

WOODDITTON PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES of meeting 15 January 2025

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (personal or prejudicial) Planning application (see below).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Agreed and signed.

ANY MATTERS ARISING (District and County)

ECDC (J Lay) - Planning committee refused latest application for solar battery farm in Burwell. 131 planning applications were considered in November, 11 of which were refused. Citizens Advice Bureau report many families looking for support; 86 families in Woodditton ward. Need local charities to step forward. (A Sharp) - ECDC working to freeze council tax; Kingsway solar ongoing.

CCC (J Edge) - Important that residents and PCs report highways issues as they arise - particularly potholes, flooding and pavements. JE will support WPC by visiting all areas of concern with DW to advise on quickest resolution pathway.

PUBLIC FORUM (maximum 15 minutes) none

PLAY AREA MATTERS 1) Memorial Field - annual inspection report an improvement from previous year - work to continue to address minor flagged issues. 2) Saxon Street - to be closed due to PC not wanting to spend the money required following 2024 report due to lack of use - SS residents to be questioned on its relevance and use. 3) Kings Drive - annual inspection to be undertaken - Clerk to book with Allianz.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES 1) LHI bid - DW has compiled and will submit request based on input from councillors. 2) DW and JL to meet with West Suffolk about pockets of land in Crockfords which should be in East Cambs to be more easily managed by WPC and ECDC. 3) Bin at 6 Ditton Green - ongoing - DW and AS to chase ECDC to install new bin and add to collection rota.

FOOTPATHS - nothing raised

QUOTATIONS FOR APPROVAL - ACRE membership due in March. £74.50 annually. Not used by WPC recently. Councillors to look at ACRE website before voting whether to continue at February meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS - 25/01340/FUL extension at 10 Malvern Close - G Jefferson left meeting after declaration of interest - councillors votes there are no issues requiring comment on the application.

ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

S Burley £70; S Hewitt (clerk) £300; H Crozier £60; Saxon Street Methodist Church £75

LATEST CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS - CIL team from ECC will attend WPC meeting on 19th March to refresh understanding of how CIL income can/should be spent by parish councils.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS 1) Phone boxes - renovation will be undertaken once noticeboard repairs are completed. 2) CALPALC - Assertion 10 - clerk advised councillors of non-compliance with requirements. Clerk and councillor(s) to find out more and report at February meeting with next steps to be ready for audit. SH, DW and TW to attend online meeting organised by CALPALC on 22 January.

DATE AND BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING - Thursday 19th February 2026.

Items for discussion to be with the Clerk 10 days prior to the meeting.