



# Widmerpool Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish  
Council meeting of  
Widmerpool Parish Council  
held on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023,  
7.00pm, Keyworth Rugby  
club.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Christopher Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Kevin Price, Cllr R Belton, Cllr S Belton  
Notts County Councillor John Cottee

**Officers:** Emma Goodman Clerk & RFO to the Council

Also present: 3 members of the public

- 1) Apologies - Cllr Geoff Brooks and **ACCEPTED** by the Council.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – none
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) Open session for the public
  - A member of the public reported to the Council that details appearing from a Google search of Widmerpool PC need updating.
  - Parishioners have received information regarding the road resurfacing at Sixhills.
- 5) County / Borough Councillor update  
Both Cllr Wells and Inglis gave their apologies. The **Council RESOLVED** to change the date of the next meeting to avoid a clash with Borough Council meetings.

Cllr Cottee updated the Council on the resurfacing of the road approaching Widmerpool Island. The start date was due for 28<sup>th</sup> August, but the work is yet to be started.

Cllr Cottee offered to speak with a Highways representative regarding the ongoing flooding issues in Widmerpool. He suggested that it would be

useful to ask a Highways representative to view the issues and speak directly with a Parish Councillor.

It was reported that the drains around the village are blocked with hay, increasing the flooding issue and request for Highways to sweep the roads and drains.

Clr Cottee explained that the Local Communities fund opens again in October providing community grants with 50% funding.

It was reported to Council that Notts CC are moving to a new facility in Hucknall due to the high cost of upgrading County Hall to match its green credentials. There is no decision yet to what will happen to the current County Hall building.

- 6) Review Policies':
  - a) Standing Orders – **AGREED** and review date September 2024
  - b) Financial Regulations – **AGREED** and review date September 2024
  - c) Code of Conduct – **AGREED** and review date September 2024
  
- 7) Community Speed watch – Council discussed whether an electronic speed sign would need to be housed near a streetlight for power and therefore may need additional lighting to house the speed signs at the appropriate location. It was **RESOLVED** to find confirmation where street lighting should be in relation to the 30 mph signs, including each entrance road into the village.
  
- 8) Village Signs  
 Council discussed the quote for new village signs and **RESOLVED** to purchase 4 signs on the condition of seeking grants to support the purchases and appropriate planning permissions.
  
- 9) Finance
  - a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements of £673.149 incl VAT.
  
  - b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted, the balance at the bank £19,294.12, Income £47.48 and Expenditure £1760.36 for the period July – Sept.
  
  - c) Grant request – 3W's Magazine  
 Council discussed the request from the 3W's Magazine and **RESOLVED** to contribute to the costs of producing the newsletter but ask if the contribution is appropriately proportioned between the 3 villages as Widmerpool is smaller than Willoughby and Wysall. Council are happy to support assuming that Willoughby and Wysall Parish Councils are also happy to support and can obtain a more definitive quote for the amount requested.
  
- 10) Planning applications **NOTED**.

i) Reference Number: 22/01989/FUL Granted

ii) Reference Number: 23/01202/VAR Granted

iii) Reference Number: 23/00969/FUL Granted

iv) Reference Number 23/01167/VAR Granted

11) Update to sewerage issues

Council discussed the issue that Willoughby Brook sewerage station is discharging into Willoughby brook. Several conversations have been had with Severn Trent and the Environment Agency regarding the issue and they have confirmed works to upgrade the system are due to start in 2024 with a finish date in 2026. Engineers have been to visit the site but could not find any evidence at that time. It has been requested that it is reported as soon as there are issues so engineers can visit to take photos and samples.

12) i) Report from Clerk

a) Update from Rural housing

Council **NOTED** there has not been any response from Rural Housing since mid-August.

b) Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group – Council **NOTED** the next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 11am.

c) D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – defer to January meeting

d) Change of meeting date in order for Borough Councillors can attend. Council **RESOLVED** the next meeting to be 27<sup>th</sup> November 7pm.

ii) Report from Councillors

Council discussed that the village was looking a little untidy with overgrown hedges and grass verges. It **RESOLVED** to enquire with the current contractor if it was possible to add the corner of the junction between Staton Road and Keyworth Road for a regular cut next year.

13) Date of next meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.