

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 Church Hall Horsley Woodhouse at 7.00pm

**249/25 Present**

K Seals (Chair), S McGuinness, S Till, A James, L Higgins, M McGuinness and A Miller

Clerk H Varty

Borough Councillor L Pizzev

2 members of the public

**250/25 Public Participation**

Cllr Pizzev confirmed the next speedwatch session has been booked and that a by election will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> January for the County Councillor vacancy following the resignation of County Councillor Morgan.

**251/25 Apologies**

Cllr J Whitmore

Borough Councillor A Paget

**252/25 Variation of Order of Business**

It was agreed to move item 15 to the last agenda item.

**253/25 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

**254/25 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with public excluded.**

None

**255/25 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Till.

**256/25 Matters arising**

Cllr Higgins informed Cllrs that a quote had been received for the Christmas gift packs for the Christmas Light switch on event and is £115.

**257/25 Recreation Matters**

a) **Play Inspections**

It was advised that the rotary needs greasing again.

b) **Horeston Recreation Ground**

It was reported that mole hills are again an issue at the recreation ground. The hedge near the Doctor's surgery is also still waiting to be cut.

c) **Sitwell Recreation Ground**

It was also reported that there is a mole hill issue at Sitwell Recreation ground.

**258/25 Planning**

No planning applications received.

#### 259/25 Finance

- a) **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the payments below.
- b) The check of the quarterly reconcile is in progress.
- c) The clerk confirmed the draft budget for 2026/27 had been circulated to Councillors.

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
H Varty	Salary	575.47
H Varty Expenses	Wfh allowance	30
Church Hall	Room Hire	20
Bus Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	40.51
L Higgins Microsoft	Company Package	12.10
G Long	Tree cutting	TBC
M Blackwell	Strimming in village	340.00
Leisure Lites	Installation of lights	690.00
Dawson Print	Wudhus News	552.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1960.08</b>

#### 260/25 New Meeting Venue

**RESOLVED:** Due to the collapse of the British Legion roof it was agreed to hold future meetings at the Church Hall at a cost of £24.

#### 261/25 Grant Policy Review

**RESOLVED:** Cllr M McGuinness has circulated to all Councillors and it was agreed to adopt the policy.

#### 262/25 Mayor's Transport Plan Consultation

**IN PROGRESS:** The consultation has been circulated to all members and Cllr Till will be attending a meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 263/25 Purchase of speed limit signs review

**RESOLVED:** Cllr James advised that a quotation totaling £208.04 for the 'slow down children' signs has been obtained and it was agreed to purchase.

#### 264/25 Councillor Vacancy

**IN PROGRESS:** Cllr McGuinness has circulated adverts for the vacancy and the clerk advised that no applications have yet been received.

#### 265/25 National Grid Chesterfield to Willington consultation

**IN PROGRESS:** No update at present.

#### 266/25 Speed Indicator Device

**IN PROGRESS:** Cllr Higgins confirmed that the battery still has power and no further update at present.

#### 267/25 Speedwatch

**IN PROGRESS:** It was advised in public speaking that the next session has been booked.

#### 268/25 2025 Christmas event planning including Memorial Sculpture

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to purchase x5 £20 Peony vouchers for the Christmas lights competition which is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### 269/25 Environment Improvement Plan

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to adopt the plan circulated by Cllr M McGuinness and to review it annually.

#### 270/25 Wudhus News – Review Content

It was agreed to publish the Wudhus News with the additional colour pages at an extra cost of £47 per edition..

### **271/25 Correspondence**

The clerk advised that a grant application from HWCA has been received and will be put on the next agenda.

### **272/25 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm

### **273/25 Save Kilburn and Hurlsey Greenbelt Campaign grant request**

**IN PROGRESS:** It was agreed to ask the campaign to complete the new adopted grant policy form and to discuss at the next meeting.

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