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MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 pm ON THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER 2025 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
25(10)16	Chair's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
25(10)17	In Attendance: John Bradshaw (Chair), Susie Briers, Jo Gault, Kate Jackson, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Wilson-Jones, Emma Stacey (RAF Wittering), Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), eight members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) Apologies for Absence: Brian Day, Dave Hughes and Russ Pye.
25(10)18	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).
25(10)19	Public Forum - Gavin Elsey – the Draft Local Plan is due to be published in January 2026. There is no change envisaged for Wittering. He has been discussing Wansford Surgery & Kings Cliffe Practice's wish to expand and the possibility of using the New Wittering Community Building as a second satellite surgery. Local government restructuring is taking place all over the country to abolish the two-tier district and county councils. Local options include joining Peterborough with some of Huntingdonshire or Peterborough, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire or South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. These changes will come into force in September 2027. - Katrina Beans who runs an exercise group in the Parish Hall asked if she could store some weights in one of the kitchen cupboards. This was proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Jo Gault and agreed to by all present. - Mal Brown thanked the Parish Council for its £150 donation to the Royal British Legion and gave an update of the itinerary for Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day. Thanks were expressed to Mal Brown and his group for their hard work in making these events a success. - Craig Buttress – there has been the relaxation of the non-smoking rule on camp and therefore the RAF will not purchase smoking bins for outside the Parish Hall and the Sports & Social Club. Iain Wilkinson proposed that the Parish Council purchases three free-standing smoking bins. This was seconded by Kate Jackson and agreed to by all present.
25(10)20	Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2025

	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 nd October 2025, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Kate Jackson, seconded by Iain Wilkinson, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
25(10)21	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 2nd October 2025
	Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group & Transport Assessment Gavin Elsey had met with Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, to discuss the Flyover. A feasibility study is being drawn up and will look at avenues for funding. It is unlikely that Peterborough City Council or Cambridgeshire County Council will contribute financially to the project unless more homes are built in the village. The Chair had drafted an email to Adrian Chapman re the Transport Assessment and Emma Wilson-Jones proposed that this is sent, seconded by Jo Gault and agreed to by all present.
	New Wittering Community Building The Chair will speak to Dave Hughes about this.
	Village Events The next event will be a Tea Dance on 8 th November (45 tickets have already been sold) and thanks were expressed to Lisa Walker for printing the leaflets advertising the event. Remembrance Sunday takes place on 9 th November 2025 and there will be a free glass of Port and pizzas available. The Village Christmas Fair takes place on 22 nd November, and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree takes place on 7 th December 2025 (the Chair will supply the Carol Sheets). Future events being looked at are a Rescheduled Dog Show and Car Boot Sale at Easter 2026. Thanks were expressed to the Events' Committee.
	Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan The surveys have been printed, and it was agreed to try and link them in with the surveys for the New Wittering Community Building, Dave Hughes will need to discuss this with Brian Day.
	Speed Radars Iain Wilkinson had produced the recent statistics showing the percentage of cars travelling under 30 miles per hour extracted from the Speed Radars: Week 1. IN 70.1 OUT 62.4 Week 2. IN 71.3 OUT 62.8 Week 3. IN 71.8 OUT 63.2 Week 4. IN 73.2 OUT 63.7 It was agreed to take the small speed radar down and relocate it further down the road.
	Park Farm Trees The Clerk had been unsuccessful in obtaining a quote for a tree survey. Geoff Dunkley, Emma Stacey and Emma Wilson-Jones will see if they can let the Clerk have details of a tree surveyor. Jo Gault will ask the residents of 16 Harvey Close who had advised them on their recent Planning Application regarding their trees.
	Leases for the Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club Russ Pye was not present and so this matter was not discussed. The Chair will follow this up.
	History Boards Jean Jackson said that David Standish-Leigh requires more time to complete these and it is hoped that they will be ready by Spring 2026.
	IT Policy and Parish Councillor Email Addresses & move to .gov.uk domain Jo Gault will report her findings at the next meeting.
	Maintenance of the Parish Hall Jo Gault and Emma Wilson-Jones will meet with the people who had quoted for the decorative work to discuss their quotations in more detail. They would like to improve the cooking facilities, get the electrics checked, ensure the kitchen cupboards are lockable, ensure that the kitchen door to the outside is fitted with a yale lock and remove the electric heaters from the wall. They will ask if the roof tiles in the Parish Hall can be replaced.
	Landscaping of the area around the Village Sign The Chair and Emma Wilson-Jones will meet with the people who had quoted for the work to discuss their quotations in more detail.
25(10)22	George's Food Hub Jean Jackson said this is proving an invaluable service to residents and the Food Hub thanks the Parish Council for its support. A fridge-freezer has been installed in the Parish Hall kitchen for use by the Food Hub as well as other Parish Hall users.
25(10)23	Report on Visit by Lee Moore, PCC Highways Inspection Team Manager Lee Moore visited the village on 20 th October 2025 and had met with the Chair and Emma Wilson-Jones. The following issues were discussed:-

	• A1 junction Townsend Road - as discussed PCC would support any changes to this junction but it forms a part of National Highways network so they would be the responsible agency, you could raise this with the MP and also our Transport Planning Team email ltt@peterborough.gov.uk. Lewis Banks is the manager of that team. • New infrastructure regarding the isolated nature of Wittering and the surrounding A1, A47 and Old Oundle Road requests for improved links for road, cycling and walking all need to be sent to the Transport Planning Team as above. • Reduced Speed limits to 20mph throughout the village would be Peter Tebb/Transport Planning Team. • Townsend Road junction, Church Road, Parker Road and St Georges Road - parking issues - new double yellow line requests need to go to Peter Tebb - email Peter.tebb@peterborough.gov.uk. • Speeding on Church Road - again this is a Transport Planning matter or if additional double yellow lines is considered an option, then Peter Tebb. • I have raised a works order for the pot holes on Maltby Close and for the road between Church Road and Carnegie Road. • As mentioned, PCC plan to undertake further surface treatments in the village like the Parker Road scheme during the 2026/27 financial year and suitable roads are currently being assessed. if you have any suggestions these should be sent to Leanne Barraco - email Leanne.Barraco@peterborough.gov.uk. • Also as we discussed Wittering only has an annual inspection and I think this is scheduled around February each year so any potholes identified can be reported to Highway Maintenance on HighwayMaintenance@peterborough.gov.uk or to me via email or alternatively on the Peterborough City Council's website with a clear location and picture if possible and repairs will be arranged as necessary. The Clerk will contact the relevant people and copy in Sam Carling, MP. The provisional list of roads scheduled for treatment in 2026/27 is:- Burghley Avenue, Carnegie Road, Hall Lane, Sutcliffe Road and Old Oundle Road (place to place repairs). This is a provisional list and will only be confirmed after the budgets are released in April 2026. If there are other roads you would wish to be considered, please forward through at your earliest opportunity, but budgets are limited. So unfortunately, they will have to be considered and compared to similar roads throughout the authorities' area.
25(10)24	Police Matters There were no police matters discussed.
25(10)25	Organisation Reports RAF Wittering Emma Stacey said the RAF will be holding a Bonfire & Fireworks Evening on 12 th November 2025 on camp but is only available to RAF personnel and their families. Santa will drive through the village in December 2025.
	Sports & Social Club Brian Day has agreed to arrange for a Structural Engineer to inspect the garages.
	Bowls' Club It was agreed to go ahead with the quote for the Beech hedge reduction from Charrington Trees Services Ltd.
25(10)26	Planning 25/01309/TRE T.1 – Lime - Crown reduction to previous pruning points and remove epicormic growth up to 10m (79/00001/TPO) at 16 Harvey Close, Wittering – Awaiting Decision 25/01317/HHFUL Two storey side extension at Wittering Manor, Townsend Road, Wittering – Awaiting Decision
25(10)27	Correspondence • Already circulated
25(10)28	Finance • To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 30th September 2025 as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Kate Jackson, and agreed to by all present. • To set the Precept for 2026-2027 based on the Finance Sub Committee Report. It was agreed to increase the Precept from £70,000 to £75,000 for 2026-2027 as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Kate Jackson, and agreed to by all present. Members of the Public were asked to leave at this point.

	To review the quotes for the decorating of the Parish Hall, the Village Sign landscaping project and cutting the hedge around the Bowls' Club – this was undertaken and reported on earlier in the Minutes.
25(10)29	Matters for Future Consideration To consider Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above. It was agreed to hold closed meetings after the main meetings from time to time when confidential information needs to be discussed. Kate Jackson gave her apologies for absence for the next meeting.
25(10)30	Date of the next meeting To confirm the date of the next meeting – as 7.30 pm on 27 th November 2025 in Wittering Parish Hall.

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

SIGNED

DATE 27/11/25

Chair