

Wolfhampcote Parish Council Minutes
Flecknoe Village Hall, Flecknoe
6th March 2025

1	<p>Present:</p> <p>Diane Aldersley (DA) Chair</p> <p>Helen King (HK)</p> <p>John Lee (JL)</p> <p>Claire McGregor (CM)</p> <p>Councillor Keeling (CK)</p> <p>Karen Payne (KP) - Clerk</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Brown (AB)</p> <p>Members of the Public: 5</p>	
2	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>HK in relation to the Recreation and Cricket Field and in the relation to The Old Post Office</p>	
3	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 16th January 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair</p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>AB is waiting on Highways to find out who owns the land/ditch going up Bush Hill Lane which is overflowing with water (and troublesome during icy periods).</p> <p>JL to provide what.three.words location to CK who will investigate</p> <p>AB is waiting on Highways to clean and investigate ditch around Nethercote Road (where squashed cone is).</p> <p>AB is waiting on Highways next visit to canal bridge at bottom of Arnolds Hill as the bridge is nearly impassable</p> <p>Devolution White Paper. CK confirmed this is a 2 tier process and Warwickshire is not included in the first tier. CK advised no need to attend zoom on Monday 17th March</p> <p>DA has issued message on WPC Whatsapp group re central reporting system for residents concerned about speeding</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>JL/CK</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
5	<p>OPEN FORUM to Members of the Public</p> <p>A Parishioner raised the issue of damaged verges all around the village (due to the wet soft ground and large vehicles passing each other) with the suggestion of having a one way system around the village. It was agreed that CK will confirm the process and who the WPC would need to consult with.</p> <p>CK will also request Horse Warning signs to encourage vehicles to slow down</p> <p>A Parishioner raised the flooding that is regularly occurring in Vicarage Road which the drains are not taking away, and that this has been raised with the Local Authority. It was agreed to see if the issue up Bush Hill Lane resolves the flooding once the ditch is cleared.</p> <p>A Parishioner raised the notices of Footpath Closed at Miry Bridge. HK agreed to query the notices.</p> <p>Andrew Grant presented proposed plans for a single dwelling with annex in his field to the north of Hillcrest House know as "Rainbows". WPC to take away and consider plans.</p>	<p>CK</p> <p>CK</p> <p>HK</p> <p>WPC</p>

6	COUNCILLOR KEELING Updates No update	
7	PLANNING MATTERS R24/0783 Nethercote Barn, Flecknoe Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling. Application Refused - Decision: 24/1/2025 R24/1053 Craigard, Flecknoe Village Road, Flecknoe Proposed single storey rear extension and change of external materials to smooth render and composite cladding Application Approved - Decision: 9/1/2025 R24/1163 The Old Post Office, Flecknoe Village Road, Flecknoe Proposed alterations to the fenestration of the easterly stone section of the house enlarging windows and upgrading Application Refused - Decision: 13/1/2025 R24/0799 Cherry Tree Farm, Nethercote Road, Wolfhampcote Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling with carport Application Pending R25/0185 The Old Post Office, Flecknoe Village Road, Flecknoe Variation of condition 2 and 3 of R23/1088 (Refurbishment of an existing house to include a single storey ground floor rear extension) to revise drawings and reports. Application Pending	
8	VILLAGE HALL Update CM reported the following: Financial position is good with income coming in from Whist/Tea and Chat/Election on 1st May hire. Yoga has stopped. New form for Hire of the Village Hall has been produced for anyone wanting to hire. It was decided that rental of VH equipment would be limited to just parishioners. Internal blue chairs are not for hire. Glass Washer proposal - discussions ongoing. Risk Assessments to be looked into for Volunteer work It was reported that there seems to be an issue with the boiler as it is not providing hot water continuously. CM to ask VH committee to get this checked as the boiler has only recently been serviced. It was noted that Parishioners are allowed to park in the VH car park when it is not hired however it is expected that they ask the VH in advance.	CM

9	RECREATION AND CRICKET FIELD Update Bob King has resigned and Steve Keyworth will replace his role on the Committee. The WPC agreed to the appointment of Steve Keyworth to the Recreation Committee. The WPC wished their appreciation to Bob to be noted for all the work he has put into the Recreation and Cricket Field over the years. A Lottery Funding Application has been submitted for the swings. A Spring Working Party has been arranged for 25 th April 2025. The sheep will be returning to the field mid March. HK requested that protection is placed in front of the new trees as well as the hedge. Dougie will start mowing the grass soon.	DA
10	HIGHWAYS Update AB had advised there were no update since the last meeting	
11	FOOTPATHS HK noted there were no current issues	
12	ENVIRONMENT Allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a suggestion to adapt the shelter and make it into a shed for the allotment. DA to confirm whether or not the recreation field is still expecting to use the shelter - The WPC agreed to provide a maintenance grant to the allotment committee of £300. Defibrillator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CM to check in next few days .gov website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is now live - KP to check email received on new site from DA and CM 	DA JL CM KP
13	PARISH MAINTENANCE Village bins (litter/poo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WPC need to start payment for emptying of bins as of 1st April 2025. HK to confirm number of bins we will be paying for, this to inform decision for bin at Sawbridge (whether we swap existing or purchase new) - CK to ask open questions regarding emptying of bins for Village Hall and if policy has changed. We have always had them emptied until recently when it was queried Community tidy day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed that the annual litter pick was not required this year due to the continuing commitment of parishioners picking up rubbish regularly. There are a few notable places where litter is still left but not sufficient for a village event. HK agreed to send out a message advising people of this and reminding people to keep vigilant in picking up litter. Street lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update delayed to next meeting as information required is arriving tomorrow. To be added to next agenda 	HK CK HK KP
14	CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Borough and County Council elections are occurring on 1st May 2025 with the result that Annual Meeting will need to move from this date. It was agreed to move this meeting to 15th May 2025. 	
15	FINANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank reconciliation. JL confirmed that a bank reconciliation was carried out immediately prior to the meeting and that all was in order. 	

	- JL suggested that we may need to find a new internal auditor and if anyone knew of anybody who is independent with a knowledge of accounts that may be willing to take on the role to let him know	
16	AOB	
17	For next Agenda Parish Maintenance: Street Lighting	

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Next Meeting 15th May 2025 at 8.00pm this will follow Annual meeting at 7.30pm – Flecknoe Village Hall