

WOODDITTON PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES of meeting 20th NOVEMBER 2025

ATTENDANCE: D White (Chair), G Jefferson, T Webb, J Surrage, M Stellmacher, P Rybin, G Taylor, S Hewitt (clerk) **APOLOGIES:** J Lay (ECDC), J Edge (CCC), A Sharp (ECDC)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (personal or prejudicial) None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Agreed and signed.

ANY MATTERS ARISING (District and County) - Deadline for CCC and ECDC to submit preferences for Local Govt Review into 2 unitary authorities. A meeting was held of 16 parishes in East Cambs around Newmarket. Letter sent with agreement to back Option A (ECDC with Cambridge South and Cambridge City) although as satellite parishes to Newmarket would make more sense to be in same unitary authority as Newmarket. Not an option currently because villages in East Cambs and Newmarket in Suffolk.

PUBLIC FORUM (maximum 15 minutes) none

PLAY AREA MATTERS 1) The recreation field off Peterhouse Drive is not classed as an Asset of Community Value due to lack of evidence of community use submitted in 2020 and will be removed from the list in June 2026; SH to contact ECDC to explore if a revised application may be made; GJ and DW to liaise with parishioners in Crockfords area to see who might use it. 2) Dog fouling on Memorial Field continues to be an issue around playground equipment. PW and MS to consider possible solutions for the January meeting. SH to chase AS regarding signs discussed at the October meeting. 3) Safety inspection of Memorial Field playground is due - SH to book.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES 1) Bin at bus stop by 6 Ditton Green - ECDC will not add it to their refuse collection as not installed by them. Agreed to replace with standard ECDC bin so it can be on the collection list and be emptied at same time as that by wooden bus stop at cross roads. SH to ask AS to progress with ECDC waste dept. 2) Parking outside the pub is an issue, especially on Sundays, with customers parking both sides of the road on pavements. AS to talk to Chestnut Group. 3) Concerns raised about the cleanliness of wooden bus shelter at cross roads: cobwebs to be swept.

FOOTPATHS - CCC footpaths team will install steps where Icknield Way crosses Devils Dyke in 2026.

QUOTATIONS FOR APPROVAL - Request from Woodditton Community Group for £750 to fund road closure for Arts and Music Street Festival in June 2026. In the interest of fairness across the 3 communities within WPC, agreed not to fund street closure but instead to award 3 grants of £500 each for 2026-27 to Woodditton, Saxon Street and Crockfords to be used as communities wish for community events. Concerns raised about using Ditton Green for live music due to noise for residents into the night and because not a national event like VE Day or Coronation. Memorial Field felt to be a better location with more space and no need to close a road. DW to respond to Community Group.

PLANNING MATTERS - No issues raised.

ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

November: D White £86.70; S Hewitt (clerk) £300; H Crozier £60; J Mills £2,105.15; S Daines £125.

December: S Burley £280; S Hewitt (clerk) £300; H Crozier £60; J Webb £200.

Application for 2026/27 Precept - agreed no increases - same as 2025-26.

LATEST CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - DW reported on attendance of MARPA meeting. Phone box refurbishment awaited after work is completed on noticeboards in Crockfords - DW to chase.

DATE AND BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING - *No meeting in December.* Next meeting: **Thursday 15 January 2026.** *Items for discussion to be with the Clerk 10 days prior to the meeting.*