Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Councillors King (Chairman), Agate, Camley, Foote, Harris, Hayday, Palmer and Snowdon.

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk & RFO) and Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper, who left at 8.20pm to attend an Alderbury Parish Council meeting.

There were two members of the public present.

Two members of the public spoke against planning application PL/2026/05965 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG.

Wiltshire Councillor Cooper updated on recent Wiltshire Council activities including:

- Area Board is in Alderbury on 27th October with a focus on youth.
- Currently no change to the Parish Steward scheme.
- Various funding opportunities available.
- Vote next week by Wiltshire Council on the scheme of delegation.
- Upcoming public consultation on changes to parish boundaries.

The Clerk reported that PCSOs Taylor and Moss arrived at 7:00 pm to speak with attendees before leaving for a prior commitment at the Alderbury Parish Council meeting. The Clerk read the report detailing an attempted burglary of a shed on Newton Lane.

To receive and accept apologies for absence

179/26 Apologies were received from Councillors Elder and Pavey due to prior commitments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

The Chairman announced that Simon Aldhouse had tendered his resignation just prior to the meeting starting.

Apologies were also received from PCSO's Taylor and Moss.

To receive any Declarations of Interest, and to decide upon any requests for Dispensations relating to matters on this agenda.

180/26 Councillor Harris declared a personal interest in agenda item 6b **PL/2026/05965 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QG** Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) of 20/06783/FUL to allow for construction of larger dayrooms as he is a neighbour.

Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

181/26 This item was not required.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2026.

182/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026, with three abstentions from Councillor's Agate, Foote and Snowdon who were not present at that meeting. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

Planning and enforcement update

183/26 The update had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting and noted without query.

To consider and agree a response to the planning applications received:

184/26 PL/2026/05948 The Garden House, Dean Lane, Whiteparish, SP5 2RJ T1 Western Red Cedar - Fell. T2 Small Conifers x 2 - Fell. T3 Apple - All round reduction by up to 1-2m. T4 Whitebeam - Fell. T5 Western Red Cedar - Remove. T6 Spruce - Fell. T7 Pittosporum - Fell. T8 Ginkgo - Fell. T9 Lilac - Fell. T10 Holly - Fell. T11 Birch - Reduction in height by up to 2m and a reduction on the sides to balance shape. T12 Pittosporum - Reduction all round by up to 1-2m. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment.

185/26 PL/2026/05965 Tricky's Paddock, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish, SP5 2QG Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) of 20/06783/FUL to allow for construction of larger dayrooms.

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application and recommend refusal. The Parish Council is not satisfied that the submitted plans and drawings accurately represent either the development undertaken on the site or the development for which retrospective planning permission is sought. Material discrepancies exist between the submitted drawings and the physical development present on the land, including, but not limited to, the size of the day rooms, their height, the extent and configuration of hardstanding/gravel, surfacing works and associated structures and the continued presence of a mobile home which has not been approved. They have used the phrase marginal, the increase in footprint is 100%, doubling, combined with a 15% increase in roof height. As a consequence, it is considered that the proposal would be likely to have an adverse impact on the character and amenity of the area, the surrounding landscape, neighbouring properties and people, and the highway system, contrary to the aims of Core Policies 47, 50, 57 and 61 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy, and the aims of National Planning Policy Framework, including paragraphs 56 and 57 which relate to the use of appropriate conditions. The Parish Council also note the complete failure of the applicant to observe conditions imposed on previous applications. We therefore recommend refusal of the current application for retrospective permission for these illegally sited structures.

It is a fundamentally changed application and should be a new, full application.

186/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the Clerk to ask Wiltshire Councillor Cooper to establish the criteria under the newly published scheme of delegation and update the Parish Council accordingly.

187/26 PL/2026/06333 / PL/2026/06121 Listed building consent Lower Cowesfield Farm, Cowesfield, Whiteparish SP5 2QZ Proposed restoration and extension works to house and conversion of outbuilding to annex.
Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment.

188/26 PL/2026/06204 Land at Romsey Road, Whiteparish - non material amendment for layout changes. Wiltshire Council had published this application however the Planning Officer had subsequently advised that they do not consult on this type of application.

To note, using Minute 48/26, the response of 'no comment' to PL/2026/05838 Staddlestones, The Street, Whiteparish, SP5 2SG T1 - Silver Birch tree (Betula pendula) - crown reduce overall height by approximately 2m–3m (or up to ~20%–25 %), pruning back to suitable growth points to leave a balanced, natural form; reduce the longer lateral branches by approximately 1.5m–2.5m (or proportionate to the height reduction) to lessen sail area and wind loading, again back to suitable lateral growth points and crown clean; remove any dead, dying, crossing or weakly attached branches.
189/26 Whiteparish Parish Council noted the response of 'no comment' for PL/2026/005838.

Update on the Wiltshire Local Plan.
190/26, 170/26 The Chairman gave an update on the Wiltshire Council Local Plan meeting held in Salisbury.

Finance update.
The Clerk reported:
191/26 The internal audit visit is on 27th October 2026.
192/26 The final instalment of the precept has been received.
193/26 Unity Trust Bank have provided a goodwill gesture of £75.00 due to the delay in processing the charge card application.

To approve the accounts for payment and to record the bank balances.
194/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £3,223.88 and approved the account balances.

Payee	Amount £	Detail
Oakhart Desygns	150.00	Tidying of village areas
Staff, HMRC, Wiltshire Pension	1,785.40	Salary, Tax & NI, Pension.
EE	22.20	Mobile phone contract (Sept)
Unity Trust Bank	7.00	Service charge
Play Inspection	82.74	Annual Inspection of skatepark
Hamblin Groundcare	273.00	Recreation ground maintenance
Oakhart Desygns	120.00	Tidying of village areas
Zurich Insurer	783.54	Annual Insurance
Total	£3,223.88	

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 09.10.26 £22,696.12
Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 09.10.26 £61,636.22
Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond Issue 48 £21,902.84 Maturity date 04.06.27
Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond Issue 56 £54,280.11 Maturity date 19.06.28

To note the half year budget review.
195/26 The half year budget review was noted by Whiteparish Parish Council.

To note the half year bank reconciliation.
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To adopt the Data Audit.
197/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt the Data Audit.

Update on the Unity Trust corporate charge card.
198/26, 156/26, 117/26, 220/25 The Clerk reported that the application is ongoing. Unity Trust Bank has provided a goodwill gesture and waived the £50 processing fee.

Update on the mobile phone contract.
199/26, 157/26 The Clerk advised the contract is still with EE until the bank card arrives.

To note the skatepark annual inspection report and agree any related immediate works necessary.
200/26, 159/26, 96/26, 58/26 Whiteparish Parish Council noted the skatepark annual inspection report, distributed by the Clerk prior to the meeting, with no immediate action required.

To review the skatepark Risk Assessment.
201/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the risk assessment.

To receive an update on fence repairs at the Parish Council's recreation ground boundary.
202/26, 160/26, 120/26, 99/26 Councillor Harris advised he had repaired the vandalised fence.

To consider the details of the event organiser and firework company's Public Liability Insurances and Risk Assessments for the firework display on Saturday 14th November 2026 on Parish Council land.
203/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the details for the firework display on Parish Council land.

To update on the shared speed indicator device (SID) with Landford Parish Council.
204/26, 162/26 The Clerk advised that Landford Parish Council is currently reviewing this matter at this week's meeting and will provide an update in due course.

To review the SID's Risk Assessment.
205/26 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the risk assessment.

To consider maintenance of the bus shelter.
206/26 The neighbouring vegetation had been cleared from the roof of the bus shelter however the broken guttering had not yet been repaired. Whiteparish Parish Council agreed to review this again at the next meeting.

To update on the village planters.
207/26 The Chairman updated that the volunteer will kindly refresh the planters for winter and spring within the remaining budget. In light of the increased summer watering schedule and feedback, the council agreed to request the volunteer's suggestions for the 2027 season.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

208/26 Councillor Foote will follow up on outstanding issues raised in the summer including Whelpley Farm and broken stiles on ROW 10.

209/26 The Chairman advised that the kissing gate on ROW 3 is to be re-aligned with the fence line from Witchell Way to Hop Gardens.

Highways update.

210/26, 174/26, 137/26 The Clerk has reported the blocked drains on the A36, near the Common Road junction, to National Highways.

211/26, 175/26, 103/26 Councillor Harris enquired whether a response had been received from Wiltshire Council regarding the gully clearance along Brickworth Road. The Clerk will follow up again with Councillor Cooper who is pursuing.

212/26 The Clerk reported that the Parish Steward will be working in the village on 19th October, with upcoming visits scheduled for 17th November and 11th December 2026.

213/26 Councillors raised concerns regarding the recurring uneven road surface on the A27 at Cowesfield. Clerk to investigate with Wiltshire Council.

214/26 Councillor Harris advised the A27 layby nearest to the A36 has been resurfaced.

215/26 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

- **Whiteparish Memorial Trust** – Councillor Foote gave an update including that, due to a lack of volunteer engagement, the new garden will be grassed up to the treeline.

  New Forest National Park – Councillor Palmer reported an upcoming meeting in Fordingbridge this Monday, but noted she cannot attend. No other members volunteered to go in her absence.
- **Southern Wiltshire Area Board –** The next meeting is in Alderbury with a new date of 27th October 2026.
- **Whiteparish Education Foundation –** Councillor Palmer has stepped down from the Whiteparish Education Foundation, with Councillor Agate now serving as the appointed representative.
- **Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police** - Councillor Harris advised that no meeting has taken place.

The Chairman provided an update on the recent Raymond Brown/ Brickworth Quarry meeting, noting that there is currently no intention to proceed with the proposed extension to the site east of the A36.

Correspondence/communications update

216/26 The Clerk had circulated the update ahead of the meeting. The council noted a reminder for the S106/CIL talk, scheduled for 3rd November 2026 at 6pm in Alderbury. To date, five councillors have expressed an interest in attending.

The Chairman recommended that absent councillors share their views on specific items with an attending colleague.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.