



Wheatley Parish Council Meeting Agenda for Monday, October 6, 2025

To: All Members of Wheatley Parish Council



Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Full Parish Council Meeting to be held at the Merry Bells, 89 High St, Wheatley on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 19:30 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed: *J. Collinson* Asst Clerk to the Parish Council, 01 October 2025
Members are reminded to declare an interest for relevant agenda

The meeting is held in public who are welcome to come along.

You can also watch live. Scan the QR Code to join.

There will be an OPEN SESSION at approximately 7.35pm, when questions may be taken from the public.

Copies of documentation and meeting links are available from the parish office,
clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01865 875615.

AGENDA

#90/25-26. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#91/25-26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Wilmott and Cllr Ramsdale for Wheatley Playing Fields Trust and Wheatley Rugby Club- item #104 ix

Cllr Newman & Cllr Thomas- Wheatley Park School

Cllr Barrett & Cllr Fox- The Merry Bells committee- item #104 vi

Cllr Sercombe- Wheatley Windmill Preservation Trust- item #104 xi

#92/25-26. **TO CO-OPT TO FILL FOUR VACANCIES (Local Government Act 1972 s82)**

2 applications received who will attend the meeting to present to council

#93/25-26. **TO RECEIVE MINUTES**

From Parish Council meeting held on **1st September 2025** – previously circulated

#94/25-26. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

From Parish Council meeting held on **1st September 2025** – previously circulated

- i. VAS updates to 20mph. Emails have been sent on the 02/06/2025 to both companies who have supplied the signs. Replies have confirmed signs can not be adapted for new 20mph so new devices will be needed. Quotes still being sought
- ii. Tree work- meeting held with Tree Surgeon to discuss work needed, Tree Register being updated to establish what needs surveying
- iii. Cooper Close land, potential storage area, still to be investigated

#95/25-26. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & PUBLIC QUESTIONS (maximum of 30mins in total and 5mins per person)**

#96/25-26. PRESENTATION FROM SCOTTISH & SOUTHERN ELECTRICITY NETWORKS ON THEIR PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER (PSR)

Presentation by Graham Slaven on the free service for those that need support most in a powercut and all the other resources they have to support customers. Things like- The 105 number, the community fund and the Powertrack app.

#97/25-26. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM OFFICERS

And includes

- i. A new Parish Clerk has been appointed- Sophie Coda, for 30 hours a week. Sophie was previously a Parish Councillor 18 months ago and lives within the village. There will also be an experienced Clerk- Allison Leigh supporting which policies, and mentoring Sophie for 10 hours per week for a 6 month period.
- ii. Newsletter Oct/ Nov distributed. Dec/ Jan deadline- Thursday 6th November 2025, earlier due to the Christmas Fair
- iii. Littleworth Allotments- new contract still to draft
- iv. Grounds Team been off sick so limited work has been completed outside
- v. Annual Play area inspections taken place- action plan to be created for completion
- vi. Tool marking booked with Thames Valley Police
- vii. Antisocial/ Criminal Behaviour- continuing. Residents are encouraged to report all incidents to the Police. Environmental Visual Audit has taken place and we are awaiting OCC's recommendations from it.
- viii. Parking on Littleworth Apron- work continuing with DVLA/ SODC/ OCC
- ix. Winter Preparedness- salt ordered and due for delivery by the end of Oct
- x. Tree work- SSE to carry out work near Littleworth Nature Reserve/ Allotments to ensure clearance for existing overhead cables, date TBC
- xi. Kelham/ Farm Close Alley, OCC to clear the pipes behind the flats, of roots and silt, which will prevent flooding in the alley. Asst Clerk has chased to confirm if the work has been completed.
- xii. Asst Clerk has joined the Police Cyber Resilience Centre for the South East, on the Parish Council's behalf, following the Cyber Security Training
- xiii. A Remembrance wreath has already been sought for Remembrance Day, Sunday 9th November 2025, when a Parish Council representative will be lay it.

#98/25-26. TO DISCUSS RECENT/UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- i. Local Produce Market- Sat 13th September 2025, another successful event apart from the refreshment arrangements pulling out on the day
- ii. Wheatley Christmas Fair- Friday 28th November 2025, 2pm-8pm. Planning.
- iii. Councillor Development Day- Saturday 11th October 2025 9am-3pm, Coffee Room The Merry Bells

#99/25-26. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR- CLLR BEARDER

#100/25-26. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SODC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR- CLLR RAMSDALE

#101/25-26. TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO CONSULTATIONS None

#102/25-26. TO APPROVE CORE DOCUMENTS None

#103/25-26. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM:

- i. Finance Committee – 16.06.2025, next meeting 20.10.2025
- ii. Open Spaces Committee –15.09.2025, next meeting 17.11.2025
- iii. Planning Committee – 10.09.2025, next meeting 08.10.2025
- iv. Staffing Committee – 21.05.2025, next meeting TBC
- v. Littleworth Playing Fields Working Group –no meeting
- vi. Oxford Brookes Development Working Group - no meeting
- vii. Traffic Working Group – 23.09.2025, awaiting minutes, next meeting TBC
- viii. Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group- 20.08.2025, next meeting TBC
- ix. Littleworth Apron Working Group- 27.03.2025, next meeting TBC

#104/25-26. TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS FROM:

- i. Community Larder- Cllr Willmott
- ii. Flooding Group/ Actions- Flood Wardens, to be discussed at Cllr Development Day. Update from MP Freddie Van Mierio
- iii. Good Neighbour Scheme– no update received
- iv. Howe Trust- Two cooptative vacancies to be filled, to be discussed at Cllr Development Day
- v. Maple Tree Centre– no update received
- vi. Merry Bells Management Committee- Cllr Barrett
- vii. Thames Valley Police- Quarterly meeting held 03.10.2025
- viii. Wheatley Charities – reported dated 08.09.2025 received
- ix. Wheatley Playing Field Trust – reported dated 26.09.2025 received
- x. Wheatley Ukraine Refugee Group- no update received
- xi. Wheatley Windmill Preservation Trust- Cllr Sercombe. Next Open day Sunday 12th October, 2pm-5pm

#105/25-26. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION

- i. SODC updates- Food & Warmth Grant, Half Term Activities in South & Vale, Garden Waste permit scheme success, Response to Planning Inspector on the Joint Local Plan
- ii. Oxford County Council Updates- Doggy Swims, OxRAIL, Fibre Broadband operational work, Council Chief stands down,
- iii. NALC Updates
- iv. OALC Newsletter
- v. Healthwatch Oxfordshire Briefings
- vi. Matthew Barber- Police & Crime Commissioner updates
- vii. Thames Valley Police- Police Officer pay increases,
- viii. Citizens Advice AGM 15.10.2025
- ix. Greater Oxford petition to reject

#106/25-26. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#107/25-26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd November 2025