

Minutes of a Meeting of Wootton Parish Council held on Wednesday March 19th 2025 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Tim Dalton, John Burgess, Debbie Finnikin, Dot Adams, Pat Fielding (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously, and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

3. Matters Arising

It was agreed that there is far less lorry movement coming through the Village in relation to the Spath Quarry development. But Tim had not received a reply from Planning to confirm whether or not the required S106 Agreement has been concluded. He will continue to press for further information from Staffordshire C C Planners.

4. Financial Report

The current account stands at £4060.10. Forecast income before the end of the year is £150.00, donation from Matthew Elias of Nigel Davis Solicitors, towards the upkeep of the Reading Room. Forecast expenditure, including today's payments, is £568.30. The balance at the end of the year will therefore be £3641.80, barring any other unforeseen expenses. (Last year's end of year balance was £3519.19.)

5. Authorisation of Payments

P.A.Fielding - Clerk's Wages Oct'24-March'25 - £480 Cheque no. 000311

P.A.Fielding – Clerk's Expenses 2024-2025 Cheque no. 000312

There are no Carol Singing Expenses this year as Rosa and Henry kindly donated a surplus of wine given to them.

6. Reading Room

Adrian will do more work in due course.

7. Cross House

Tim will get in touch with Johnny Greenall's agent again re the sale of Cross House this Spring.

8. Highways

The collapsed culvert has been sorted very satisfactorily.

The Planning Application for Michaels Lane has been passed. It has been a very confusing discussion about it being a bridleway open to traffic or whether that would change. The final result seems to be that there will be no change.

9. Community Work

There had been a suggestion that this could involve clearing up the pond. But it was felt that this is more simply a wet area and just needs tidying and mowing occasionally, which is already being done.

10. Climate Change Meeting

This was suggested for Saturday April 12th in the Cricket Club. Availability will be checked and Rosa offered to do a flyer.

11. VE Day Celebration

This is on Thursday May 8th at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club. The WOW Group will provide the food, and Rosa offered to do a flyer.

The Beacon will be lit at 9.30pm and the Clerk will inform Ellastone and Denstone PCs of this.

12. AOB

Thanks were expressed to Seth Adams and Ruth and Richard Barratt for litter picking.

13. Date of Next Meeting

May 28th 2025.