

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes and Action Points

Date / Time: 15th May 2025, 8.00pm

Location: Wallington Village Hall

Councillors Present: Kate Heath (KH) - CHAIR, Steve Pettyfer (SP), Graham Lamb (GL), Jenny Barlow (JB), Sue Lewis (SL)

In attendance: Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) - Clerk, 1 member of the public

Item	Description	Status / Action
25/029	To receive and accept apologies for absence Steve Pettyfer	
25/030	Declarations of interest and dispensations a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda - None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests - None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - NA.	
25/031	To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2025 Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. Minutes were signed by the Chair.	
25/032	Report from the District and County Councillor Steve Jarvis sent his apologies, but he has a Council meeting this evening.	
25/033	Update on Solar Farm Proposals - Update by Lightrock at Rushden Village Hall on Tuesday 18th March 2025. It was felt that this was a slick presentation by their PR company but lacked any detailed information particularly on the noise pollution and visual impact. - Beane Valley solar farm proposal is now solely located in East Herts so falls under the jurisdiction of their planning authority only. - There was a letter from the local MP, Chris Hinchcliff, to local Parishes directly affected by the developments, but Rushden and Wallington Parish Council have not received this letter so cannot formally respond to it.	
25/034	Community Drivesafe The Community Drivesafe scheme has changed its guidelines and rules so that areas with a 20mph speed limit cannot now do their own speed monitor surveys. KH will follow this up with the Police and Crime Commissioner directly.	KH

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25/035	Potholes and state of Roads - SP's pothole walk and talk meeting with Ringway and the Council proved unfruitful and was very disappointing in that it achieved very little action. - All residents will need to continue to report all potholes to get them actioned. This can be done online by following the link below https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-street-light-or-pothole.aspx - Steve Jarvis' understanding is that the preparation for surface dressing will take place in the Summer of 2025 and then the tar and chippings are planned to be done in the next council financial year i.e. sometime between April 2026 and March 2027. - It was noted by GL that appreciation should be made for the re-surfacing that has been done along Wallington Road.	
25/036	Wallington Footpath FP22 - GL received a letter from Kevin Moore at HCC saying that the situation was still being discussed. - GL proposed writing a formal letter to Steve Jarvis and Kevin Moore to ask for an official update.	GL
25/037	Waste Bin Changeover – August 2025 - New blue bins to be delivered in advance of the August launch. - Information is on the Parish Council website and on NHDC website. - Residents need to be aware of the 3 weekly cycle replacing the 2-weekly cycle.	
25/038	Parish Trees Proposed inspections every 18 months.	
25/039	CDA Herts After a conversation with Rushna Miah, head of CDA, it was felt that our Parish would not be suitable for the kind of work that CDA are promoting and with their current budget constraints it was agreed that it would not be feasible for them to come and present to us again.	
25/040	Review of safeguarding awareness and communication - KH supplied some new posters to put up on the notice boards - Links on the website to be updated and checked	MH
25/041	Planning including an update on planning applications being added to the PC Website. 24/01981/FP - Solar panels on land adjacent to Old Inn House in Redhill – Now Withdrawn 24/02061/FPH - Julians Park proposals have been granted 25/00025/LDCP – Window replacement at Old Well Cottage in Southern Green has been granted 25/00654/FPH – External Cork insulation and rendering – status is TBC 25/01028/LBC – Youngloves Farmhouse re-rendering and re-weatherboarding – TBC. MEW to circulates details to Rushden Parish Councilors	MEW
25/042	Finance: MSGH presented the accounts to 15th May 2025. 2 months into the financial year	

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	with very few transactions we are £4.28 under budget! - Banking update – Lloyds are now introducing fees to our bank account. The fees proposed by Lloyds will be about £5 per month. MSGH will look at alternative providers again but the market for dual authorization banks is small. - MH to phone Lloyds to investigate options - Tracy Westgate did suggest Santander as an option as she is aware that other Parish Councils have the same issue. She will also forward on other information from HAPTC regarding other PC banking arrangements.	MH TW
25/043	Confirm date of next meeting and any items to be included on that agenda. - Thursday 18th September 2025 - Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 22nd January 2026 - Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Wallington Parish Assembly - Wednesday 15th April 2026 - Rushden Parish Assembly - Thursday 14th May 2026 - Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting - Thursday 17th September 2026 - Parish Council Meeting	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm	

