

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council held on  
Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 at Horsley Woodhouse British Legion Hall at 7.00pm

*149/25 Present*

Councillors K Seals (Chair), Whitmore (Vice-Chair) S McGuinness, M McGuinness,  
S Till, A James, L Higgins and A Miller.  
x2 PCSO's

Clerk H Varty

Borough Councillors L Pizzey.

No members of the public

*150/25 Public Participation*

Cllr Pizzey informed that a grant is available for from AVBC for up to £100 for various organisations. More details are available on the AVBC website.

The PCSO's advised there was nothing to report.

Members reported to the PCSO's that the glass in the bus shelter near Stainsby Avenue had been smashed but could have been due to the warm weather. Members also reported to the PCSO's that a needle was found stuck in an adult lady's shoe whilst she was walking the in the Parish and that it had been difficult to report and dispose of the needle.

It was reported to the PCSO's about speeding issues in the Parish and they advised if given a registration number they can do surveillance for repeat offenders. The PCSO's then had to leave the meeting to attend to an emergency call out.

Cllr Pizzey advised correspondence had been sent out by AVBC regarding the proposed changes to local councils in Derby and Derbyshire and a consultation is out with a deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Pizzey also informed members that a speedwatch session had taken place on June 13<sup>th</sup> with 1 person speeding at 60mph from Smalley to Horsley Woodhouse. Another session is to be booked and additional speedwatch training sessions.

Cllr Pizzey informed that the Police are dealing with the recently reported indecent photos found within the Parish.

In his absence Cllr Morgan had sent an email advising that he was dealing with some over grown footpaths reported near Stainsby Avenue and has reported them to DCC.

*151/25 Apologies*

Borough Councillor A Paget and County Councillor R Morgan

*152/25 Variation of Order of Business*

None

*153/25 Declaration of Members Interests*

**RESOLVED:** Declaration of members interests will be taken as they occur in the meeting.

*154/25 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with public excluded.*

None

*155/25 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025*

All members unanimously resolved to approve.

*156/25 Matters arising*

None.

*157/25 Recreation Matters*

*a) Play Inspections*

Cllr Till advised he has repaired the rope on the bridge by putting some tape on it.

*b) Horeston Recreation Ground*

The clerk advised that Kompan requested some photos of the suspended bridge before confirming if they were able to help with a replacement part. The clerk also advised they are still awaiting the delivery of the cradle swing.

*c) Sitwell Recreation Ground*

It was agreed that the July grass cut to be delayed so it can be cut just before the Carnival. The clerk to contact Cllr Morgan about what to be included for the spray programme.

*158/25 Planning*

Our Ref: AVA/2025/0272

**Proposal:**

2.5m extension with chimney to principal/west elevation and room in additional roof space

**Development Type:**

Householder

**Location:**

111 Main Street Horsley Woodhouse Ilkeston Derbyshire DE7 6AX

No objections from Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

*159/25 Finance*

- a. **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the payments below.
- b. The quarterly bank reconcile is now due and the paperwork is to be prepared by the clerk for Cllr Till to check.
- c. The clerk informed members that a payment of £1200.00 had now been credited back to the bank account.

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
H Varty	Salary	
H Varty	Audit Travel Expenses	28.80
British Legion	Room Hire	20
Bus Shelter	Bus Shelter Cleaning	40.51

Maintenance		
L Higgins Microsoft	Company Package	12.36
Max Blackwell Garden	Strimming in Village	335.00

**160/25 Internal Audit Report**

**RESOLVED:** The clerk advised the internal report had been received and circulated to members. The internal auditor marked 'Internal Controls' as not effective due to an honorarium payment being made each year to the same beneficiary and due to x2 payments not being minuted. The clerk advised that payments will now have a minute number recorded on the cashbook and will discuss with the beneficiary of the honorarium payment on how to proceed with future payments.

**161/25 Exercise of public rights date setting**

**RESOLVED:** The dates were set from June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 to August 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**162/25 Grant Policy Review**

**IN PROGRESS:** A grant policy is currently being drafted for approval.

**163/25 Standing Orders Annual Review**

**IN PROGRESS:** The clerk advised the annual review of the Standing Orders is now due and will be circulated to members to read.

**164/25 Councillor Vacancy**

**IN PROGRESS:** Following the resignation of Cllr Ian Davidson, AVBC have advised that they will inform the clerk after July 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 if an election is called or the vacancy can be co-opted.

**165/25 National Grid Chesterfield-Willington consultation**

Cllr M McGuinness advised that the next consultation is expected to take place in early 2026.

**166/25 Speed Indicator Device – update on data**

Cllrs Higgins and Till advised that the device has been moved to Main Street with full battery power. The next step is to pull the data off, reset the device and monitor any patterns.

**167/25 Speedwatch**

It was previously discussed in the public speaking that the last speedwatch session, monitored 200 cars passing between Smalley and Horsley Woodhouse with 1 speeding at 60mph.

**168/25 Bus Consultation Update**

Cllr S McGuinness advised that they have contacted Trent Barton about a possibility of the H1 diverting some routes through the Parish.

The 138 service is contracted for another year but no confirmation as to what will happen after this has been received.

**169/25 2025 Event Planning including Memorial Sculpture – Ideas for suggestions.**

Cllr Till advised that they have discussed the memorial sculpture with someone who can potentially help and drawings are in progress.

Cllr Higgins will arrange for a Parish Council 'supported by' banner displaying the Parish Council Logo to be made ready to be displayed at the Carnival.

Cllr S McGuinness advised that the Race Night is ongoing and the date for the Halloween movie is in progress.

**170/25 Environment Improvement Plan**

Cllr M McGuinness to circulate a plan before the next meeting.

*171/25 Wudhus News – Review Content*

Items to be sent in by 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

*172/25 Footpath Review*

RESOLVED: Cllr S McGuinness advised that the footpath map is now completed.

*173/25 Correspondence*

The clerk advised that the recent complaint has been resolved and an apology from the Parish Council will be printed in the next edition of the Wudhus News.

Correspondence has been received after the agenda had been published regarding the reorganisation of local councils in Derby and Derbyshire. 3 options have been proposed, and the consultation closes on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council's preferred option is A due to concerns about joining Derby City Council and funds not being spent in more rural areas. There is also concerns of increased housing in the rural areas.

*174/25 Date of next meeting*

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 7pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm