

## WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2025 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
25(10)1	<b>Chair's Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
25(10)2	<b>In Attendance:</b> John Bradshaw (Chair), Susie Briers, Brian Day, Jo Gault, Dave Hughes, Kate Jackson, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Wilson-Jones, Louise Sampson (RAF Wittering), six members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) <b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)
25(10)3	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> 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).
25(10)4	<b>Public Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Julia Cunnington - the results from the bus survey are in and we thank everyone for your support. The Bus Campaign Group are working with Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough, and his transport team at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) to bring about the changes we need. We remind people that it is important that we continue using the service as much as we can. It is a lifeline to so many people in our rural villages, both young and old, with no means of transport. We appreciate all the support and will continue to work with the service users' needs. John Bradshaw will speak to Gavin Elsey about the bus service when he next meets with him. Thanks are expressed to Julia and the Bus Campaign Group.</li><li>Jean Jackson – she would like to put a small freezer into the kitchen as a temporary measure to keep the frozen meals from defrosting. It was suggested that cool bags could be used instead. A new fridge/freezer has recently been installed in the kitchen. It was agreed that Jean will invite George Hetherington to the next meeting. She confirmed that the History Boards are ready to be put together. The Church History Board has already been completed. A meeting with David Standlish-Leigh will be organised.</li><li>Ally McNaughton – the bowls' season has now finished. The hedge around the bowls' club needs reducing to 6'. He has one quote but will try and obtain two others. This work was proposed by Jo Gault, seconded by Dave Hughes and agreed to by all present. He said the Wittering Choir will be using the Bowls' Club Pavillion during the winter months. He asked if a locksmith could be tasked to sort out the locks, this was already agreed at a previous Parish Council Meeting</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff Dunkley – he has ordered a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and asked if the Parish Council will make a donation to the RBL. This was proposed by Jo Gault, seconded by Dave Hughes and agreed by all present. Jo will discuss the amount of the donation with the Remembrance Day Committee.</li> <li>• Lucy Peyton – she introduced herself as the Place Based Lead at Wittering Sports &amp; Activity project.</li> <li>• Craig Buttress – the S&amp;S Club has submitted a licence application to PCC, and it is hoped that this will be approved by Remembrance Day. The garages are in a dangerous state and need condemning – the Clerk will contact the Parish Council's Insurance Company to request that the garages are inspected by a Structural Engineer and will obtain an independent tree report on the trees at Manor Farm (Emma Wilson-Jones to supply the Clerk with the name of an arboriculturist). The garages may need to be knocked down and replaced with storage containers. The Chair and Emma will discuss the issues with Lee Moore, PCC Highway Inspection Team Manager when they meet with him on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The S&amp;S Club has been awaiting two replacement cigarette bins from RAF Wittering for over a year. Louise Sampson will speak to the SWO but if the Parish Council does not hear back from her within two weeks, a letter will be sent to the Station Commander. Bingo is back on Monday evenings. Drink sales are 10% down on 2024. The Health &amp; Safety concerns of two Parish Councillors regarding the summer party were discussed. Thanks are expressed to the S&amp;S Club for continuing to provide such an asset to the residents.</li> </ul>
<b>25(10)5</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Kate Jackson, seconded by Iain Wilkinson, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
<b>25(10)6</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>
	<b>Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group</b> The Chair will speak to Gavin Elsey. The Chair asked the Parish Council to write to PCC to request sight of its Transport Assessment. This was proposed by Susie Briers, seconded by Dave Hughes and agreed to by all present.
	<b>New Wittering Community Building</b> It has been hoped to use the CIL Grant Funds to pay for the initial start-up costs of the new Wittering Community Building. These are time limited but do not expire until 2027/2028. It was agreed that the Finance Sub-Committee will meet to discuss opening a separate bank account to ring-fence the current balance of CIL Grant Funds. The questionnaire needs to be distributed as soon as possible. Dave Hughes will suggest the questions and send them to Jo Gault and Emma Wilson-Jones.
	<b>Village Events</b> The next event will be a Tea Dance on 8 <sup>th</sup> November and Remembrance Sunday on 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2025. The church also has plans for this weekend. Leaflets will be distributed about the events. Thanks are expressed to the Events' Committee.
	<b>Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan</b> The Chair will speak to David Allsopp about the progress of the plan.
	<b>Speed Radars</b> It was agreed that when the speed radars are lit up, they provide an excellent deterrent to speeding motorists. Thanks to Iain Wilkinson's brother-in-law who had supplied some parts free-of-charge. The Chair and Emma Wilson-Jones will discuss the issue of speeding motorists when they meet with Lee Moore on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025. A Traffic Warden has been seen putting parking tickets on cars parked on yellow lines on Church Road.
	<b>Park Farm Trees</b> The Chair had received the tree survey report from the Manor Farm residents, but it was agreed that the Parish Council will fund its own tree survey as well.
	<b>Leases for the Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club</b> Russ Pye was not present and so this matter was not discussed.
	<b>History Boards</b> See under 25(10)4 Public Forum.
	<b>IT Policy and Parish Councillor Email Addresses</b> Jo Gault will report her findings at the next meeting.
	<b>Maintenance of the Parish Hall</b> The Parish Hall had undergone a deep cleaning. The Clerk will obtain three quotes for the internal decoration. This work will have to be arranged to fit in with current bookings. It is hoped to purchase a microwave and to replace the oven.
	<b>Landscaping of the area around the Village Sign</b>

