

Minutes of West Winch Parish Council

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 7:30 pm at West Winch Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Alan Johnson- **Chair**, Cllr Frank Dutton- **Vice Chair**, Cllr Gavin Ball,
Cllr Adam Gipp, Cllr John Collier, Cllr Thrower, Cllr John Lamb
Clerk – Rob Shaw PSLCC

Also present: CC Kemp, BC Nash

Members of the Public(MOP) -17

Business to be transacted in accordance with Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, 10(2) (b)

26. WW 121 Welcome from the Chair and to receive Apologies for Absence.(LGA 1972 s 85(1))

No Absentees

26. WW 122

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. (Localism Act 2011 s 31 s33)

Cllr Thrower declared a nonpecuniary interest in the WW football club due to family involvement.

26. WW 123

**To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th May 2026.
(in accordance with Standing Order 12a)**

The Minutes were received – Proposed: **Cllr Ball** – Seconded: **Cllr Dutton** – All Agreed – The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

26. WW124

To Receive Reports from County Councillor and Borough Councillors. (5 minutes each)

CC Kemp read out her report – updates – County Council provision of Schools , Care Home Discussions and the West Winch Stakeholders meeting to be held this week between 1.30pm and 3.30pm

BC Nash – Updated - enquiries regarding the crossing on the A10 are to be followed up. BC Nash also reported he is now back on the oversight and Scrutiny committee and the constitutional working group and the local IDB.

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. WW 125**Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public. (10 minutes only in total)**

MOP – wished to register his thanks to the work that the County Councillor, Borough councillors and the Parish Council for what they all achieve for the village in light of derogatory comments that have surfaced on social media.

26.WW 126**Items to note:**

The registration of the Pound will not be going ahead as no interest to follow this through by the owners.

The registration of Public rights of way has been extended by DEFRA for another 5 years.

The Clerk is to contact the current owners of the Phone box in Setchey to see if they will work with the parish council to utilise the facility for a Defibrillator in that part of the village.

Items Noted.**Agenda Items**

26. WW 127 The Chairman read out a statement in regard to the needed closure of the Village Hall for refurbishments – Appendix 1 - After the statement was read out, the Chair opened up the floor for MOP to respond.

M'sOP then responded with questions in relation to the council's decision to close the Nursery at the hall – There were concerns raised regarding communication and the notice given to the hirer of the hall.

Cllr Gipp mentioned that there had been numerous meetings and the decision had not been taken lightly.

MOP – Stated that a public consultation maybe should have taken place.

MOP – Suggested a temporary unit on the tennis courts to support the nursery

The Chair suggested that the school may be able to provide support.

County Councillor Kemp stated that she had indeed been in touch with Child Support Services to see what could be done – They are to contact the school –

The Chair stated that the council would take on board the comments raised and feedback in due course.

26. WW 127a The council heard from the Chairman of the Adult WWFC in relation to the meeting held at the field with Cllr Gipp and Cllr Thrower – followed up with an email offering possible solutions to the issue of balls leaving the field and entering Long Lane –

The council stated that they will look into the suggestions of a net but were not in the position to supply it at this time -

BC Nash interjected to offer the suggestion of a possible grant to cover the cost of the nets for the football club,

The Club suggested they have tried in the past to apply for a grant but had been unsuccessful. The council resolved to await the outcome of the grant application before making any further decision.

The Council agreed to respond ASAP

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. WW 127b The Drone policy was discussed and will be revisited in the future – No resolution to adopt at this time.

26. WW 127c Two nominations were received this year for the Stephen Walker Cup, and these were both read out by the Chair – The Council voted - 5 members voted for Mr Joshua Simpson – 2 councillors abstained. The Cup will be retrieved from the 2025 winner, and Mr Simpson will be invited to the next meeting to be presented with the Cup for 2026 – Clerk to action.

26. WW 128 Planning Consultations

New Planning Application Consultations received from Borough Council/NCC.

None

Notices of Decision by Borough Council and County Council

None

NOTED.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Accounts & Finance including:

26. WW 129 To Note Balance of Accounts on 1st June 2026 – **Noted**

To Note Balance of Accounts - 1st June 2026					
Unity Current Account					£14,626.30
Unity Savings Account					£104,191.90
Total					£118,818.20

26. WW 130 To consider/review the payments for June 2026 – **Noted**

Payments for Authorisation - June2026						
HMRC	877.86	0.00	877.86	EP	HMRC - Contribu	
K&M Lighting	39.60	7.92	47.52	EP	K&M Lighting - S	
Lawn Boy	43.34	8.67	52.01	EP	Lawn Boy - Hanc	
Urm Recycling	19.28	3.86	23.14	EP	URM - Recycling	
Key Grounds	415.00	83.00	498.00	EP	Key Grounds - M	
William George	95.00	19.00	114.00	PF	Willia	
Ecotricity	165.85	8.29	174.14	DD	Ecotric	

26. WW 131 To Note money received – **Noted**

To Note Income Received upto 1st June 2026				
WBSC	Rent		£	382.16
WBBC	Water		£	58.85
WWVH	Water		£	117.88
NCC	Recycling Credit		£	195.92
RFO	Recharge		£	466.67
HM	Recharge		£	284.81
HC	Recharge		£	565.78

26. WW 132 – Nothing to note this month

Signed _____

Dated _____

Invoices due for payment but received after the publication of the agenda may be considered.

26. WW 133 To resolve to move into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with The Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, s.1(2) to –

Further to the football issue on the field - Councillors discussed suppling signage to the area to warn drivers of Children playing in the area –Clerk to obtain costs - Discussions will continue until a resolution is found.

A Letter from a MOP was read out to reiterate the issue with safety at this point on the field.

**26. WW 134 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda
by Noon Monday 13th July 2026.**

**26. WW 135 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council, scheduled for
Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7:30 pm at the West Winch Village Hall**

26. WW 136 Close of meeting: - 21.18 (9:18pm)

Any business to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the clerk for inclusion in accordance with Standing Order 9b. Please use the “Agenda Item Request Form” and include as much information as possible including any proposal.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Appendix 1:

PUBLIC NOTICE

West Winch Village Hall Closure for Refurbishment

West Winch Parish Council wishes to inform residents, user groups, hirers, and visitors that West Winch Village Hall will be closed from August 2026 to enable a programme of essential refurbishment and improvement works to be undertaken.

As funding arrangements are finalised and works are scheduled, the refurbishment programme may be carried out in phases throughout the remainder of 2026. Consequently, precise timescales for completion cannot yet be confirmed.

This decision has not been taken lightly. Following careful consideration, the Parish Council has concluded that significant works are required to safeguard the future of this important community asset. The primary focus of the initial phase will be the replacement of the Village Hall roof, together with measures to improve the building's energy efficiency and long-term sustainability.

The condition of the roof has deteriorated over a number of years. While minor repairs have been undertaken where possible, these have only provided temporary solutions. Professional assessments have indicated that further patch repairs are unlikely to offer a sustainable remedy, and a full roof replacement is now considered necessary.

The Council has become increasingly concerned about the condition of the roof, particularly at the rear of the building where tiles have become loose and water ingress occurs during periods of heavy rainfall. This has resulted in damage to parts of the building, including electrical installations, particularly within the kitchen area. In light of these concerns, the Council has a duty to act responsibly and address the issue before further deterioration occurs.

The decision to close the hall is based primarily on health and safety considerations and the need to protect the integrity of the building while major works are undertaken.

Giggles and Squiggles Preschool

As part of the refurbishment programme, the Parish Council has also made the difficult decision to terminate the hire agreement with Giggles and Squiggles Preschool.

This decision was made because the refurbishment works are expected to take place over an extended and uncertain period. The Council considered that repeated closures and interruptions to hall access would create significant disruption for the preschool, its staff, children, and families. By providing notice at the earliest opportunity, the Council hopes to give the preschool sufficient time to secure alternative accommodation where it can continue to operate without the uncertainty and disruption associated with the refurbishment programme.

The Council recognises the valuable contribution that Giggles and Squiggles Preschool has made to the local community and appreciates that this decision may be disappointing for families and those connected with the setting. Every effort has been made to communicate openly with the preschool regarding the situation and to provide reasonable notice to allow alternative arrangements to be explored.

West Winch Parish Council remains committed to supporting community organisations wherever possible and wishes Giggles and Squiggles every success in the future.

Signed _____

Dated _____

During the Closure Period

For health and safety reasons, no bookings, activities, or events will be able to take place within the Village Hall while the roof replacement works are being undertaken. The Parish Council will provide updates to residents and user groups as further information becomes available and will endeavour to keep the community informed throughout the project.

The refurbishment represents a significant investment in the future of West Winch Village Hall and will help ensure that the facility remains safe, sustainable, and fit for purpose for generations to come.

Further details regarding the scope of the works, funding arrangements, anticipated timescales, and reopening plans will be shared as the project progresses.

The Parish Council thanks residents, user groups, and the wider community for their patience, understanding, and continued support during this period of disruption

Signed _____

Dated _____