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MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 pm ON THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER 2025 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
25(11)1	Chair's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
25(11)2	In Attendance: John Bradshaw (Chair), Susie Briers, Brian Day, Jo Gault, Russ Pye, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Wilson-Jones, four members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) Apologies for Absence: Dave Hughes, Kate Jackson, Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), Louise Sampton (RAF Wittering), Emma Stacey (RAF Wittering)
25(11)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 Football Club (as he is the Treasurer).
25(11)4	Public Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Jackson – the Food Hub has been in operation for 17 weeks to date. Over that time 2,156 people have been provided with food which equates to 127 people per week. The Chair said he would be happy if George Heathington could provide a written update rather than having to travel to the meetings.
25(11)5	Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th October 2025 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 th October 2025, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Jo Gault, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
25(11)6	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 30th October 2025
	Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group & Transport Assessment The Chair read out the reply from Nichoals Greaves, Highway Development & Drainage Officer, PCC dated 5 th November 2025 which he had found disappointing. He said he would draft a reply which would be circulated to the Parish Councillors for approval before it is sent. He will request a Teams Meeting in Early January 2026.
	New Wittering Community Building The Chair had spoken to Dave Hughes about this. Dave has copies of the survey and will liaise with Jo Gault regarding obtaining QR Codes for the survey which will be distributed in the New Year.
	Village Events The Tea Dance held on 8 th November, and the Remembrance Day held on 9 th November 2025 had been enjoyed by all who attended. 153 people attended the Craft Fayre on 22nd November 2025 despite appalling bad weather. 15-16 stall holders had attended. The next event will be the Easter Fayre, Car Boot Sale and

	possible Dog Show on 21 st March 2206. The Annual Summer Fete will take place on 11 th July 2026. Thanks were expressed to Jack and his colleagues for their hard work.
	Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan Jo Gault intends to organise a meeting in early January 2026. Unfortunately, the previous committee has had to stand down due to issues beyond its control. She is happy to lead a new committee.
	Park Farm Trees It was agreed to go ahead with the quotation for a tree survey from Robert Yates of £450 plus VAT. In passing, Emma Wilson-Jones spoke to Ian Sharp of Public Health England, and he has land maps which show the ownership of land within and around the village. She hopes to obtain copies of these.
	Leases for the Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club Russ Pye said he and the Chair need to arrange a short meeting for the signing of the leases.
	History Boards Jean Jackson said she had checked with the supplier who had confirmed that they would not raise the quoted price in 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 quoted for the decorative work to discuss their quotations in more detail.
	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.
	Updates on Visit by Lee Moore, PCC Highways Inspection Team Manager including traffic calming measures (already circulated) Response from Lewis Banks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 North/Townsend Road Junction - we're supportive of this junction upgrade and have previously worked with the Parish Council and Cllr Elsey to submit evidence to National Highways as part of their consultation for future road investment. There should be an announcement soon on which roads will be upgraded as part of their next programme although I do not know if this will be included, I do not believe it was included in the draft proposals. In addition, the Combined Authority are seeing whether they can help with looking at the feasibility of a junction upgrade. • Rural Walking and Cycling Strategy - we are developing a rural walking and cycling strategy. We will be consulting on it in the coming months with Parishes and communities. • Road and Active Travel Improvements - I'm not aware of any planned road or active travel improvements but I've copied in my colleague Nick Greaves in case there is anything from a Planning/Development perspective that I'm not aware of. Response from Peter Tebb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph Speed Limit - this could be done but the Parish Council would need to meet the full costs of the works. As a guide of doing other locations, I would expect this to cost in the region of £3,000-£4,000. If this is something the Parish Council wishes to pursue, I am happy to provide a more accurate cost for the works. It was agreed to ask Peter Tebb if he is able to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss this further. • Parking restrictions on junction - I have attached a form that we have introduced for the request of parking restrictions, which asks for some background around the issue, so he is better informed when proposing a solution. As the request is coming from a Parish Council, I wouldn't require the support of three residents or a Ward Councillor. If we could submit one form per location if they are not in close proximity, that would be helpful. At present I am seeking to issue a Traffic Order containing a number of these types of locations for parking restrictions by the end of January 2026.
25(11)7	Bus Service Campaign Julia Cunnington reported on the recent meetings held with the Transport Manager. Tendering starts in June 2026. She will contact the RAF to see if it is able to provide any support for the on-going bus campaign. Thanks were expressed to Julia and her colleagues for their hard work.
25(11)8	Airplay Airplay recently completed a survey to explore what the young people in the village would like to see in terms of sports' provision around the MUGA (Multi Use Games Areas) near to the Wittering Community Store.
25(11)9	Police Matters

	Cambridgeshire Police have been in contact appealing for video evidence/information for the reported incident at the Community Shop - Quote Crime Ref 35/87987/25. The Parish Council does not have any more information on this crime. A Police Surgery will be held at 6.00 pm on 3 rd December 2025 in the Bowls' Club Pavilion.
25(11)10	Organisation Reports
	Sports & Social Club The second option for an Ash Bin was chosen, and the Clerk will order five bins.
	Bowls' Club Ally McNaughton confirmed that the hedge trimming is due to start w/c 1 st December 2025.
25(11)11	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 – Objection. Awaiting Decision
25(11)12	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already circulated
25(11)13	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 31st October 2025 as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Jo Gault, and agreed to by all present.
25(11)14	Matters for Future Consideration To consider Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above.
25(11)15	Date of the next meeting To confirm the date of the next meeting – 7.30 pm on 29 th January 2026 in Wittering Parish Hall. (The Clerk is unable to attend on 22 nd January 2026). Meeting Dates 2026 – 29 th January, 26 th February, 26 th March, 23 rd April, 28 th May (APM & AGM), 25 th June, 23 rd July, 24 th September, 22 nd October and 26 th November.

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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DATE 29/01/26

Chair