



WISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Wiston Parish Council Meeting
7.00pm, Wednesday, 12th March 2025, at the Meeting Place.
Water Lane, Wiston.

Draft Minutes

Present: Cllr. Garner, Cllr. Goring, Cllr. Leppard, Cllr. Nash, Cllr. Page
In attendance: -
Clerk: Matthew Thomas
Members of the public: -

- 24.56** **To consider accepting apologies for absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Marshall (WSCC), Cllr Circus (Horsham DC), Cllr Manton (Horsham DC).
- 24.57** **To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed:** None were made.
- 24.58** **To Approve the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 6th November 2024:**
The minutes were approved without alteration and duly signed by the Chair.
- 24.59** **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation:** There were no members of the public present.
- 24.60** **To receive reports from County and District Councillors:** There were no County or District Councillors present.
- 24.61** **Devolution:** Concerns were raised that the effect of the proposed changes would be to reduce the effectiveness of local voices and that the proposed area to be covered by the proposed new 'Mayor of Sussex' was impractically large. Given the timetable for making comments (by 13 April) it was agreed that Cllr Garner would email the other Councillors in order to

secure an agreed view that could be fed into the consultation process.

Action: Cllr Garner to email Parish Councillors to agree a view and to submit a statement on behalf of the Parish Council to the online consultation at:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/sussex-and-brighton-devolution-consultation/>

24.62

Highways and Footpaths:

24.62.1: Chanctonbury Ring Road: The Parish Council had previously reported to the County Highways Authority significant damage to the road surface to the stretch of Chanctonbury Ring Road opposite Estate Office House. It was noted that no action had been taken to date, and that this was due to the lack of remaining funding for large-scale repairs in the current financial year.

Water Lane footway, Overhanging Vegetation: It was noted that the overhanging vegetation had been successfully cleared by local contractors funded by the Parish Council and that the footway was now in much better condition, however the question of its ongoing maintenance had not been resolved.

Hole Street Speed Indicator Device: The Clerk reported that the SID was now on its way back to Wilbar Associates after having been repaid by ElanCity. It was noted that a considerable sum had been spent on restoring the SID to functioning condition. The cause of the failures was at the time of the meeting unknown but could possibly be related to its siting in a shady location. The Clerk was instructed to determine the cause of the failure from ElanCity.

After discussion it was agreed that regularly servicing the SIDs was unnecessary.

Action: Clerk to contact ElanCity and as far as possible to determine the cause of the failure of the Hole Street SID before it is brought back into service at its current location.

24.63

Planning matters.

24.63.1 Local Plan Review: The review was noted.

24.63.2 Planning Reform: It was noted that the aim of the reform appeared to be to facilitate faster development decisions and that comments from the Parish Council were unlikely to significantly influence the outcome.

24.64

Finance

24.64.1 Approved payments: The expenditure detailed below was approved:

Approved by	
Balance per bank statement	£12,585
Prepared by	M Thomas
Total payments	£3,167
Total receipts	£0
Current Balance per bank statement	£9,418

Date	Payee	Outgoing	Incoming
2 Nov	Bank Charges	£5.00	
4 Nov	Mr R Ralph - phone box restoration	£785.00	
21 Nov	Wix - website	£230.40	
2 Dec	HMRC - PAYE & NI	£52.00	
2 Dec	S Page for Colin Davis - verge cutting	£20.00	
2 Dec	Litter Collection	£57.12	
2 Dec	Clerk pay	£207.70	
3 Dec	Bank Charges	£5.00	
7 Dec	First Responders - maintenance of Defibrillator	£125.00	
10 Dec	Bags for litter collection	£3.00	
18 Dec	HMRC - PAYE & NI	£52.00	
18 Dec	Litter Collection	£57.12	
1 Jan	Clerk pay	£207.70	
2 Jan	Bank Charges	£5.00	
27 Jan	HMRC - PAYE & NI	£52.00	
27 Jan	S Kilham - maintenance of Water Lane	£192.71	
1 Feb	Clerk pay	£207.70	
1 Feb	Litter Collection	£57.12	
2 Feb	Bank Charges	£5.00	
12 Feb	Wilbar Associates - SID maintenance	£216.00	
26 Feb	Wilbar Associates - SID maintenance	£60.00	
26 Feb	HMRC - PAYE & NI	£51.80	
1 March	Litter Collection	£57.12	
1 March	Clerk pay	£207.90	
5 March	Bank Charges	£5.00	
5 March	Colin Davies - clearing footpath	£243.00	
	TOTALS	£3,167.39	£0.00

24.64.3 **Latest Bank Statement for approval:** No objections were raised to the October/November, November/December, December/January, and January/February bank statements

24.65 Community matters

24.65.1 Letter from Andrew Griffith MP: The letter was noted.

24.65.2 South & South East in Bloom: After due consideration it was unanimously agreed not to participate in the Britain in Bloom competition.

24.65.3 VE Day: It was agreed that individual Parishioners should feel at liberty to celebrate the day as they so wished, rather than to attempt to organise a parish-wide celebration.

24.65.4: Wiston Meeting Place Car Park: After consideration it was considered an inappropriate use of public funds for the Parish Council to contribute towards the restoration of an essentially private car park.

24.65.5: Parish Council Notice Board: The proposed restoration was agreed, up to a maximum expenditure of £50.

Action: Clerk to implement the restoration

24.66 Information items:

Cllr Leppard reported that the work which had taken place at Coombwick House was being dealt with by the Enforcement team at Horsham DC and that there was no extant planning permission for the site.

Cllr Nash reported on the mysterious appearance of motion-activated lights on private land along part of North Lane.

24.67 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6pm on Wednesday 7th May, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, both at Wiston Meeting Place.

The meeting closed at: 19.35

Signed:..... **Date:**
Chairman.