

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14th January 2026.01/26.

Clerk to the Council, Andrea Evans, Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham, Worcs, WR11 8RW.
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Present: Councillors, T Hemming, R Gutteridge, T Cumberland, J Neal, S Wride,
M Emerson, N Austin.

Clerk, A. Evans.

1. **Apologies** –

DC Emma Sims.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.**

No-one attended.

4. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on the 12th November 2025 were agreed, proposed by
RG, seconded by TH with a unanimous vote in favour. Signed by SW.

5. **District / County Councillors Report**

Reports will be added to the minutes and website when provided.

DC E Sims provided a report which will be added to website and on noticeboards.

6. **Police Report:**

Update from www.police.uk

PCSO Lee Stirling attended to provide an update of the structure of Evesham Rural Policing, which Wickhamford fall into. They cover 72 villages over a wide area but PCSO Stirling will working out of Evesham and therefore can monitor Wickhamford.

In the past 30 days:

No reports of anti social behaviour
No reports of burglary
No reports of theft or theft of cars.

In past 90 days:

There has been 1 report of criminal damage and no other reports.

7. **Parish Council:**

a. Update on land transfer and planning of site.
There have been no further updates as the matter is still going through the probate process.

b. Delivery of newsletter.

Despite 2 adverts in parish newsletter and posts on FB, there have been 2 enquiries but no applicants to deliver the newsletter. Cllrs agreed that they would ask TH if his children could deliver in January, if not, SW and NA agreed to deliver it as a 'one off'. Going forward it was agreed to advertise further afield to see if that would encourage any applications.

c. Playing field renovations- No further information has been received. It was agreed to remove from agenda and re-visit when contacted.

d. Village record of councillors past & present- This project cannot be fully actioned until the land transfer is completed, however, councillors agreed to gather the information prior to this. It was agreed to put a notice in newsletter and contact Tom Locke from Badsey Society to establish a list of past parish councillors.

e. Newsletter-Church Appeal- There is no information on this matter so it is regarded as closed.

f. Review of Christmas event and consider details for summer event.

This event was a huge success with many residents attending. It was agreed that the date would be set for December 2026 as Saturday 12th December 2026. Cllrs requested that clerk contacts club to start the process of assisting with a summer event working alongside the club. Several suggestions were made that can be passed on to the club.

g. Allowance for councillors-CALC- Dealt with under Finance, item 9b.

• **8. Planning.**

a. The following applications were considered/noted:

a	<p>Case No: W/25/02574/HP</p> <p>Location: The Sheiling Manor Road, Wickhamford.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed ground floor front and rear extensions, loft dormer alterations, façade alterations erection of 2 car ports and associated works.</p> <p>Parish Council Decision: No objections</p> <p>Wychavon Decision:</p>
b	<p>Case No: W/25/02596/PIP</p> <p>Location: Orchard farm, Evesham Road, Broadway.</p> <p>Proposal: Permission in principle for up to 2 dwellings.</p> <p>Parish Council Decision: Wickhamford PC has the following comments to make: There are a few inaccuracies, it states that:</p>

	<p><i>" Wickhamford as (sic) a village hall, church and first school, village shop, post office and public house. A first school is located in the adjoining village Badsey."</i></p> <p>Wickhamford has no Post Office, school, or Public House, although it goes on to say that there is a First school at Badsey. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal would lead to a loss of yet more agricultural land in the area. • It would create more traffic at a recognised dangerous junction on the A44 • The site lies outside the settlement boundaries of Wickhamford identified in the South Worcestershire Development Plan, Adopted 2016" and is "proposed in contrary to policies SWDP2, SWDP4 <p>Wychavon Decision:</p>
c	<p>Case No: W/25/02358/FUL</p> <p>Location: 23 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford</p> <p>Proposal: Siting of shepherds hut in rear of garden for use as short term holiday accommodation and to accommodate family visitors.</p> <p>Parish Council Decision: Deadline missed for response.</p> <p>Wychavon Decision:</p>
d	<p>Case No: W/25/02725/FUL</p> <p>Location: Tower View Farm, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford</p> <p>Proposal: Removal of condition 3 (agricultural Occupancy) of planning permission 86/00546 for the construction of an agricultural bungalow</p> <p>Parish Council Decision: No objections</p> <p>Wychavon Decision:</p>

b. To note the following decisions/appeal:

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Decision:

c. The South Worcestershire Development Plan Main Modifications Consultation was noted.

9. Finance:

- a. A list of payments to be drawn this month were approved and cheques already signed and ratified and the statement of balance of accounts 2025 approved as follows, proposed by SW, seconded by RG with a unanimous vote in favour:

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Treasurers

Statement Number	46	Bank Statement No.	46
Statement Opening Balance	£5,279.11	Opening Date	01/11/25
Statement Closing Balance	£4,960.71	Closing Date	29/12/25
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£4,960.71		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/11/25		Badsey & Aldington Parish Council	0.00	7.50	5,286.61
03/11/25		Bretforton Parish Council	0.00	7.50	5,294.11
03/11/25		Badsey PC	3.00	0.00	5,291.11
04/11/25		Andrea Evans	10.00	0.00	5,281.11
04/11/25		Andrea Evans	24.73	0.00	5,256.38
04/11/25		Andy Tyrrell	382.00	0.00	4,874.38
05/11/25		Andrea Evans	540.00	0.00	4,334.38
05/11/25		HP Ink	28.99	0.00	4,305.39
05/11/25		Amazon	11.00	0.00	4,294.39
06/11/25		Defib Warehouse	243.79	0.00	4,050.60
06/11/25		Smartcut	136.80	0.00	3,913.80
10/11/25		HMRC	135.00	0.00	3,778.80
11/11/25		Bretforton Parish Council	1,803.50	0.00	1,975.30
11/11/25	Transfer		0.00	1,803.50	3,778.80
12/11/25		Argos	199.99	0.00	3,578.81
14/11/25		Amazon	20.34	0.00	3,558.47
14/11/25		AEDDonate	780.00	0.00	2,778.47
14/11/25		Tesco	140.00	0.00	2,638.47
14/11/25		Andrea Evans	9.95	0.00	2,628.52
17/11/25	Transfer		0.00	3,000.00	5,628.52
18/11/25		Lloyds Bank	4.25	0.00	5,624.27
18/11/25		Wychavon DC	116.84	0.00	5,507.43
01/12/25		Andrea Evans	47.48	0.00	5,459.95
01/12/25		Badsey PC	3.00	0.00	5,456.95
01/12/25		Worcestershire County Council	0.00	382.00	5,838.95
01/12/25		Badsey & Aldington Parish Council	0.00	7.50	5,846.45
01/12/25		Bretforton Parish Council	0.00	7.50	5,853.95
01/12/25		Andy Tyrrell	75.00	0.00	5,778.95

05/12/25
08/12/25

Andrea Evans
HMRC

540.00
135.00

0.00
0.00

5,238.95
5,103.95

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list

Start of year

01/04/25

No	Payment Reference	Gross	To pay	Heading	Invoice	Invoice	Details
1137		£10.58	£10.58	20500	06/01/26		Screwfix - Bus stop repairs/Sally
1138		£294.00	£294.00	21300	08/01/26		Andy Tyrrell - VAS
1139		£53.05	£53.05	21700	08/01/26		Andrea Evans - monthly expenses
Sub Total		£357.63	£357.63				
		£135.00	£135.00		Confidential		
Total		£492.63	£492.63				

- b. Precept request for 2026/27 following budget review in November 2025 and Allowance for councillors. Cllrs considered the precept for 2026/27 taking into account the budget discussions of November 2025 and the tax base provided by Wychavon. The tax base is slightly lower this year which means that there are less households contributing to the precept. If the PC were to keep the amount the same at £18000k this would represent an increase on a tax band D property of 3.6% which is £2.01. Councillors are mindful of the fact that costs are going up and that they need to ensure a realistic increase so that they can cover their costs and ensure that Wickhamford has all the services that it needs. TC proposed, seconded by SW with a unanimous vote in favour to increase the precept by 20%. It was agreed that clerk would work the calculations to as close to this as possible using a round amount for request. Precept will be £20750 which is an increase of £11.26 per year on a tax band D property to £66.99 and a % of 20.2%. This is still well below the national average of £92.22. Cllrs are also mindful of the recent note regarding including an allowance for councillors to facilitate them attending PC meetings. NA questioned whether there was a point taking into account her own current situation. The idea of the allowance is so that no one is prevented becoming a councillor because they may need to care for relatives or children in order to carry out PC business. The cllrs agreed to be mindful of considering an allowance should it be required within their funds. SW asked clerk to look into an inclusion policy for councillors.
- c. A donation for church mowing as in previous years. A request has been received to consider a donation to church mowing. RG proposed, seconded by NA with a unanimous vote in favour to make a donation of £250.

10. Lengthsman:

- a. Tasks required-

11. Items for the next Agenda

- Add bleed kit locations to newsletter
- Report caravans as living on Styles land

12. **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2025- Wickhamford Memorial Hall.**

Items for the next Agenda must be received 7 days prior to the above date.

Andrea Evans

Clerk to Wickhamford Parish Council.
Meeting Closed at 8.16pm.

Signed.....Chairperson

Date.....

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