 406871	£920.00
Anglian Water- Park	
Cheque No. 406872	£916.71
BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No. 406873	£93.18
M Whiting- Refund for Projector	
Cheque No. 406874	£119.99
TSL- Fertilizer Etc	
Cheque No.,406875	£466.00
Clerk- Refund for Paper	
Cheque No. 406876	£22.98
Clerk- Refund for Ink	
Cheque No. 406877	£70.34
JJW Joinery- Crossing Gate Repairs	
Cheque No. 406878	£650.00
WEL Medical Ltd- Defib Battery Replacement	
Cheque No. 406879	£292.79
Clerk- October Office Allowance	
Cheque No. 406880	£50.00
Eon Next- Football Changing Room	
Cheque No. 406881	£310.36

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Cheque No. 406882 £4.13

Wingate and District Community Association- September Social Event

Cheque No. 406883 £229.00

UK Fuels- Petrol Card

Cheque No. 406884 £30.00

Eon Next- Football Changing Room

Cheque NO. 406885 £97.00

Eon Next- Xmas Lighting

Cheque No. 406886 £52.71

R Sanderson- Wreaths

Cheque No. 406887 £100.00

(b) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation for the period to the end of July which a balance of circa £182342. The Clerk reminded Members that while a healthy balance was shown, it was early in the financial year and the Parish Council could have to make a financial contribution to the new football changing room.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

2025/10/13/10

REPORTS

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) Vicarage Estate- Yellow Lines

A Member queried the recently installed yellow lines at the entrance to Vicarage Estate and suggested they did not extend far enough. It was noted that the yellow line parking restrictions had been designed by the County Council and the Police and they could not be changed. **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

(2) Gulley Road Walk Way

RESOLVED the Clerk investigate when Gulley Road walk way works were to be undertaken.

County Councillor

There was no County Councillor present.

2025/10/13/11

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the details included in the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

2025/10/13/12

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the following items of business under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 (as amended) due to the disclosure of person and financial information.

2025/10/13/13

CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the attendance of Mr Raymond Collins it was **RESOLVED** that he be invited to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

2025/10/13/14

FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOM TENDER UPDATE

The Clerk presented an update on the tenders that had been received in relation to the football changing room which highlighted a significant affordability issue. It was noted that the Clerk was meeting with the Parish Council's architect and the lowest tenderer later that week to investigate cost saving opportunities.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The information given be noted; and
- (b) Further updates be awaited.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE