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MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL (WPC) MEETING HELD AT 7.30 pm on THURSDAY, 24 September 2026 IN THE PARISH HALL

Item No	
26(09)71	**Chair's Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by the Councillors/Clerk to members of the public present.
26(09)72	**In Attendance:** Jo Gault, (Chair) (JG), John Bradshaw (JB), Liz Putterill (LP), Emma Wilson-Jones (EWJ), Iain Wilkinson (IW), Kate Jackson (KJ), Nikki Browne (NB), Ruth Demagalski (Clerk) (RD). 7 members of the public, **Apologies for Absence:** Dave Hughes (DH); Gavin Elsey - PCC Ward Councillor (GE); Emma Stacey (RAF) (ES); Louise Sampson (RAF) (LS)
26(09)73	**Declaration of Interest** The Chair reminded the Parish Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. JB declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as he is a Churchwarden). JG and EWJ declared their involvement with Wittering Events. LP re quote for work from her employers.
26(09)74	**Public Forum** Double yellow lines – these are still outstanding. WPC believes PCC did turn up to paint yellow lines outside Casworth Motors and because cars were parked at the location word was not carried out. WPC was not made aware of this in advance. RD followed this up with Peter Tebb at PCC who advised: "With regards to the proposed extension of double yellow lines near Casworth Motors on Townsend Road these are drawn to go out to public consultation on our next suitable order which should be issued later this month. The whole process should then take between 4 and 6 months to go through the statutory legal process and then for the works order to be raised and the lines installed. The double yellow lines on Parker Road opposite St Georges Road have been through the consultation stage and once we have reviewed the feedback, we should be in a position to raise the works orders this month (assuming they proceed) in which case they should be installed before the end of October". Clarification was asked for regarding police/traffic supervision when A1/A47 is closed owing to the high amount of additional traffic coming through Wittering village. LP to take forward with Sam Carling MP. Jean Jackson (Member of the Public – MOP) advised the history boards are near completions. New quotes are being obtained for frames which will be presented at next meeting.

	Geoff Dunkley (MOP) advised the fencing by church is still not fixed. JG to follow up with RAF. Julia Cunnington Jinks (Bus Campaign Group) provided update on new bus service. Advised the bus stop at the junction of Brock Close/Church Road was being reinstated and bus stop signage is going back up end September/early October. Advised of the ongoing traffic congestion issues for the bus service when travelling through Caster at the end of the school day. Likely bus will not pass through Caster if this problem continues at this time. WPC will provide a letter of support for Caster if required. Concerns of further traffic issues in Church Road with the Wittering school expansion and addition of SEND pupils.
26(09)75	**Minutes of the Meeting held on 23/07/2026:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23/07/2026, were reviewed and approved as proposed by JB seconded by EWJ, agreed to by those present and signed by the Chair.
26(09)76	**Matters for Discussion, Consideration and Approval**: **Councillor Surgery:** KJ provided an update on the success of the first Councillor Surgery on 11/09 and fed back on the variety of issues/comments/concerns raised. RD to arrange for Simon Hurn (Groundsman) to tidy area of land where apple tree/sub-station is and understood to be Parish Council owned. Speed of Traffic to/from Harriers Rest to be taken forward by Police/Traffic sub-committee. RD to pick up with the RAF on land for the idea of a pump track for the older children/young adults in the village. Suggestion the next meeting is held on a Tuesday afternoon at George's Food Hub as well as an evening surgery. **Finance:** Stamford Town Council had a meeting booked in the parish hall but cancelled and kindly donated the £30 fee which is to be passed on to All Saint's Church towards the cost of replacing the glass in their noticeboard. Update on Interim Budget vs Actual figures – RD apologised as not had time to prepare. Appointment of new auditor for 2026/2027 – proposed EWJ, 2nd KJ – all agreed. Letter of Engagement signed by JG & RD. Funding requests: • Wittering Remembrance Event - £600. Proposed JB, 2nd EWJ – all agreed. • Wittering Events - £200. Proposed KJ, 2nd LP – all agreed. Approval of quote for football pavilion showers – only one quote received to date. RD chasing other comparison quotes. Football Pavilion – Gas Utility. This should be the responsibility of the football club treasurer. Proposed JB, 2nd LP – all agreed. Adoption of Reserves Policy. Proposed JB, 2nd KJ – all agreed. RD to put on website. Potential move to Unity Bank – RD/Finance subcommittee to investigate this further. RD attending webinar to get more information. Approval of 9.5 overtime hours payments for Clerk. Proposed LP, 2nd KJ – all agreed. RD to log all hours going forward. **Land & Buildings** JG advised the provision of meals at George's Food Hub was no longer going ahead, the scope had changed dramatically from the initial proposal and was no longer a viable option.

	All electrical/welding works on the container has been completed satisfactorily. And the garages are being demolished/concrete removed from w/c 05/10. RD to put a notice on all relevant Wittering FB pages advising of footpath access closure and alternative route. Building valuation quotes – reviewed. David Howard Associates quote approved. Proposed KJ, 2nd JB – all agreed. Bowls Club hedge and Cherry/Beech tree trim – RD only able to obtain 2 quotes as no response from 3rd company. Quote from Willow Tree Services was successful Proposed EWJ, 2nd KJ – all agreed. Football Club/Pavilion – RD advised fire alarm panel repairs complete and boiler service scheduled. No quotes received as yet for the showers – RD to progress. Utility bill responsibility – see above. **Police/Traffic** Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign – is it possible to engagement with PCC Highways for reduce the speed limit to 50mph on A1 before Wansford slip road in an attempt to reduce accidents there? Suggestion to include Wansford PC. Add A1 to the Neighbourhood Plan. Traffic survey on Church Road- this has been carried out by Intelligent Data Surveys in conjunction with National Highways/Dept of Transport. Update on double yellow lines – see earlier in the minutes. **Policies & Procedures** JG to follow up with Active Council regarding the new website. LP asked if our gov.uk emails could be progressed, so councillors no longer needed to use their personal emails for council business. Keyholder contract. No progress to date. LP to follow up. Date for a Policy & Procedures meeting to be arranged.
26(09)77	**Wittering Village Neighbourhood Plan:** JG invited new Councillor, Nikki Browne (NB) to provide an update on the Local Plan
26(09)78	**Village Events:** Wittering Events – Halloween Film – Family Fun 30/10; Remembrance Tea Party 07/11 and Christmas Fayre (12/12). .
26(09)79	**Planning** No planning applications submitted.
26(09)80	**Correspondence** Already circulated.
26(09)81	**Finance** To approve the payments in the financial statements for July & August 2026. Proposed JB, 2nd LP – all agreed. Both statements were signed by JG.
26(09)82	**Matters for Future Consideration** None noted.
26(09)83	**Date of the next meeting** To confirm the date of the next meeting – 7.30 pm on 22 October 2026 in Wittering Parish Hall

Ruth Demagalski, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

SIGNED J Gatto _____ **(Chair)** **DATE 22 October 2026**