WARNDON VILLAGES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Warndon Villages Parish Council, commenced 7.00 p.m. on Monday 13 April 2026 at the Lyppard Hub

Present: Cllrs V Bayliss, K Collier, S Forrest (Chair) , L Hodgson, S Hodgson, D Merriman, J Rudge, A Taylor

In attendance: the Clerk, Cllr S Murray (City). There were no members of the public present.

To receive and consider **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Cross (City and County)

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1139. **To approve the Minutes of**

(i) the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 March 2026

Cllr L Hodgson proposed, seconded by Cllr K Collier be approved. Council resolved to approve the Minutes.

1140. **Police Report**

(i) To receive reports and recent communications and consider if follow up action is required

There was nothing to report.

(ii) To consider measures to reduce speeding on Warndon Villages roads: working group

Cllr Collier to convene a meeting of the WG.

1141. To receive a report from the **County Councillor**

The report was received and taken as read.

1142. To receive a report from the **City Councillors**

The report was received and taken as read.

1143. **Environmental Matters**

(i) To receive reports from Councillors

The report was received and taken as read. The newly installed bench at Newark Green is already being used and enjoyed by residents.

(ii) To receive the VAS/SID report

The report was received and taken as read. Most units are now operating around the clock due to longer daylight hours charging the solar panels. Councillors have been alerted by residents that the unit on Plantation Drive has failed to indicate speeds for some weeks. Cllr S Hodgson to investigate.

(iii) Apex Ponds

Arrangements to complete the Deed of Covenant are ongoing.

(iv) Location of dog waste bins in the parish

There was nothing to report.

1144. **Communications**

(i) Communications Working Group

Cllr Merriman to convene a meeting of the WG.

(ii) Facebook, Website, Newsletter

The report was received and taken as read. Activity on the Facebook page is increasing.

1145. **Planning and Rights of Way Matters**

(i) To receive reports from Councillors, including updates on current applications, decisions, and recent responses and notes from recent Planning & Rights of Way Working Group meetings
(ii) To consider the Parish Council's response to pending applications

Application no: 26/00273/NMA
Address: Premier Inn, Wainwright Road, Worcester, WR4 9FA
Description: Non material amendment to planning permission 24/00902/FUL. Amendment relates to the approved plans stated in condition 2.
Objection Y/N: No
Council Comment: Non-Material Amendment to Condition 2 of Planning Permission ref. 24/00902/FUL. From Landscape Officer "No objections to the NMA"

Application no: 26/00257/FUL
Address: The Barn Owl, Berkeley Way, Worcester, WR4 9UP
Description: Proposed installation of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels to the existing public house buildings
Objection Y/N: No
Council Comment: Solar panels on popular public house. Will be visible from road. No comments received on impact of external appearance of old building, so no objection.

Worcester City Council Planning determined the following decision:

Application no: 26/00045/CLPU
Address: 13 Hill Wood Close, Worcester, WR4 0EZ
Description: Certificate of lawful development for the proposed conversion of the garage to a utility room
Decision: Approved

(iii) To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

There has been no further progress due to work associated with the SWDPR and related activities.

(iv) To receive an update on the Town Deal Board

There was nothing to report.

(v) To receive an update on the South Worcestershire Development Plan

The SWDPR has been adopted by the South Worcestershire Council's meeting on 25-26 March 2026. WVPC's main modifications request for the Berkeley Way/Parsonage Way land to be deleted from the SWDPR was rejected by inspectors and the land now formally adopted as 'employment land'.

(vi) Unadopted land adoption schedule

There was nothing to report.

(vii) Divorced footpaths

There was nothing to report.

(viii) ACV application

There was nothing to report.

1146. **Leisure and Community Affairs**

(i) To receive reports from Councillors, including updates on the following matters:

(a) Allotments

The water has been turned back on and tenants reported that two of the new standpipes are not working. A plumber has been called to address the matter. The SNT will be visiting the site following the recent break-in, and the hole in the fence will be repaired. Council considered the possibility of replacing the fencing with hedging rather than metal fencing.

(b) Defibrillators

All units are currently functional. The old units will be collected for recycling.

(ii) Bleed kits

Council considered the possibility and cost/safety implications of installing bleed kits at established points in the Parish. It was agreed that open-case access to kits was not suitable for exterior sites. If there are existing kits in other locations in the parish then these could be indicated at the existing defibrillator sites. Cllr Forrest to consult the police to see if there is a need for these kits in the Villages and investigate any existing provision in local venues and supermarkets.

(iii) Benches project

See Minute 1143(i) Environment.

(iv) Bikeability cycle training

Cllr Collier to ascertain from Bikeability if there has been any uptake from the Villages residents.

(v) Beryl bikes

There was nothing to report. This item to be removed from future Agenda.

1147. **Financial Matters**

(i) To receive the Clerk's Financial reports 2025-26 YTD
- (a) Annual budget by centre
- (b) Cashbook report showing receipts and payments
- (c) Trial Balance

Council received and noted the reports.

(ii) To approve accounts for payment and receive details of cash receipts for information

Payments	**£**
WaterPlus – Mabbs Allotments water	10.00
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UTB - service charges March 2026	8.50
Susan Carr – Clerk salary March 2026	1345.25
HMRC – Clerk PAYE February 2026	167.41
DandD Services - 365 licence + ICT support March 2026	353.77
RCA Generation – NP ongoing support	1188.00
Smart Pension – clerk employer contribution	2132.61
Susan Carr – Clerk mobile purchase	249.99
Receipts	**£**
Redwood Bank - Interest March 2026	183.14
Mabbs Allotments – deposits	30.00

Council noted and approved the expenditure.

1148. To receive **reports from outside bodies**

(i) Lyppard Hub Management Board

There was nothing to report.

(ii) Worcester City Standards Committee

There was nothing to report.

(iii) CALC updates which affect the Parish Council

There were none.

1149. **Parish Name Change**

Councillors are in the process of moving over to the new domain email accounts.

1150. **Local government changes: devolution**

(i) Community governance review

Council retired to closed session to discuss aspects of the CGR.

1151. To consider: **subjects/themes for the Annual Parish Meeting**

Julian Pugh to be requested to present a public advisory session on the Community Governance Review. Cllr Collier to present on Playstreets initiative, and Rob Collier on Road Safety in the Villages.

1152. **Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas**

Play Areas.

Council retired to Closed Session at 8.05pm.

The Meeting re-opened at 8.55pm.

1154. **Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 11 May 2026, 7.00 pm, Lyppard Hub**

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

Signed:…… Date:……..

(Chair)