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MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 24th JULY 2025 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
25(07)1	Chair's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
25(07)2	In Attendance: John Bradshaw (Chair), Susie Briers, Brian Day, Dave Hughes, Kate Jackson, Russ Pye, Emma Wilson-Jones, seven members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) Apologies for Absence: Jo Gault, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Stacey (RAF Wittering) and Louise Sampson (RAF Wittering).
25(07)3	Declaration of Interest The Chair reminded the Parish Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. He declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as he is a Churchwarden). Russ Pye declared an interest in the Junior Football Club (as he is the Treasurer).
25(07)4	Public Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for yellow lines on Broadhurst Road and Parker Road. It was proposed by Kate Jackson that the Clerk will arrange for a Highways Officer to undertake a walk around the village to show him areas of concern, this was seconded by Susie Briers and agreed to by all present. The Chair and Emma Wilson-Jones agreed to meet with the Highways Officer. The cleaning of the Parish Hall in particular when there are two events held on the same day.
25(07)5	Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2025 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 th June 2025, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Russ Pye, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
25(07)6	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 26th June 2025
	Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group The Chair said that when the Planning Application 16/01361/FUL Residential development comprising 190 dwellings with associated access roads and landscaping land to the south of, Lawrence Road, Wittering, Peterborough Larkfleet Ltd and Cecil Estate Family was approved, under Item 3 Planning Policy stated:- <i>"National Planning Policy Framework (2012) Section 4 - Assessment of Transport Implications Development which generates a significant amount of traffic should be supported by a Transport Statement/Transport Assessment. It should be located to minimise the need to travel/to maximise the opportunities for sustainable travel and be supported by a Travel Plan. Large scale developments should include a mix of uses. A safe and</i>

	<p><i>suitable access should be provided and the transport network improved to mitigate the impact of the development”.</i></p> <p>The Parish Council needs sight of the Travel Plan (now nine years old) which should have been put into place before the first house was started on the development. The Chair had asked Gemma Wildman, Principal Strategic Planning Officer, why PCC is approving housing developments on sites near to potentially dangerous roads. Gavin Elsey is arranging a meeting between himself, the Chair, and Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Sam Carling, MP, is supportive of this issue. The Chair assured everyone that he is pressing for action on this.</p>
	<p>New Wittering Community Building</p> <p>The Clerk will circulate the plans prepared by the architect and the amended plans prepared by the Sports & Social Club. The Chair and Jo Gault had met with Simon Fairhall of Kings Cliffe Active and the message from that meeting had been that the plans are too ambitious and it would be a struggle to obtain sufficient funding. The next step is to establish what the residents want – do they want to retain the current Parish Hall, or do they want a new Community Building? It was agreed that Russ will speak to Dave Hughes to see if he is still able to commit time to the project. Russ and Brian Day will work on the project.</p>
	<p>Village Events</p> <p>The Summer Fair was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. Grateful thanks were expressed to the Village Events’ Team for their hard work in producing a wonderful village event.</p>
	<p>Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire has not yet been distributed because it wasn’t received in time to send it out with the Sports & Social Club leaflet. The next S&S Club leaflet will be distributed in 5-6 weeks’ time. The Chair will ask David Allsopp if the questionnaire will be ready to be sent with it.</p>
	<p>Speed Radars</p> <p>Iain Wilkinson was not present so there was no update.</p>
	<p>Parish Council Logo</p> <p>Emma Wilson-Jones said the logo is now ready to be used as and when required.</p>
	<p>Park Farm Trees</p> <p>The Chair had received confirmation that a tree survey will be taking place at both properties on 15th August 2025.</p>
	<p>Leases for the Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club</p> <p>Russ Pye said both Football Clubs are reviewing the leases. The Clerk will invite representatives from both teams to the next meeting.</p>
	<p>History Boards</p> <p>Emma Wilson-Jones will send the Parish Council logo to Jean Jackson so it can be incorporated on the header of the History Boards. It was agreed to keep the font a simple and easy outline, probably Arial. It was proposed by Kate Jackson that the group go ahead with preparing the proofs, this was seconded by Emma Wilson-Jones and agreed to by all present. Jean will arrange for the proofs to be forwarded to the Parish Council. Grateful thanks were expressed to the group, in particular David Standish-Leigh for their hard work on this project.</p>
	<p>Play Area on Parker Road</p> <p>The Parish Councillors were delighted that the slide/climbing equipment had been repaired. Grateful thanks were expressed to Gavin Elsey for his involvement with this. Brian Day volunteered to draft a Service Level Agreement between PCC and the Parish Council – the Parish Council will allow PCC to use the land free-of-charge if PCC maintains the equipment and cuts the grass.</p>
	<p>IT Policy and Parish Councillor Email Addresses</p> <p>Jo Gault was not present so there was no update.</p>
	<p>Maintenance of the Parish Hall</p> <p>The Clerk has obtained one quotation for the deep cleaning of the Parish Hall and is in the process of obtaining two more. Emma Wilson-Jones proposed that new locking arrangements are organised for the kitchen door, this was seconded by Brian Day and agreed to by all present. It was agreed that the cigarette butt holder needs to be removed as proposed by Brian Day, seconded by Kate Jackson and agreed to by all present. The SWO is planning to attend the next meeting, and the Parish Council will discuss the issue of RAF personnel smoking outside the Parish Hall. It was noted that the outside of the Parish Hall and Sports & Social Club needs sweeping. It was agreed that a joint cleaning plan needs to be set up with the S&S Club.</p>
	<p>Inappropriate Parking on Grassed Area on Church Road</p> <p>The residents concerned have received two letters about this and it is hoped that the inappropriate parking will now cease.</p>

