

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD THE WHITE SWAN WIGHILL ON 25 MARCH 2026**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Mrs A Ward, Mr R Harrison, Mr S Harvey, Mr T Parker  
Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

**County Councillor:** Mr A Paraskos

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Cllr Mrs L Richardson
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Public Questions and Statements</u></b> None received
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2026</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2026 were approved by all Cllrs present without abstention.</li> </ul>
3.1	Highway Matters None
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Police Matters</u></b> The parking issues reported previously had been resolved.
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Finance Matters</u></b>
5.1	Funds Received None
5.2	Bank Balance at 28.02.26 was £88,783.11
5.3	Invoices received and to be paid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clerk's annual salary £1600.64 (£1556.00 salary + £44.64 expenses)</li> </ul> All Cllrs present without abstention approved payment of the invoice.
5.4	Appointment of Internal auditor for Annual accounts All Cllrs present without abstention approved the Clerk using the same Auditor as used in previous years.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Planning and Related Matters</u></b>
6.1	Planning Applications received and to be determined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ainsty Farm - Erection of 2 new dwellings (revised scheme)</li> </ul> Changes had been made to the proposed scheme of development for the site, from that submitted previously. The current changes addressed the objections made by local residents and those submitted by the Parish Council. After discussion, Cllrs instructed the Clerk to respond: ( C ) The Parish Council neither objects to nor supports the Planning Application
6.2	Planning Decisions Notified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None received</li> </ul>
6.3	Planning enforcement Notification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None received</li> </ul>

<b>7.</b>	<b><u>PC Administration</u></b>
7.1	Community Newsletter - update The previous team that created the last Wighill Village newsletter had changed and had not met to consider the production of another newsletter.
7.2	Annual Road race through Wighill The 2025 event had proceeded with only minor problems. The 2026 event timing will be changed to further avoid any problems.
7.3	Maintenance to ex BT Kiosk Cllrs had repainted the kiosk during 2025 There has been no change to the use of the kiosk as a Village Book Exchange. Cllrs agreed to consider the installation of a solar powered LED light to the kiosk to improve winter visibility.
7.4	Defibrillator Monitoring/Maintenance A loan model is in use, whilst the Wighill defibrillator is receiving maintenance. Cllrs discussed the use of the defibrillator and its use, following the recent changes in Wighill with many new local residents. A refresher course on the use of the unit and associated CPR training was requested. The Clerk will investigate the availability of a retired paramedic who runs local courses in adjacent Parishes.
7.5	The Parish Council Website and Councillors secure mail addresses All Cllrs are now using the secure email addresses provided to the Parish Council. The costs associated with the hosting of the PC website and provision of secure gov.uk email addresses will be approximately £400.00 pa, which will be included in the annual budget calculation.
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting</u></b> Annual Audit Community Asset - The White Swan Pub

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