

WIVETON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Chairman : Cllr. John Ramm. Parish Clerk : Louise Stevens.
Vice-Chairman : Cllr. Martin Pearce.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7.50pm
in the Parish Rooms.**

1. Welcome and Apologies :

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present : The Chairman Cllr. John Ramm, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Martin Pearce, Cllr. Andrea Beal, Cllr. Richard Petley, Cllr. Phil Cheadle and Cllr. James Cowan.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Godfrey Sayers.

Also present were District Councillor Dr. Victoria Holliday and Parish Clerk Louise Stevens.

2. Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations :

There were none.

3. To Approve the Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026 :

The Minutes were circulated by email earlier by The Clerk. It was Agreed that they were a true record of the Meeting. Cllr. Phil Cheadle proposed them and Cllr. James Cowan seconded them. The Chairman signed them.

4. Matters Arising :

The Chairman prepared a letter to The Chestnut Group expressing concerns with the unauthorised parking outside The Bell. This was circulated by email to all members and was Approved and Agreed to post this on the village email. Chestnut have confirmed receipt of this letter.

It was Agreed to request a site meeting in the village with Highways in order to discuss and reassess the current speed limits due to the new proposed development on Blakeney Road.

5. County and District Councillors reports :

District Councillor Dr. Victoria Holliday gave her report to the meeting including details of the Cost of Living Crisis Fund, improvements to the mobile phone equipment on Blakeney church tower for better connectivity and the Councillors Community Fund. This is fund of £4,000 for each Councillor to divide between their parishes for a community project. It was suggested that part funding might be available for the new proposed Village Heritage Map.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Dr. Holliday for her report and she left the meeting.

6. Finance :

Balance in the Barclays Bank Current account : £ 22, 689.23.

Balance in the Barclays Bank Deposit account : £ 20, 860.99.

The first precept payment of £1,968.50 received 30th April. Payments since last meeting Paul Gooch £120.00 (Moles). SW Horticulture £65.00.

Payments to approve tonight :

SW Horticulture.	£500.00.	Agreed new contract.
ET Myers.	£250.00.	Agreed new contract.
Countrystyle.	£12.00.	
L. Stevens.	£342.94.	

Clerks Hourly rate of National Minimum Wage will rise to £12.71 from 1st April 2026. Proposed by The Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

7. Planning :

Planning Application Number PF / 25 / 2846.

Long Field, Blakeney Road, Wiveton NR25 7TN.

Installation of 9.8 metres high Domestic vertical axis windmill to generate low carbon power :

Approved.

The Council had submitted a letter of objection to the Planning Department and will enquire whether an Appeal can now be submitted.

8. Wiveton Bell :

A revised Covenant has been prepared by The Chestnut Group Solicitors but not signed yet. The footpath will now be classed as a Statutory Path, possibly due to other Objections received.

The Council discussed various current safety issues and Agreed to fund any improvements for safety reasons.

9. Village maintenance :

It was Agreed earlier for the Council to prove a suitable bench type seat as soon as possible rather than wait for Highways to fund this, as it will be essential with the busy summer season approaching.

Cllr. Andrea Beal suggested organising a working party for the Community Orchard in order to clear and tidy up around the trees to get ready for the Wiveton Wander on June 13th.

10. Parish Rooms update :

The Parish Rooms bookings remain steady with yoga and various craft activities. No date for the SGM has been decided.

11. Correspondence :

All correspondence is received and circulated to all members and is usually dealt with by return emails.

12. Any other business :

No correspondence regarding maintenance at The Downs by County Council.

It was Agreed to hold a village Street Party during the August Bank Holiday. A committee of helpers will be formed and the road through the village past the Parish Rooms will be closed.

The Ralph Greenaway Trust will fund the CareLine for a local resident for 2026 and the Parish Council have Agreed to continue the funding from next year onwards.

13. Date of the next meeting :

Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Chairman.

Date.

