

Wanborough Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7.30pm in Wanborough Village Hall

Meeting started 7. 30pm

Those present: James Henry (chairman JH), Oscar de Chazal (OC), Robert Drummond (RD), Martin Bramley (MB), Matthew Harrison (MH), Kim Sweeting (clerk KS)

Apologies: Sallie Barker (SB), Matt Furniss (MB)

Members of the public were present.

1. E-025 Minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 30th July 2025 to approve and sign.

JH confirmed that everyone had received the minutes and that they were agreed as true and accurate.

2. E-026 Matters arising

JH wanted to update the council on a few items raised at the last meeting.

Residents had raised an issue about a tree leaning on a power cable: WPC contacted the owner, who had politely responded. The problem has now been resolved by the power company.

A resident had highlighted an interesting historical parish event. Plans are now in hand to follow up on this and create an exhibit for future display in The Great Barn.

OC queried why bins were being collected (by GBC) from the corner of the Lower Fields from the unauthorised plot developments. KS to make MF aware.

3. E-027 Update from SCC and GBC representative

GBC and SCC update

Sallie Barker, GBC councillor, and Matt Furniss, SCC and GBC councillor, are holding their next councillor surgery for local residents of both Wanborough and Puttenham parishes at Marwick Hall, Puttenham, between 11-12.30 on Saturday 18th October 2025.

4. E-028 Planning and enforcement updates

Status of recent applications

There are no outstanding planning applications.

Normandy residential development Taylor Wimpey.

MB had attended a recent Normandy Action Group (NAG) planning seminar. He reminded the council of the development proposed by Taylor Wimpey for approximately 950 houses and a community centre. Currently No information on mix of property. A formal application is expected to be submitted to GBC during Q4 2025. MB reported that NAG's main message to local residents was that any objections submitted need to be focussed on proper planning issues such as the impact on the environment and traffic / transport. NAG noted that central government had now introduced the concept of a "grey belt", but they were ensure how that will be interpreted in this area of the Green Belt.

Farnborough Planning applications.

RD explains that he went to the original presentation nearly a year ago. In RD's opinion the latest proposal is for less flights than originally quoted. From his review of the noise studies RD felt noise would be a much lesser concern for Wanborough than for Frimley and Mychett, which would be more affected by plane landings. There was general agreement that there had been a recent reduction in noise from Farnborough airport, excepting periodic low flying military aircraft. JH asks councillors how they want to progress this issue. It was agreed that the latest information from both the Farnborough Noise group and the airport be publicised on the WPC website and to increase local awareness.

Status of Enforcement

JH noted that as outlined by SB at the last WPC meeting, a formal interim court injunction had been served by GBC on 1st August 2025 on all plots on the Lower Fields, bar two plots which had applied for an adjournment. JH stated that a further court hearing had been scheduled for 21st January 2026.

5. E-029 Traffic and road matters

Litter Picking

JH stated that KS had organised a very successful well attended local resident litter pick on the afternoon of the 7th September 2025. The timing meant that the hamlet was well prepared for the recent Heritage Weekend (13-14th September). Sixteen full black bin bags were subsequently collected by GBC.

A resident has previously suggested that WPC hire a routine litter picker. In response to this request KS presented some options for councillor consideration:

- 1) Hire a litter picker 2 hours a week at £16/hour for 45 weeks (£1400 p.a.)
- 2) Continue with community litter picks twice a year at no cost to WPC.
- 3) Invest (£50-£100) in a small litter picking kit for residents to conduct litter picks on an ad hoc basis, if and when they should wish too.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that WPC should proceed with options 2 and 3 and monitor overall effectiveness over 12 months. If litter levels remain problematic, despite community involvement, then consideration would be given the paid option (Option 1) for guaranteed coverage.

6. E-030 Finances and cheques

Payments made since the last meeting:

£ 897.75	Clerk Payment
£ 100.00	Village Hall hire payment (until Mar26)
£ 47.00	Data protection

Precept preparation

JH reminded everyone that WPC will need to consider any expenses anticipated for next year at the next meeting in readiness for the annual precept submission.

7. E-031 Consultations

JH noted a recent ALC local resilience consultation – JH to circulate their suggested template.

KS noted a consultation re potential changes to alcohol licencing rules. This runs until the 2nd November and KS will distribute the information.

8. E-032 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25th November

Wednesday 28th January

9. E-033 Any other business

Heritage weekend

On behalf of WPC, JH thanked everyone across the community who had volunteered to help out at The Great Barn, the church, the village hall and with the parking and from across the village for their efforts, the Village hall made £1700.00 to be divided between the three interests. Barn, Village Hall and Barn.

Bonfires

RD asked about some toxic bonfires happening close to the A31 toward the western boundary of the parish. KS to support RD in logging these incidents with GBC and SCC.

Clerk recruitment

JH reported that KS has given notice of her resignation as clerk, after several years of enthusiastic and valued support of WPC. It was agreed that JH and KS will start the search for a replacement by talking to other local parish councils and, if appropriate, advertising this vacancy.

Meeting closed at 20:35