

# Widdington Parish Council

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## **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7:30pm**

**Present** Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr. Liz Follows, Cllr. Chris Firmin, Cllr. Albert Edwards, Cllr. Fiona Watson.

**In Attendance** 1 member of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

### **12.25.01 CHAIR'S WELCOME**

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

**12.25.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. Maggs Webb, County Cllr. Ray Gooding

**12.25.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Firmin 12.25.10.1

**12.25.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Footpath 17 wooden bridge is becoming unsafe and no progress is being made by Essex Highways on fixing it. Accident on Springhill unsure what caused it.

**12.25.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – none

**12.25.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – none

### **12.25.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and Chair Southcott signed the minutes.

### **12.25.08 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported;

1. Magazine Article
2. Submitted WPC response to Newport and Quendon updated neighbourhood plan.
3. UTT252866FUL - WPC Objection to The Chase Submitted
4. Apply for EALC grant/micro-grant for playground equipment.
5. Reserves policy
6. Order equipment for emergency plan as agreed in November meeting
7. Attend LGR webinar on behalf WPC
8. Requested quote for tree survey.

**12.25.09 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR** – 1 position remains vacant.

### **12.25.10 PLANNING**

**12.25.10.1** Representation to [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning applications and noted planning decisions arising since December Parish Council meeting - See Appendices for WPC resolved responses and noted decisions.

### **12.25.11 FINANCE**

**12.25.11.1** Invoices; The clerk presented a statement of accounts and reconciliation to cash books which were agreed and approved for signature.

Clerk Salary + Expenses	£517.47
Emergency Plan Equipment (Clerk Re-imburement)	£335.64

**12.25.11.2 Budget items for 2025/26 + precept** – Unanimously resolved £38,192 which is an inflationary increase using end October 3.6% figure, results in a very small decrease for Band D properties of £0.87.

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Resolved to add £5000 to the ear marked reserves assigned to traffic issues due to the new developments this side of Newport as per the updated Newport and Quendon neighbourhood plan proposal.

**12.25.12 RESERVES POLICY** – Resolved unanimously to adopt policy.

**12.25.13 PORTABLE VAS SIGN** – Resolved unanimously to enter into discussions with UDC for suitability in Widdington.

**12.25.14 TREE SURVEY** – Resolved to appoint Place Services to carry out a Tree Survey.

**12.25.15 NEW DOG POO BIN** – 2 sites proposed, entrance to America brook and an extra one on Church Lane. Resolved to take forward.

**12.25.15 LEGAL MATTERS (held in camra)** – no update required.

**12.25.16 OTHER BUSINESS** – Cllrs would like to thank everyone who came to the litter pick, a lot of litter was collected. Pot-holes returning and forcing drivers into the middle of the road particularly after rain when they're filled, highlight that they need to be reporting with indication of depth. September meeting with WR, Firestation and EA reference inspection and limits on the bonfire.

**12.25.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at:20:54 pm

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## **Appendix: Planning details for minute reference 12.25.10.1**

DD – Determination Deadline

Minute Number	Planning application Ref	Address	Outline	Deadline for comment	WPC decision	UDC Decision
12.25.10.1	UTT/25/2890/FUL	The Little Lodge Wood End	Conversion of existing ground and 1st floor flat and ground floor double garage into self contained 2 bedroom dwelling	15/12/2025	No Comment	