

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2026 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr F. Burton, Cllr P. Parry, Cllr G. Kiddy, Cllr M. Wetmore, Cllr B. Matthews and Cllr E. Flaxman

APOLOGIES: SC Cllr A. Dunning and Cllr C. Prior (apologies were approved).

ALSO PRESENT: Carol Hume (Parish Clerk).

NOT PRESENT: D. Cllrs G. Wakeling and B. Keys-Holloway. There were no members of the public present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY 2026

The minutes were agreed as being accurate and were signed by the Chairman

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The latest Parish Report from SC Cllr A. Dunning had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Date of Public Meeting to talk about future options for the Village Hall – The Chairman said at present no date has been decided. He will be having a meeting with Symon Clarke to discuss.
- b) Defibrillator installation at the Village Hall cost estimate and purchase of replacement pads – No estimate has been received as yet. The Chairman will investigate further. It was agreed unanimously to purchase replacement pads as the old ones are now out of date.
- c) Buntings Lane hedging – Cllr Flaxman will check again but councillors believe that the hedge has been cut, is not now heavily overgrown and the footpath is clear.
- d) VAS camera battery funding – update from Brampton PC. The clerk will contact the Brampton PC parish clerk again to ask for any update following their meeting on 7th July. If WPC has to eventually pay for new VAS cameras, some funding or a grant could be investigated.

PLANNING

- a) DC/22/3313/FUL – discharge of Condition 29 – land to the north of Gray's Lane. The Chairman explained that the Soils Management Plan has been approved by ESC.
- b) DC/26/0301/P3Q – discharge of Conditions 2,3,4,5,7 and 8 – Valley Farm Vineyards, Rumburgh Road, Wissett IP19 0JJ. The Chairman said that a 45-page report had

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concluded that there were no pollution issues but that some remedial work is needed.

FINANCE:

Account balances as at 10/7/2026: Current a/c £4,841.73 Savings a/c £11,012.90
Income received: Interest £31.29, VAT refund £237.28, Allotment rent £160.00, Field rent £100.00.

Accounts for payment:

Carol Hume	Salary – May and June	£239.20
Carol Hume	Expenses (as per detail sheet)	£122.93
HMRC	Quarter 1 PAYE due	£119.60
Heelis and Lodge	Internal Audit fee	£ 95.00
Wissett Village Hall	Final broadband usage	£71.40
Halesworth Museum	Grant as agreed by WPC	£100.00
Information Commissioner	Annual renewal	£47.00

All payments were approved.

Budget-v-Actual figures for Q1 (April to June) were approved

The 2025/2026 Internal Audit Report from Heelis and Lodge was received and approved.

The clerk has drawn up a list of recommendations from the report which will be actioned at future WPC meetings.

EROSION OF THE BANK ALONG THE BECK

The Chairman contacted D Cllr Keys-Holloway asking if funds would be available from the Thriving Places Investment Fund for this project but as yet had no reply. He will chase again and include D Cllr Wakeling this time. The Village Hall Trustees will be interested in a joint application for funds and have offered to assist with the application. Cllr Wetmore has contacted a structural engineer he knows who would be happy to visit, review and provide a brief project report at a cost of £650 + VAT. As the Beck is now so dry it would be preferable to arrange a site visit with her in January/February 2027. The cost of this could be included in any secured funding. The Chairman will do some research to find out if other funds are available.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- a) SCC Highways update – Mill Road, Wissett. The unsightly barriers and cones have now been removed as requested by a resident. No other repairs have been done in that area. The road is currently closed at Old Station Road, Halesworth for gas repairs, which is affecting access to the village by larger vehicles. This may go on for a month or more.
- b) Wissett website update proposals – Cllr Wetmore has been doing some work on improving the website. He has circulated ideas for a new layout to councillors for comment. All are happy for these changes to take place so Cllr Wetmore will contact Matthew Morling of One Suffolk to move the process on. There would be a cost of circa £200 for them to make these changes. This was approved.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Digital landline switchover free communication resources – Councillors felt there is no need for these in the village,
- b) Improvement of local bus services – Adrian Ramsey MP is working with residents of Waveney Valley on improving bus services across the constituency and has asked if there are any issues with bus travel in the village. There are currently no bus services in Wissett.
- c) Essex and Suffolk Water are holding a Teams call to present an update to the on-going work on the Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer & Storage Project on 21st and 22nd July. The Chairman may drop into one of them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 17th September 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm