

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council held on
Tuesday 5th May 2026 Church Hall Horsley Woodhouse at 7.00pm

75/26 Present

K Seals (Chair), J Whitmore, S McGuinness, A James, M McGuinness, S Till and A Miller

Clerk H Varty

County and Borough Councillor L Pizzey

No members of the public

76/26 Election of Chair

RESOLVED: To elect Karen Seal as Chair.

77/26 Election of Vice-Chair

RESOLVED: To elect Sam McGuinness as Vice-Chair.

78/26 Public Participation

Cllr Pizzey confirmed that the the drains have been chased up with DCC. Once the map locating them has been received, Cllr Till informed he has found 2 companies who will provide for a full inspection report.

Cllr S McGuinness reported that another inappropriate picture has been found and forwarded for reporting to the Police.

79/26 Apologies

Cllr L Higgins.

80/26 Variation of Order of Business

None.

81/26 Declaration of Members Interests

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

82/26 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with public excluded.

None.

83/26 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026

Proposed by Cllr Till and seconded by Cllr Whitmore.

84/26 Matters arising

85/26 Play Inspections including dog fouling

- a) Councillors were also pleased to report that the hedges surrounding the play area at Horeston Recreation Ground have now been cut back, meaning the playground

equipment is no longer being encroached upon and the area is safer and more accessible for families and children. The clerk to ask for the grass verges to be cut lower as they are quickly getting tall again.

b) Horeston Recreation Ground

Cllr Till has ordered the new swing parts including parts and the chain.

c) Sitwell Recreation Ground

It was reported that Sitwell is in good condition and the zip wire to be tightened up before the summer.

86/26 Planning

None.

87/26 Finance

a) **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the payments below.

b) The fixed asset register was agreed

c) Payment for M Blackwell £340 for the grass strimming around the Parish was agreed.

Payment Type	Reason for Payment	Amount £
Employee Salary	April Salary	
Church Hall	Room Hire	24
Bus Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	44.54
H Varty	Company Package	12.10
Total		80.64

88/26 Main Street and Church Lane Road Signs

IN PROGRESS: Cllr James confirmed one sign has now been put back up and one more sign is awaiting to be. No further update as to when this will be.

89/26 Assertion 10 Update including adopting a GDPR policy and training

IN PROGRESS: The clerk confirmed the GDPR policy has been circulated and it was agreed for the clerk to make minor amendments and recirculate. It was agreed for Parish Councillors to complete the free GDPR training or send in training recorded to the clerk by the September meeting.

90/26 Appointment of an Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: The clerk informed that K Howe is unable to complete the internal audit. It was resolved to appoint East Midlands Audit Services at a cost of £200.

91/26 Plaques from the British Legion Discussion

IN PROGRESS: The Chair informed Councillors that there are a number of plaques left over from the British Legion building. Several options were discussed about where to keep/display them going forward and it was agreed Cllr M McGuinness will look at different options available.

92/26 Discuss the conditions of the drains in the village

IN PROGRESS: Agreed this was covered in public participation.

93/26 Bus service update including the letter from Lindsay Farnsworth

IN PROGRESS: The clerk confirmed further correspondence has been received from local MP Lindsay Farnsworth regarding the reinstatement of a potential bus route between Horsley Woodhouse and Derby. It was proposed and accepted to respond back that the suggested route is an improvement but not where the Parish Council would it to be. Cllrs M McGuinness and Till to arrange a meeting with Lindsay Farnsworth.

94/26 Speed Indicator Device-Update on data and license renewal

IN PROGRESS: The clerk advised that Civic Pride are able to carry out the lamp post testing at a cost of £15 per lamp post and it was agreed to proceed.

95/26 Speedwatch

IN PROGRESS: A new date will be set.

96/26 Councillor Vacancies

IN PROGRESS: The clerk confirmed no applications have been received. Cllr Whitmore confirmed this will be her last meeting before moving out of the Parish.

97/26 Event Planning 2026 including the memorial sculpture

IN PROGRESS: Cllr S McGuinness confirmed a sub committee meeting has taken place and there are plans for an Xmas film night, bake off event at the carnival and a Community Day event on 26th September. Cllr Till will investigate other Blacksmith options for the memorial sculpture.

98/26 Wudhus News – Review Content

It was agreed for the clerk to gather articles for the next edition in Cllr Miller's absence.

99/26 Wudhus News business advertisement discussion

IN PROGRESS: Discussions took place on how to advertise local businesses in the Wudhus News. The next steps agreed were for the clerk to investigate any policies in place, to contact the previous clerk for any historic procedure knowledge and to contact DALC for advice on policies regarding advertisement.

100/26 Correspondence

The clerk confirmed correspondence has been received from National Grid requesting information for land ownership for some maintenance work to be carried out near one of the lines. The land in question is not Parish Council owned and the clerk will respond back with suggestions on who to contact.

Correspondence has also been received from the Water Network Technician that covers the Horsley Woodhouse area for network leaks and improvements. They have offered to keep us informed of any works in the area.

Councillors also took the opportunity to thank former Chair Cllr Whitmore for her 12 years of hard work and dedication to the Parish Council and the local community. Her contribution and commitment over the years were greatly appreciated by all.

101/26 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd June 7pm

Tuesday 7th July 7pm

Tuesday 8th September 7pm