

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council held on
Tuesday 4th November 2025 at Horsley Woodhouse British Legion Hall at 7.00pm

229/25 Present

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

Clerk H Varty

Borough Councillor L Pizzey

2 PCSO's

2 members of the public

229/25 Public Participation

Two members of the public gave a talk on behalf of the Save Kilburn and Horsley Greenbelt Campaign. The talk covered the proposed hosing development AVA/2925/0587 and the campaign objects to the proposal. The campaign has its own Facebook group and website. The representatives asked if the Parish Council could share their campaign details in the Wudhus News and website. The representatives also informed that there is a Go Fund Me page and any grants towards the campaign would be greatly appreciated. It was agreed to discuss the request at the next meeting.

The PCSO's confirmed that there had been a couple of reports relating to vehicles and arrests had been made. There had also been reports of a couple of deliberate fires and a potential threat on the street reported.

The PCSO's discussed the reported potential threat on the street incident and confirmed that all was ok with the property and is not an ongoing issue. The Parish Councillors passed on their thanks to the Police who were present on the evening of the evacuation. The Parish Councillors confirmed their disappointment at the nonexisting emergency evacuation plan for the Parish and would like this to be feedback to the Police.

Cllr Pizzey confirmed that Smalley Parish Council has been contacted by the Fire department regarding putting up CCTV in relation to the deliberate fires that have occurred. Cllr Pizzey thanked Cllr Higgins for being pro active in arranging temporary accommodation for people that were recently evacuated from their homes. DCC have thanked the British Legion for providing accommodation.

Cllr Pizzey informed that the next Speedwatch session is to be confirmed.

Cllr Pizzey also informed that the next full Council meeting is to be on the 6th and reorganisation is to be discussed.

230/25 Apologies

Borough Councillor A Paget

205/25 Variation of Order of Business

None

231/25 Declaration of Members Interests

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

232/25 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with public excluded.

None

233/25 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2025

Proposed by Cllr S McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Whitmore.

233/25 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.

234/25 Recreation Matters

a) Play Inspections

It was agreed to review in the 2026/27 budget to look at potentially replacing some of the equipment and installing some new benches.

b) Horeston Recreation Ground

It was reported that mole hills are again an issue at the recreation ground.

c) Sitwell Recreation Ground

The equipment has been jet washed and compliments have been received about how shiny the equipment looks. It was also reported that there is a mole hill issue also at Sitwell.

235/25 Planning

Our Ref: AVA/2925/0587

Proposal:

Proposal of housing

Location:

Land east of Horsley/south of Woodhouse Rd

Our Ref: AVA/2025/0687

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council object to the planning application.

Proposal:

Variation of condition 1 (time frame) of AVA/2024/0590

Development Type:

Change of use

Location:

Meadow Farm Main Street Horsley Woodhouse Ilkeston Derbyshire

No objections from Horsely Woodhouse Parish Council with comments. If the change of use from being a dog field the Parish Council wishes for it to be restored to agriculture use and not for building land.

236/25 Finance

- a) **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the payments below and the £115 toward the children's gifts for the light switch on event.
- b) The check of the quarterly reconcile is in progress.
- c) The clerk requested Councillors to consider any 2026 projects ahead of the 2026/27 budget setting.

Payment Type	Reason for Payment	Amount £
H Varty	Salary	
British Legion	Room Hire	20
Bus Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	40.51
L Higgins Microsoft	Company Package	12.36
L Higgins	Cable ties	12.96
M Blackwell	Strimming in village	230.00

237/25 Grant Policy Review

IN PROGRESS: Cllr M McGuinness has circulated an amended Grant Policy for Councillors to review and all agreed to read through ahead of the next meeting.

238/25 Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 8th December 2025

RESOLVED: It was resolved for Cllrs M McGuinness, Till, Higgins and possibly Cllr Whitmore to attend the forum in Matlock.

239/25 Purchase of parking signs review

IN PROGRESS: Cllr James has spoken to the company who provide the signs and estimates the cost to be around £200. Agreed to be carried forward to the next meeting to discuss further.

240/25 Councillor Vacancy

IN PROGRESS: The clerk confirmed there had be no applications received. Cllr M McGuinness to draft an advert for the Wudhus News.

241/25 National Grid Chesterfield-Willington consultation

No new updates at present.

242/25 Speed Indicator Device – update on data

Cllr Higgins informed that the device is gathering data which will be reviewed once the battery needs recharging.

243/25 Speedwatch

Covered in Public Participation.

244/25 2025 Event Planning including Memorial Sculpture – Ideas for suggestions.

Cllr Higgins confirmed that over 300 poppies were donated.

The Christmas Lights switch on was discussed and confirmed that the church had been booked and that the school choir will be performing. The Community Association will be providing the group refreshments and Peony's will be donating mince pies.

It was also confirmed that the Christmas Lights competition will go ahead and has been advertised in the latest edition of the Wudhus News.

245/25 Environment Improvement Plan

Cllr M Guinness has amended the drafted policy and circulated to Councillors. It was agreed to review at the next meeting.

246/25 Wudhus News – Review Content

The deadline for content is November 20th and Cllr Miller will be collecting the articles to send to the editor.

247/25 Correspondence

Borough Councillor A Paget has sent correspondence relating to a meeting of local Parish Councils and local campaigns to discuss potentially joining together. Cllr M McGuinness confirmed he will be attending.

228/25 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm

Tuesday 6th January at 7pm

Tuesday 3rd February at 7pm

Tuesday 4th November at 7pm