25(07)7	Wittering Choir using the Bowls' Club Pavilion during the Winter Emma Wilson-Jones proposed that, if the Bowls' Club is happy with this arrangement, the choir can use the Bowls' Club Pavilion during the winter months. This was seconded by Susie Briers and agreed to by all present. The Clerk will contact the Bowls' Club.
25(07)8	George's Food Hub Jean Jackson said that George Hetherington asked if it would be possible to put an upright freezer into the kitchen so that frozen food can be stored in it. Emma Wilson-Jones will draw up some questions before a decision is made. Jean asked if the Parish Council would be interested in holding a Fund-Raising Event, probably a three-course meal in the Parish Hall. It was agreed that more information is needed before a decision is made. The Clerk will invite George to the next meeting. Grateful thanks were expressed to him for his hard work in setting up the Wittering Food Hub.
25(07)9	Police Matters Emma Wilson-Jones had reported an issue of a vulnerable person causing concern with their behaviour to the police. This action was as advised by the Police at their visit the previous meeting.
25(07)10	Organisation Reports
	Sports & Social Club Lisa Creighton from the Sports & Social Club asked if the Parish Council was happy that the S&S Club will progress with its plans to change its Premises Licence. The Parish Council confirmed it was.
25(07)11	Planning 25/00450/FUL Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for 4 gypsy/traveller families, each with two caravans including no more than one static caravan/mobile home, together with retention of existing building for use as ancillary dayroom and laying of hardstanding at the Orchard, Uffington Road, Barnack, Stamford – this has been put onto the Wittering Residents' Facebook Page and the Clerk has written to Barnack Parish Council offering the Parish Council's support in dealing with this planning application. 25/00552/HHFUL First floor side extension at Wittering Manor, Townsend Road, Wittering – Comments: it does not appear that the planning application notices have been erected near to the area. In addition, the work has already started. The Clerk will inform Planning Control - Awaiting Decision
25(07)12	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already circulated
25(07)13	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 30th June 2025 as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Kate Jackson, and agreed to by all present.
25(07)14	Matters for Future Consideration To consider Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above.
25(07)15	Date of the next meeting To confirm the date of the next meeting – as 7.30 pm on 2nd October 2025 in Wittering Parish Hall.

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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Chair

DATE 02/10/25