

Widdington Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025 at 7:30pm

Present Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr. Chris Firmin, Cllr. Albert Edwards.

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

06.25.01 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

06.25.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – District Cllr. Judy Emanuel

06.25.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

06.25.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Cllr. Maggs Webb joined the meeting.

06.25.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None

06.25.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

06.25.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

06.25.08 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported;

1. Wrote magazine article
2. RoSPA inspection carried out, report has been received and will be circulated.
3. VAT rebate form submitted to HMRC.
4. Informed UDC of councillor resignations & completed paperwork.
5. Contractor appointed to cut playground regularly.
6. Started quotation process for insurance renewal.

1 member of the public joined the meeting.

06.25.09 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Nomination proposed by Cllr. Southcott, Cllr. Firmin seconded and unanimously resolved by Councillors for Cllr. Liz Follows to join WPC.

06.25.10 PLANNING

06.25.10.1 To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning application matters arising since March Parish Council meeting.

06.25.10.1i. UTT/25/1513/HHF - Churchfield Cottage Cornells Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3ST - Proposed first floor extension over existing garage, addition of dormer window to front elevation, with associated works and alterations – [No comments](#).

06.25.10.2 To note [Uttlesford District Council](#) planning decisions, decided since March Parish Council meeting.

06.25.10.2i. UTT/25/1168/AG- Land East Of Newport Essex- Alterations and improvements to farm tracks to form 4no. hardcore tracks measuring 3.5m wide and 3161.23 metres in length in total -. [Prior Approval refused](#).

06.25.10.2ii. UTT/25/0580/FUL - The Oaks Cornells Lane Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SP - Proposed single self-build dwelling on existing residential garden land including covered open bay parking for 2No. cars and integral bicycle and garden store. Open for comment icon. – [Approved](#)

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06.25.10.2iii. UTT/25/0730/HHF - The Chase Church Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SF - Changes to fenestration and internal remodelling – [Approved](#).

06.25.10.2iv. UTT/25/1162/DEM - Thistley Cottage Cornells Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3ST - Prior Notification of proposed demolition of dilapidated masonry outbuilding previously used for storage. [Demolition no objections](#).

06.25.10.2v. UTT/25/0981/TPO - Saffrons High Street Widdington Essex CB11 3SB - Crown thinning of 25% of 1no. Sycamore Tree. [Allowed](#)

06.25.10.2vi. UTT/25/0643/HHF- High Ridge House Spring Hill Widdington Essex CB11 3SB - Single storey rear extension, internal alterations, new front bay window, adjustments to fenestration and replacement entrance porch (alternative scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/22/3111/HHF) – [Approved](#)

06.25.10.2vii UTT/25/0120/DOC – Bridge Meadows Widdington Road Widdington Essex - Application to discharge conditions 2 (biodiversity enhancement layout) and 9 (external light) attached to UTT/20/1409/FUL – [Refused](#).

06.25.10.2viii UTT/25/1016/TPO - Spring Lodge High Street Widdington Essex CB11 3SB – x2 sycamore trees to reduce by 30% and reshape.- [Trees granted; allowed](#).

06.25.11 FINANCE

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

Clerk Salary + Expenses	£523.89
RoSPA Inspection	£144
Parish Online subscription	£60

They were [approved for payment](#).

Village event – costs £1051.49, £50 received from non-resident donations, balance cost £1001.49

06.25.12 ESSEX HIGHWAYS FIXING OF HOLLOW ROAD – Resolved to raise complaint with Local Authority Ombudsman.

06.25.13 PLAYPARK SURVEY RESULTS – 61 responses to survey. Continuing to look for grants to renew equipment in the park. 1st step will be picnic bench and fixing/painting the playhouse.

06.25.14 EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr. Follows agreed to be responsible.

06.25.15 LEGAL MATTERS (held in camra) – unanimously agreed next steps.

06.25.16 OTHER BUSINESS – Parish Forum 23rd June, Clerk to attend.

06.25.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 3RD July 2025**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:48