

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2025**

**Present:** Councillors M Whiting (Chair), C Ryan, D Clogg, P Mason  
 County Councillor Mary-Lynn Franklin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Mason, A Bowden and J Hogg.

2025/12/08/01

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no representatives of the public present.

2025/12/08/02

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS** held on 10 November 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

2025/12/08/03

**POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

There was no Police report to consider.

2025/12/08/04

**PROGRESS REPORT**

(1) Christmas Carol Service

**RESOLVED** it be noted that the Christmas carol service was to take in the Holy Trinity Church with from 6pm on Thursday 11 December.

(2) Mr Bowden Retirement

**RESOLVED** the retirement of Mr Bowden be noted.

2025/12/08/05

**FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOM UPDATE**

The Clerk advised that following a further meeting with the Football Association the proposed new football changing room has been redesigned to take out the kitchen/communal area and the north car park in order to reduce build costs. The redesign proposals had been costed by the lowest tenderer which had resulted in a revised shortfall of circa £80, a reduction from the previous shortfall of circa £122k.

The Clerk further advised that he had included circa £66k within the revised budget for 25/26 and he had held initial discussions with the two County Councillors for Wingate who had expressed general support to providing finance towards the new changing room subject to further details. Members were reminded that until a contractor had been appointed Section 106 monies could not formally be applied for and so the Parish Council needed to make a decision on whether to commit to the financial investment outlined.

Lengthy discussion followed before it was **RESOLVED** that:

(a) The information given be noted;

- (b) The Clerk be authorised to proceed with formal FA and Section 106 funding applications based on the revised proposals;
- (c) Subject to the funding applications, the Clerk be authorized to engage a contractor to proceed with the works; and
- (d) Further updates be awaited.

2025/12/08/06

**NORTH ROAD WEST ALLOTMENT SITE**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's insurers had agreed to fund replacement fencing at the North Road West site. Two quotes for replacement palisade fencing with gates had been obtained with the cheapest being circa £4950 which the insurance company had based approval to proceed on.

It was noted the two allotment plots had been tidied up and Councillor Clogg was thanked for his assistance with this.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorized to proceed with arranging for the installation of new palisade fencing as agreed with the Parish Council insurance company.

2025/12/08/07

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there were no applications to consider.

2025/12/08/08

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED** that it be noted there were no items of correspondence to consider.

2025/12/08/09

**PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Authorisation of Payments

**RESOLVED** that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Horns Garden Centre- Misc Supplies	
Cheque No. 406806	£150.90
Npower- Pit Wheel	
Cheque No. 406807	£90.58
Eon Next- Xmas Lighting	
Cheque No. 406808	£68.27
Wearside Properties LLP- Pit Wheel Repairs	
Cheque No. 406809	£3368.40
LITE- Xmas Lighting	

Cheque No. 406810	£3742.08
BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No. 406811	£93.18
Neville Cockerham- Xmas Bingo Prizes	
Cheque No. 406812	£35.00
Beaumont Brown Architects LLP- Professional Fees	
Cheque No.,406813	£44616.00
Clerk- Line Rental and Calls	
Cheque No. 406815	£45.00
Clerk- December Office Allowance	
Cheque No. 406816	£50.00
Park Keeper- Line Rental and Calls	
Cheque No. 406817	£45.00
Park Keeper- Xmas Gift	
Cheque No. 406818	£25.00
Assistant Park Keeper- Xmas Gift	
Cheque No. 406819	£25.00
Harbro Electrical Ltd- Amas Lights	
Cheque No. 406820	£106.02
TSL- Xmas Tree	
Cheque No. 406821	£1200.00
Aztec Colour Print- Carol Service Printing	
Cheque No. 406822	£94.00

(b) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation for the period to the end of October. The Clerk reminded Members that while a healthy balance was shown there were significant financial commitments which would reduce reserves significantly.

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

2025/12/08/10

## **REPORTS**

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Bus Shelters- Electronic Information**

Following an issue raised by a Member, it was **RESOLVED** that County Councillor Franklin investigate the possibility of bus shelters in the village being upgraded to include electronic information.

(2) **Christmas Tree**

Following a query raised by a Member, it was **RESOLVED** that an additional Christmas tree at the northern end of the village be considered in future years.

(3) **Defibrillator**

**RESOLVED** that consideration be given to the installation of a defibrillator at the northern end of the village,

(4) **Football Fields**

A Member queried matches being called off when on occasions local teams felt the pitches were fit to play on. The need for all gates to be open was also queried.

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

(1) The Clerk liaise with the Park Keeper regarding pitches being called off: and

(2) Further consideration be given to the closing of gates around the perimeter of the football pitches.

(c) **County Councillor**

County Councillor Franklin gave an update on her County Council activities. It was noted that along with County Councillor Husband, local Member funding was to be used for Christmas gifts to local children. Local Member funding was also to be used to support the local Banner Group,

It was noted that the proposed children's home in the Wellfield Road area was not now progressing. Road improvements were being investigated at the rear of Cross Row. Zebra crossing improvements were being investigated as were improvements to the Gulley Road walkway.

Following general discussion County Councillor Franklin was thanked for her report and it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

2025/12/08/11

**SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS**

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

2025/11/08/12

**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 financial information.

2025/12/08/13

**2026/27 DRAFT PRECEPT**

The Clerk presented a draft precept for 2026/27 and outlined key details included in it.

Following general discussion and queries it was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2026/27 be set at £198852.

**CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD**

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....