

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2026

Present: Councillors C Ryan (Chair), D Clogg, A Bowden
 County Councillor ML Franklyn

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Whiting

2026/02/09/01

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no representatives of the public present.

2026/02/09/02

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 12 January 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

2026/02/09/03

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Th Clerk presented a report from the Police summarising crime and anti-social behavioural issues for January 2026 which included:

Theft x13

Shoplifting from the Co-Op with one prolific offender arrested.

ASB X 7

Off road bikes x 4.

Youths throwing objects at cars.

Youths banging on doors.

Noise complaint.

Criminal Damage x 2

It was noted that a quad bike had been seized at North Road. Police were also visiting local schools in relation to community safety and cyber crime. The next PACT meeting was noted as being on Thursday 12 February at 6pm.

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

2026/02/09/04

PROGRESS REPORT

(1) Football Changing Room

The Clerk advised that progress from the FA was still awaited as a request for two girls/ladies' teams had been made. Work was ongoing to try and attract teams with Shotton Colts potentially having one team available. A Wingate team was also being considered. The Clerk outlined that he had expressed concerns to the FA that a request for girls/ladies' teams had not been made earlier in the process.

Following general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further progress be awaited

(2) Norh Road West Allotment Site- Fencing

RESOLVED it be noted that the fencing works had been completed.

(3) Health and Safety

The Clerk referred to a document previously circulated that highlighted health and safety risks at the park and how they should be managed. It was noted that a working group was to be organised to begin to address health and safety issues in more detail.

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

(4) HMO, North Road West

RESOLVED it be noted that a HMO at North Road West had been approved although the property was already let and until the tenancy agreement ended it could not be a HMO.

(5) Community Centre Funding

RESOLVED it be noted that the Clerk had investigated potential community centre funding discussed at the previous meeting but had not been made aware of any.

2026/02/09/05

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED there be no objections to the following application:

18 Ingrim Way- Two storey side extension and erection of boundary wall/fence.

2026/02/09/06

CORRESPONDENCE

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

2026/02/09/07

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Eon Next- Football Changing Room

Cheque No. 406838 £165.86

Npower- Xmas Lights

Cheque No. 406839 £88.97

BT- Broadband at Park

Cheque No. 406840 £93.18

Clerk- February Office Allowance

Cheque No. 406841	£50.00
Anglian Water- Park	
Cheque No. 406843	£923.28
Wingate and District Community Association- January Social Event	
Cheque No. 406844	£229.00
Forvis Mazars LLP- External Audit Fee	
Cheque No. 406845	£804.00
Horns Garfden Centre- Misc Items	
Cheque No.,.406846	£22.95
Peart Fencing- North Road West Allotments	
Cheque No. 406847	£5922.00
Aztec Colour Print- Carol, Service Printing	
Cheque No. 406848	£94.00
Madhouse Media- Web Hosting	
Cheque No. 406849	£480.00
Harbro Electrical- Misc Items	
Cheque No. 406850	£65.64

(b) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation for the period to the end of December 2025. The Clerk advised that while a healthy balance was shown it did not include a payments due for North Road West fencing or new play equipment funded by way of insurance claims.

BACS payments referred to at the previous meeting were noted as being paid monthly by more than one instalment with salaries and other deductions paid separately.

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

2026/02/09/08

REPORTS

(a) The Clerk

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) Members

(1) Pot Holes

RESOLVED it be noted that there were concerns in the village about the number of pot holes although some had recently been addressed. County Councillor Franklyn advised she had raised the matter internally within the County Council.

(2) Railway Crossing PH

RESOLVED it be noted that there had been a recent incident of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at the Railway Crossings PH which had been taken up with the Police.

(c) County Councillor

(1) Waste Recycling

An update was provided on a proposed new national recycling scheme which was due to be implemented which would see an additional waste bin being introduced for food waste.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(2) Moore Lane- School Crossing

An update was provided and it was noted that there were no plans to re-introduce a crossing patrol at Moore Lane. County Councillor Franklyn outlined that she was discussing the potential for a 20mph zone to be implemented during school opening and closing times with Highways colleagues at the County Council.

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

(3) Gulley Road Footpath

RESOLVED it be noted that drainage issues were still be considered by the County Council.

2026/02/09/09

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

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

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE