



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.30pm
in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade**

**Present: Councillors - D. Divers, D. Tweedale, A. Andrews, M. Lawrance, L. Ageros, M. Fentiman, E. Dore
Also, Present: Community Warden Gary Groombridge, Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 5 members of public.**

157/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Sonya Smyth, Cllr Ann Andrews.

158/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

159/25-26 FINANCE

a) Cllr Divers outlined the proposal to contribute approx. £11,000 excluding VAT, from reserves towards the Bell Meadow Improvement project. Discussion took place with regard to the figures in the bank accounts, amount of general reserves, and ring fenced expenditure.

Concern was raised with regard to the height of the fencing, however, it was confirmed that planning permission would not be required.

The Football Foundation grant for the pitch improvements was highlighted, as this is match funded, therefore the Parish Council may need to consider this for future reserves.

Following detailed discussion, the proposal to contribute the outstanding monies towards the project was voted upon.

It was unanimously agreed to meet the outstanding costs using funding from reserves. The Clerk would reclaim the VAT as soon as possible following the completion of the project.

RESOLVED: To contribute funding from reserves, to cover the outstanding costs for completion of the Bell Meadow Improvements. (Proposed: Cllr Fentiman, Seconded: Cllr Divers)

b) Cllr Divers advised the meeting of the equipment to be considered for purchase to assist the handyperson team with the maintenance around the Parish. Cllr Dore outlined the details of the machinery.

It was considered and agreed that subject to the handypeople viewing the wheeled strimmer and assessing its suitability, the Parish Council would approve the purchase.

RESOLVED: To purchase the wheeled strimmer for £300. (Proposed: Cllr Dore, Seconded: Cllr Divers)

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 9:00pm.