

## WYLYE PARISH COUNCIL

### RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 1800 HRS ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 AT THE WYVERN HALL

#### PRESENT

Name	Appointment
Mr Piers Williams (PW)	Chair
Mrs. Alice Clarke (ALC)	Vice Chair
Mr. Spencer Bull (SB)	Councillor
Mr Anthony Beattie (AB)	Councillor
Ms. Laura Napper	Clerk
Public present: 1 member of public present	

#### POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
	<b><u>Public Session</u></b>	
143/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Cllr James Hussey (JH) Cllr Amelisa Wright (AW) Cllr Andrew Clarke (AC)</p>	
144/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>To discuss dispensations</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
145/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
146/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wiltshire Cllr report</u></b></p> <p>Sent her apologies, Cllr Wayment sent a written report as below - Wiltshire Area Board in Mere.</p> <p>We are in the Budget setting throes at Wiltshire Council. Proposals include removal of funding for Community Transport - £115,000 – which includes £50k support for Link Schemes. The Conservative Group have objected vociferously to this as Link Schemes provide vital support for the infirm and vulnerable needing transport to medical appointments, etc.</p> <p>The Parish Emergency Grants - £50k is also proposed to be removed. Again, we feel this is an unnecessary cut.</p> <p>The Parish Steward scheme is being ‘refocussed’. The stewards will be spending more time on pothole filling and likely less time doing other jobs parishes ask them to do.</p> <p>At the moment, I am unsure how our Local Highways and Footways Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) are to be redesigned, but it looks like funding will be taken away from the LHFIGs and diverted to the Substantive Bid process. This will benefit the larger towns who want to see the larger, more expensive projects, but will disadvantage the rural areas, especially SW Wiltshire with 39 parishes, who are wanting to see smaller safety schemes introduced. Our budget is not large and will be even smaller if more funding is removed.</p> <p>LHFIG meetings are also likely to be reduced from four to three meetings a year, as are area board meetings.</p> <p>Area Board grant funding is to be altered. Wiltshire Council is proposing to set up a Community Lottery and to use the profits to provide area board grants. The</p>	

	<p>administration is also looking into crowdfunding to pull in support for grants. How this will work is, as yet, unknown.</p> <p>I am sure you are aware of the proposal to increase parking charges. Parking charges have not been increased for four years, but the new administration is proposing to extend the parking hours, currently 8am-6pm, to 7am-7pm and change the Sunday flat rate charge to bring them into line with the standard weekly charges. This stretching of the charges will damage the night time economy, penalising those who travel into towns for evening entertainment and those who travel in for church and cathedral services on a Sunday. Needless to say, Blue Badge holders are able to park for free even if they're able to afford to pay for parking.</p> <p>On a lighter note, I attended the Cranborne Chase National Landscape (CCNL) Annual Forum last week. As you know, I am the Wiltshire Council representative on the CCNL and very proud to support their work. The Chase and Chalk Landscape Partnership has now ended, but the team have a very long list of volunteers willing to do work across the whole of the CCNL. The Team are still looking for Parish Walk checkers for those who do not wish to travel further than their local area. It would involve checking local footpaths regularly to report back any obstructions, etc, to the Team to keep their website up to date.</p> <p>The CCNL also now have an Information Truck which will be available to attend and village or parish event if you think that would be helpful raise awareness of the Cranborne Chase. Please contact the Team <a href="mailto:info@cranbornechase.org.uk">info@cranbornechase.org.uk</a></p> <p>There is a "Workshop on energy in your community" on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 6-8.30pm at the Hinton Hall in Tisbury to explore renewable energy in the area. Free buffet. I will be attending to be the voice of CCNL (conserving and enhancing natural beauty).</p>	
147/26	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Wylve Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</u></b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were agreed. Proposed by SB and Seconded by ALC.</p> <p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>132/25 The Chair has corresponded with Highways about the trees on the highway north of Wylve, they have acknowledged this, so hopefully action will be taken in due course.</p> <p>134/25 The Chair has spoken to the resident, they are looking at a raised bed option but this has not been confirmed yet, the Chair will ask the resident for his ideas in writing and bring back to the next meeting.</p>	
148/26	<p><b><u>To hear the Chair's announcements</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
149/26	<p><b><u>Finance/Clerk Report</u></b></p> <p>Clerk Report matters dealt with under delegated powers.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Clerk Update</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>a. Balance in the treasurers account as per bank statement on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 26 £13,028.26 Transactions made since last meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with a previous Bank balance of £22,246.22</p> <p>Payments made <b>See appendix attached</b></p>	

