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MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2025 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
25(01)1	Chair's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jo Gault chaired the meeting in the absence of John Bradshaw.
25(01)2	In Attendance: Geoff Dunkley, Jo Gault, Kate Jackson, Emma Wilson-Jones, Gavin Eley (PCC Ward Councillor), Emma Stacey (RAF Wittering), five members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) Apologies for Absence: John Bradshaw, Russell Pye and Iain Wilkinson
25(01)3	Declaration of Interest The Chair reminded the Parish Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as he is a Churchwarden.).
25(01)4	Public Time A member of the public had raised the following issue by email:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for CCTV at Entrances to the Village (by email) – As Iain Wilkinson was not present, this will be discussed at the February Meeting. • Request for residents to comment on how the bus service has impacted on their lives. A film recording is planned for 27th January 2025 by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Despite Julia Cunnington contacting several bus users, she hadn't found anyone willing to participate in it yet. Emma Wilson-Jones will contact Welland Academy to see if any Wittering pupils can be allowed to participate in the filming.
25(01)5	Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November 2024 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 th November 2024, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Kate Jackson, seconded by Emma Wilson-Jones, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
25(01)6	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th November 2024
	Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group Gavin Eley said that he had no update to give at present.
	New Wittering Community Building As Dave Hughes was not present, this will be discussed at the February Meeting.
	Village Events The Christmas Fayre had been well attended and enjoyed by residents and stall holders alike and another Christmas Fayre will be held in December 2025. The next event is Drag Bingo on 22 nd February, the Village Fayre on 12 th July and the Remembrance Tea Party on 9 th November 2025. A Drag Bingo or Silent Disco will

	<p>be planned for later in the year. All Saints' Church Flower Festival has raised over £1,000 and the flowers are still on display in the church. The All Saints' Church Messy Play Event will take place at 3.00 pm on 2nd February 2025.</p>
	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They can choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.</p> <p>An informal meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan for Wittering had taken place in December 2024 followed by a meeting held on 21st January 2025. The following appointments were made: David Allsop, Chair, Les Clark, Treasurer and Sue Smith, Co-Ordinator. A Neighbourhood Plan is not co-ordinated by the Parish Council but by the residents, although the Parish Council will be involved with it. The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 4th February 2025 in the Bowls' Club Pavilion and everyone is welcome.</p>
	<p>Speedwatch and the location of the Speed Radars As Iain Wilkinson was not present, this will be discussed at the February Meeting.</p>
	<p>Parish Council Logo Emma Wilson-Jones said she is waiting to hear from the external company and will chase this up.</p>
	<p>Park Farm Trees As Russell Pye was not present, this was not discussed.</p>
	<p>Leases for the Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club The Clerk has arranged a meeting to discuss the leases at 7.00 pm on 12th February 2025 in the Bowls' Club Pavilion.</p>
	<p>Parish Councillor Vacancy There have been no applicants to date. Geoff Dunkley announced his plan to resign as a Parish Councillor at the March 2025 Meeting.</p>
25(01)7	<p>Meeting Dates 2025 Although the Parish Council had agreed to meet on the second Thursday of every month (except August and December) the Sports & Social Club had changed their Quiz Evening to the second Thursday of each month, and it would be too noisy to hold the Parish Council in the Parish Hall that evening. The Sports & Social Club agreed to reconsider the date of the Quiz Evening and inform the Parish Council of its decision within one week so that meeting dates for 2025 can be finalised.</p>
25(01)8	<p>Parish Hall Heating Costs The November and December 2024 gas bills have increased significantly and cost-saving measures such as keeping the radiators running on low all the time, replacing the curtain and putting reflective sheets behind the radiators were discussed. Emma Wilson-Jones agreed to measure the curtains. Maxine Palmer will arrange for an Energy Adviser to visit the Parish Hall to see if he can make additional suggestions. The Clerk will send some recent gas bills to Maxine for information.</p>
25(01)9	<p>Police Report PS Andy Gladders sent an email regarding the new parish council-led process of the Police engaging with Parish Councils. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting. Emma Wilson-Jones expressed her gratitude in the quick response she had received from PS Stephen Main following a recent incident in the village.</p>
25(01)10	<p>Organisation Reports</p>
	<p>Sports & Social Club Maxine Palmer and Rowena Thistlewood gave an update. Disappointingly the Warm Space Event, which is held 2.00-4.00 pm every Tuesday and Thursday, is not well supported and ideas for publicising this are welcome. Some suggestions included putting up more posters, contacting Wittering Primary School, distributing leaflets, etc. The Sports & Social Club has been quiet throughout January.</p>
	<p>Bowls' Club The Wittering Choir has asked if they can use the Bowls' Club Pavilion instead of All Saints' Church for their weekly meetings during the winter. The Bowls' Club are happy with this but plan to charge for the hire if the Parish Councillors agree. The Clerk will ask the Parish Councillors.</p>
	<p>RAF Wittering</p>

	Emma Stacey said that she did not have anything specific to report except that RAF Wittering is very busy now.
25(01)11	<p>Planning</p> <p>23/01750/FUL Installation of an approximately 4.3km below ground pipeline as a diversion to an existing pipeline at Collyweston – Awaiting Decision</p> <p>24/01567/FUL For change of use of agricultural land to dog walking paddocks including formation of gravel car parking area, fencing and landscaping at land to the east of Wittering Ford Road, Barnack</p> <p>25/00015/LBC Replacement windows at 5 Townsend Road, Wittering – Awaiting Decision</p>
25(01)12	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various CAPALC Bulletins (circulated) • Neil Boyce – Funding and Climate Action Forum • Neil Boyce – Parish Charter (John Bradshaw is to be the Parish Council's Representative but a Substitute Representative is still needed) • Local Plan Review – Glinton Parish Council's request for a 15-year (not 18-year) Local Plan
25(01)13	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 31st December 2024. Approved as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Geoff Dunkley, and agreed by all present • Request for funding for the design of artwork for incorporation in the Neighbourhood Plan and poster artwork. The Clerk will send out the funding application form but, upon receipt, a decision can be made before the next meeting.
25(01)14	<p>Matters for Future Consideration</p> <p>There were no matters for future consideration.</p>
25(01)15	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as 27th February 2025 to be held at 7.30 pm in Wittering Parish Hall.</p>

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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DATE 27/02/25

Chairman