	Jo Gault and Emma Wilson-Jones had worked on a site plan and planned a budget for the History Boards, raised beds and remembrance bench in the area around the Village Sign. Although they had obtained one quote, it was agreed that the Clerk would try and obtain two further quotes.
	<b>Defibrillator on St George's Road</b> Dave Hughes reported that he had attended an incident and had found that the defibrillator on St George's Road needed replacement batteries. RAF Wittering had agreed to purchase new batteries. Allison Homes have agreed to donate a defibrillator to be sited at the new housing development.
<b>25(10)7</b>	<b>Wittering Choir using the Bowls' Club Pavilion during the Winter</b> See Under 25(10)4 Public Forum
<b>25(10)8</b>	<b>George's Food Hub</b> See under 25(10)4 Public Forum.
<b>25(10)9</b>	<b>Police Matters</b> Emma Wilson-Jones reported on a Police Surgery held in the Bowls' Club Pavilion on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025. Several Parish Councillors and some residents had attended. It was noted that a vehicle had been stolen from the village in September, but no-one had reported suspicious behaviour by two men in the early hours of the morning to the police, they had just been reported on Facebook. Once again, all residents are encouraged to report anything suspicious to the police. It was agreed to ask PC O Gregory if the police have any useful signage discouraging crime that could be displayed in the village.
<b>25(10)10</b>	<b>Organisation Reports</b>
	<b>RAF Wittering</b> Louise Sampson said the broken path on the corner of Parker road opposite the children's play park and Rose Walk will be repaired. Bins for old electrical equipment will not be allowed to be sited next to the clothes' bins. 63 young people attended the Summer Activities Programme. Sharon Pollard is seeking funding for next years' activities and, in particular, for primary-aged children. Geoff Dunkley asked if the wire fence near to the church could be repaired.
	<b>Sports &amp; Social Club</b> See under 25(10)4 Public Forum.
	<b>Bowls' Club</b> See Under 25(10)4 Public Forum.
<b>25(10)11</b>	<b>Planning</b> <b>25/00450/FUL</b> 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 - Refused <b>25/00552/HHFUL</b> 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 – Applicant has made an appeal against the refusal of Planning Permission
<b>25(10)12</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already circulated</li> </ul>
<b>25(10)13</b>	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Kate Jackson, and agreed to by all present.</li> <li>• To consider request for financial support for the Remembrance Day 2025 (£400 requested). This was proposed by Susie Briers, seconded by Brian Day, and agreed to by all present.</li> </ul>
<b>25(10)14</b>	<b>Matters for Future Consideration</b> To consider Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above.
<b>25(10)15</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b> To confirm the date of the next meeting – as 7.30 pm on 30th October 2025 in Wittering Parish Hall.

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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DATE 30/10/25

Chair

