

Widmerpool Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 19th May 2026, 7.15pm, Keyworth Rugby club.

Councillors present: Cllr Chris Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Van der Merwe, Cllr Sharon Belton, Cllr Ray Belton and Cllr Newbold

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: 1 member of the public and Borough Cllr Wells

- 1) Cllr C Daynes was proposed by Cllr S Belton, seconded by Cllr R Belton, and duly **ELECTED** as Chair. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
- 2) Cllr J Daynes was proposed by Cllr S Belton, seconded by Cllr R Belton, and duly **ELECTED** as Vice Chair of the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2026/2027 was signed.
- 3) All Councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office.
- 4) Apologies – from Cllr Inglis
- 5) Declarations of Interest – none.
- 6) Minutes – the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 24th March 2025 were **APPROVED**
- 7) Actions from minutes 24th March 2026:
 - a) Community speed gun – Council **NOTED** the grant had been approved and the order being submitted.
 - b) Website update – Council **NOTED** that the website was in the process of being built and they would get a chance to check the finished product before it was launched.
- 8) The following policies were **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED** with review date May 2027:
 - Standing Orders
 - Financial Regulations
 - Bio Diversity Policy
 - Code of Conduct Policy
 - Data Protection Policy
 - Equality
 - IT
 - Internal Control
 - Risk Management
 - Sexual and General Harassment

9) The Insurance renewal details were discussed by Council. It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Insurance.

10) County / Borough Councillor Updates and Questions –
Cllr Wells updated the Council with the following:

- The rural communities beat surgery will take place on 20th May in the Hickling Tea Room. 2 beat officers will be in attendance with the Wildlife Partnership Manager and representatives from the NFU.
- The RSVCG had met at Rushcliffe Arena. Cllr Newbold gave an update of the main points:
- There is an increase in the number of safe spaces in villages
- Parked cars in unsafe spaces was an increasing issue
- There had been a workshop about scams and the increase in scam crime. It was suggested that this would be a useful evening to be held on behalf of WPC with a Q&A session.
- Residents are encouraged to report anything they think is suspicious

11) Village signs – Council **NOTED** the updated signs that had been painted but needed the final finishes. Photos of the signs were shared with Councillors.

12) Finance

- a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements – **APPROVED**
- b) Full year budget report - Total Income for the year 2025/26 £17,404 and Expenditure £6579.
- c) AGAR - The AGAR has been completed and returned from the Internal Audit review. Council **APPROVED** the return as accurate and correct, and the AGAR was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and the Certificate of Exemption will now be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

13) Planning Applications – NONE

14) Open session for the public (limited to 15 minutes)

- It was reported to Council that the 3W's magazine had information about the Chair and Vice Chair for the other 2 villages. Do WPC wish to add their details. It was **RESOLVED** to add Cllr Jenny Daynes email and mobile number.
- A resident offered to add information to the noticeboard if needed.
- Yellow markers were on the roads to mark potholes but needed repair.
- It was requested that the PC write to the Environment Agency to get a measuring gauge of the stream. It was suggested this was only done in rivers. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the Flood Access Forum at NCC to request a gauge in the brook, downstream from the bridge off Main St, parallel with Old Hall Drive.

- A resident asked if the PC knew who had purchased the plot of land on Main St.

15) a) Report from Clerk – it was discussed to ask the contracted painter of the black and white posts to also varnish the noticeboards and repaint the black lampposts. This was **AGREED**.

b) Reports from Councillors:

- Cllr R Belton reported that the old yellow grit bin had still not been removed.

16) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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