

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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TO: All Councillors, Wolston Parish Council – Baptist Chapel, 2 Main Street, Wolston

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Wolston Parish Council on Thursday 29th May at 19:00 at the Baptist Chapel, 2 Main Street, Wolston. Please forward any apologies for absence to me or the Chair.

Clare Malyon

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Clerk

21st May 2025

AGENDA

(Members of the public and press are welcome to attend)

1. **Election of Chair 2025-26** – Cllr Tim Willis
2. **To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office- Accepted.** Cllr Willis has agreed to chair the council for one more year before stepping back for personal reasons
3. Election of Vice-Chair 2025-26- Cllr Jock Rainey
4. **To receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office-** Cllr Rainey agreed to vice chair
Paperwork was signed and witnessed and signed by the Clerk as proper officer.
5. **Re-adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be subject to review by September 2025**

Cllr Wright noted that his notice of motion was not being highlighted on the agenda in the correct format,

Cllrs agreed that standing orders should be revised. The chair noted caution of spending too much time and money on standing orders that are potentially out of date, The Clerk and RFO are to follow WALC advice and most up to date legislation and present to adopt in September

Proposed: Cllr Ramsey

Seconded: Cllr Rainey

Vote: All if favour

Motion Carried

6. **Apologies:** to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Cllr Poole, Cllr Ward RBC sent apologies
7. **Public participation:** to adjourn to allow public participation for 15 minutes. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair. If members of the public wish to raise issues which are not on the agenda, they should notify the Clerk, 5 working days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

The chair welcomed recently elected Cllr Anne Marie Sonko to the meeting.

Cllr Wright asked Cllr Sonko if she was aware of the flooding issue in Wolston, Cllr Sonko advised that being a resident in Newbold she was aware and had it on her to do list. Cllrs Willis agreed to send an introductory email along with documents to support the work undertaken by the FLAG team and Environmental Agency (EA).

Cllr Wright also asked Cllr Sonko to note concerns regarding the Youth Club funding that the Parish Council has been supporting since RBC abdicated responsibility.

Two local residents representing the Garden Walkabout team asked for clarification regarding risk assessments and support from WPC regarding liability insurance. They noted that the Clerk had been supportive and attended their meeting.

A Local resident raised concerns regarding the Brook and risk of flooding. The resident has taken action themselves to install flood prevention systems on their property. The chair advised that after a recent drop in session with EA, retrospective funding may be available to fund this.

8. Declarations of interest

- 8.1 To declare any personal interests or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.

RBC with regards to planning matters- Cllr Tim Willis, and served as county councillor officer for 20 years

Cllr Terry Ramsey declared with regards to being a trustee of Wolston Leisure centre

Cllr Milne declared with regards to being affiliated with her husband former Cllr Milne regarding the setting up of the Youth Club

Cllr Osmond declared that his Son attended the Youth Club

- 8.2 To receive, consider and approve any requests for dispensation relating to Agenda items.

None received

9. Minutes of previous meeting:

To review and if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2025, 6th March 2025, 26th March 2025 and 3rd April 2025

Proposed: Cllr Willis proposed to defer to 5th June based on receiving today

Seconded: Cllr Wright

Vote: 5 for, 1 Against

Motion Carried

Cllr Wright noted that progress reports have not been sent out since 2020, Cllr Wright was advised that all correspondence sent in writing is emailed. Cllr Wright challenged that the Clerk who often is available in and around the village and often deals with matters in person should be typing reports up to Cllrs so they are aware of what is being done.

Cllr Wright suggested that the Clerk requires back up of the PC to ensure that she has done the job correctly so as not to put the Parish Council at risk as he takes the job seriously.

The Chair highlighted that he hoped that Cllr Wright was obviously not implying that anybody did not take the Job seriously.

The Chair asked Mdme Clerk to respond.

'I do invite people to speak with me out and about, I catch up with the chair and vice chair weekly, without feeling the need to back up in writing. My intention is to create a Clerk's update so that people can see what happens in the background such as check on defibrillators, chasing overgrown hedges etc that do not have to be raised at meetings.

My early meetings dictated that all Cllrs voted unanimously that the communication standards that I inherited from the previous Clerk were adequate, this is in line with the working hours per week'

Cllr Wright responded that extra hours should be available if required which is why the previous Clerk left.

Cllr Willis addressed stated that the reasons the Previous the previous Clerk left and asked to give thought as what would make better for all for communications given some people lack IT access or skills and to share thoughts with the Clerk

10. Reconsider the decision made by Wolston Parish Council on 23 September 2024, minute 99 recorded as follows:

“At this point in time Wolston Parish Council should withdraw from its commitment to the running of a Youth Club.”

At the time it was mentioned with enthusiasm, however some raised problems. Cllr Milne asked to raise it at the time so that children should not be deprived from a valued asset due to the PC not being able to agree on a way forward and allow others to progress.

Cllr Timms report attached regarding the decision, which was based on management of the group, not funding.

Cllrs agreed revisiting the motion as they agree with allowing the youth of the village to prosper.

Cllr Willis reported that he had visited recently and was pleased to see the ambience, community and spirit of engagement provided by the youth club.

Cllrs recognised they did not have skills to match was already in place by Emma and the team and should find a way to support without interfering in day-to-day management.

The RFO confirmed that grants used by the Youth Club to restart were provided by the County council and not parish council.

After some discussion Cllr Wright left the meeting at 20.17 before the vote was raised

Cllr Rainey proposed that the minute from September be rescinded.

Proposed: Cllr Rainey

Abstention: Cllr Ramsey, Cllr Osmond

Vote: 3 For

Motion Carried

11. Finance- All approved and signed

- 11.1 To approve accounts for payment.
- 11.2 Finance update for approval, to include bank reconciliation.
- 11.3 To note payments received.
- 11.4 Consider Grant applications and make any appropriate decisions.
- 11.5 To authorise the appointment of Auditor
- 11.6 To support the Bi-annual Garden Walkabout by providing up to £226 toward the cost of Public Indemnity Insurance.
- 11.7 Consider Charitable donations and make any appropriate decision
 - A) Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Wright for donation to Royal British Legion- **Deferred as Cllr Wright had left the meeting**
 - B) Request for donation from WLCC for afternoon tea donation- Grant application £70

12. Adoption of Policies; To discuss any policies which require reviewing- Deferred to later date

13. Confirmation of Committees and membership- Deferred to later date

14. Confirmation of Working Groups and membership- Deferred to later date

15. Confirmation of Representation on outside bodies- Deferred to later date

16. Planning To receive information on planning applications and decide any actions as appropriate: -

16.1 Update on Rugby Borough local plan

16.2 New planning applications to be distributed to all councillors on receipt.

17. Clerks Report - Progress report and update and decide any actions as appropriate.

18. Events Update– to consider/decide matters relating to each as required.

19. Future Agenda Items – Councillors are asked to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas.

20. Parish Council Communications - To receive suggestions for information for sharing

21. Date of Next Meetings –

To confirm Thursday 5th June 2025 at 7.15pm for the for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council

If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Parish noticeboard **three** clear days before the meeting is held.

22. Confidential matters: to consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for discussions and decisions in relation to either Personnel matters or Legal matters.

Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.