



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllrs King (Chairman), Aldhouse, Foote, Hayday, Palmer, Pavey and Snowdon.

In attendance: Bev Cornish (Locum Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public.

Public question time.

Two members of the public spoke in support of their planning applications.

In his absence, Wiltshire Councillor Cooper sent a written report advising:

Household Waste - A trial was underway in Chippenham to add an extra bin to separate plastic bags and wrapping, this will be in addition to Paper & Cardboard, Plastic Cartons and Metals, Glass Bottles & Jars, and General Waste plus the option for green waste. It will run from September 2025 to February 2026, with a full rollout planned in 2027. This will form a total of 5 standard bins and 1 optional wheelie bin.

Area Boards - A consultation is about to commence considering the ways in which area boards work and their priorities.

Rural Local Hubs - Funding will be allocated from Central Government. The funding is for Capital projects for both Private Companies and Charities. Councillor Gregory has written an article providing more detail for publication in the November edition of Steeple & Street.

Bus Stops - A survey is underway to establish ownership of bus stops and shelters. With a further objective to establish funding requirement for refurbishment. A survey to be completed by Spring 2026 and this with attract further government funding.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

236/25 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Agate, Camley and Gould due to being unwell and Cllr Harris due to holiday commitment. Whiteparish Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept their apologies.

Apologies had been received from Wiltshire Councillor Cooper due to his attendance at a Wiltshire Full Council meeting.

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

237/25 No declarations were received.

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.

238/25 Whiteparish Parish Council **RESOLVED** to discuss agenda item 13 - To review confidential staffing matters following the exclusion of the press and public.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th July 2025.

239/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 and they were signed by the Chairman.

Planning and enforcement update.

240/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no comments.

To consider and agree responses to planning applications received:

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- a. PL/2025/07278 – Minerals & Waste Application - Brickworth Quarry, Whiteparish -** Extension to Brickworth Quarry (Sandland) to allow the extraction, processing and export of sand followed by backfill with imported inert materials and quarry waste; Importation and blending of sand; Retention and continued use of site compound and buildings, plant site and storage areas; Restoration to commercial forestry and agriculture at original ground levels together with long-term biodiversity enhancements: Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to raise no objection to the application subject to the following measures:
- Effective noise abatement procedures.
 - Dust suppression measures on the roads and along the fence line of the site as well as regular wheel washing.
 - A traffic management plan.
 - The operating/opening hours remain the same.
- b. 25/00950FULL - Poundside, Common Road, Whiteparish -** Dwelling; outbuilding (demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding); 1.2 metre high fencing; gates; landscaping works: Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
- c. PL/2025/07509 Richmond Farm, Brickworth Road, Whiteparish -** Change of use to dog training ground: Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the decision of the officer on this application but would comment that it is agreeable to the operating hours being extended from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm during the summer months, April-October, but does not support those same hours during the winter months. There is no lighting on site and the dog training ground is located within a predominantly unlit area of the parish.
- d. PL/2025/07959 Gazebo, Newton Lane, Whiteparish -** Front Extension: Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.
- e. PL/2025/07255 Cowesfield House Farm, Romsey Road, Whiteparish -** Demolition of existing agricultural building and the erection of one detached dwellinghouse and garage (Use Class C3), landscaping, solar panels and associated works: Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that the proposal does not meet the criteria to comply with Paragraph 84 and sub-paragraphs (a)-(e) of the National Planning Policy Framework - the development of isolated homes in the countryside. Furthermore, is not compliant with Core Policies 1, 2 and 48 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The Council supported with concern the objection from the Ecologist due to insufficient information being submitted by the applicant to enable them to ensure that the proposal will not result in significant adverse effects on the local protected habitats or species.

- f. **PL/2025/07757 Ashmore House, Dean Lane, Whiteparish** - Demolition of an existing outbuilding and erection of a single-storey oak-framed outbuilding for the storage of garden equipment:

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make No Comment on this application.

Fireworks Event - To consider a request from Whiteparish Primary School's PTA for permission to use the Recreation Ground for its fireworks event to be held on Saturday 15th November

242/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the use of the Recreation Ground for the fireworks event having reviewed the risk assessments and public liability insurances for the PTA and Pains fireworks.

Wessex Internet - To approve the route the Wessex Internet cable will take across the Parish Council's land at the Recreation Ground

243/25 Following a report from the Chairman on a meeting with the Memorial Trust and Wessex Internet, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve that the route the cable will take will be from Blaxwell Farm, entering the Parish Council land between the skatepark and the Parish Council boundary fence. Then following the fence parallel with Blaxwell Lane and turning the corner until the end of the fence. It is intended the Memorial Centre will be connected by using the existing ducting which runs from Common Road, through the car park to the Memorial Centre. Reinstatement of the work will take place following completion of the work.

Survey for Community Governance Review - To consider a request from Wiltshire Council to complete a survey giving the Parish Council's views on whether it wishes to be prioritised for a Community Governance Review

244/25 Following a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED not to submit a request to be prioritised for a Community Governance Review.

Wiltshire Local Plan Examination Hearings - To consider whether the Council should submit further written statements following comments it made under the Wiltshire Local Plan Pre-submission consultation and requests participation at the Hearings which will be held between November 2025 and March 2026

245/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED not to submit further written statements ahead of the Hearings on the Local Plan Examination.

Pensions Discretions Policy - To review the Council's Pensions Discretions Policy following a request from Wiltshire Pension Fund

246/25 Following a review of the policy, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to re-approve the policy unchanged.

Flower Tubs - To consider the current condition of the flower tubs on the Village Triangle and to agree on any actions with regard to their replacement

247/25 Following a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that the tubs should stay in situ over the winter and that an article should be included in Steeple and Street magazine seeking volunteers for watering in 2026.

Finance update

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances

248/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £2,544.19
Unity Trust Bank Current Account 18.10.25 £24,251.05
Unity Trust Bank Savings Account.18.10.25 £80,100.37
Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £21,020.00 maturity date 04.06.27

Rights of Way and Common Land update

249/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to several landowners asking them to maintain stiles, clear undergrowth and cut hedges which were blocking footpaths.

Highway's update

250/25

a. **Double Yellow Lines – Green Close Area**

To receive a written update from the local Highways Engineer on the estimated costs for the installation of double yellow lines through the process of issuing a Traffic Regulation Order and to agree on next steps:

Following a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to defer progressing the matter through the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group until:

- i. Further action had been requested from Wiltshire Police to deter drivers from parking close to the junction which blocked visibility for drivers turning right out of Green Close.
- ii. The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Housing to ask that it instructs its contractors not to cause a hazard by parking close to the junction.

- b. Following a request from Cllr Snowden, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to National Highways to request that it installs 'Deer Warning' signs on both the northbound and southbound areas of the A36 in the vicinity of the Harestock layby.

251/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Foote said he had nothing to report other than what had already been reported by the Chairman about the meeting with Wessex Internet.

New Forest National Park: Cllr Palmer gave a detailed report on the recent North West Quadrant meeting at which a number of matters were discussed, including the extension of the pannage season, the work of the Ranger team, the Local Government Reorganisation, the issues of encampments in the forest over the summer months along with fires and incidents of flytipping and the implementation by Forestry England of car parking charges in all New Forest car parks from 1st April 2026.

Area Board: The next Area Board meeting is on 20th November in Whiteparish. It will have a focus on footpaths and rights of way.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer reported that the Trustees had been successful in publicising the Trust as this had generated some interest and so it would continue to do so.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police: No update

Correspondence/communications update

252/25 Councillors noted the correspondence circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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Exclusion of the press and public.

To review confidential staffing matters.

253/25 In view of the Parish Clerk's extended leave of absence, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the Chair's recommendation with regard to the appointment of a Locum Parish Clerk for as long as was required.

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