	b. Payments to issue for agreement.	
150/26	<b><u>To approve items of expenditure listed in the period Dec/Jan 2026.</u></b> These payments were approved, proposed Cllr PW and seconded by Cllr SB.	
151/26	<b><u>Allotments</u></b> All Cllrs agreed to instruct Thomas & Co to act on behalf of Wylve PC. An initial invoice has been received from Thomas & Co for £800 plus vat for the checking of the lease from Wiltshire Council, the Clerk will pay this.	<b>Clerk</b>
152/26	<b><u>Notice Board</u></b> The Deptford notice board is open to elements now the large hedge around it has been removed, Cllr AB agreed to address this to give the board some protection. Wylve's notice board door replacement has arrived and the invoice is now to be paid for the replacement, £1120 plus vat. The Clerk raised that more keys are needed to access the board, one needs to be secured somewhere on the board so the public can access their side on the right, Parish Council has ownership of the left.	<b>AB</b> <b>Chair</b>
153/26	<b><u>Dog poo bag dispensers/Bins</u></b> The Chair has had a meeting with Wiltshire Council and they have agreed that we can re deploy 2 general waste bins, it has been agreed to move the one by the church to Fisherton De le mere, by the notice board/bridge. The playground bin that is not in use as WC forget to empty it, it was agreed to move it to Townsend, by the railway crossing. Bag dispensers are to be purchased from Amazon in a green color and positioned onto gates and posts where appropriate. The Chair will action this.	<b>Chair</b>
154/26	<b><u>Emergency Relief Contingency Plan</u></b> A resident has approached the Chair asking if we have a plan in place, we don't currently have one and this is not something that we are planning to adopt in the near future.	
155/26	<b><u>Potholes- Townsend</u></b> Some of the potholes have been filled this week, the road still needs attention. The PC are aware and will continue to follow this up. The public are encouraged to report any potholes/issues to My Wilts.	
156/26	<b><u>Playground Equipment Grants/Funding</u></b> Another application to the National Lottery will be submitted for the funding of the next stage of the playground refurbishment.	
157/26	<b><u>Village Community Shop</u></b> The hub is now recognised by the FCA so hopefully a bank account should now be able to be opened. The recent fundraising events have raised £1700 towards costs.	
158/26	<b><u>Planning</u></b> PL/2026/00331 Down House This application was discussed and it was agreed by all Cllrs to submit a 'Support' comment to WC.	<b>Clerk</b>
159/26	<b><u>Highway Matters</u></b> Correspondence received from a resident about the issue with severe potholes in Townsend, the Chair has responded and confirmed that some of the potholes have now been dealt with, the PC are still pursuing the issues at Townsend and will continue to do so until this issue is rectified.	

160/26	<b><u>Footpaths</u></b> Nothing to report.	
161/26	<b><u>Matters for the Parish Steward</u></b> Cllr AW to continue communications with the PS.	<b>AW</b>
162/26	<b><u>Correspondance</u></b> None.	
163/26	<b><u>Items for the Website/Messenger/Notice Boards</u></b> Clerk/ALC will ensure the website is up to date.	
164/26	<b><u>Items to be added to the next agenda</u></b> Litter Pick Village Shop representative (invite) Village Hall representative (invite)	
165/26	<b><u>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting</u></b> Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026 @ 6pm	
	Date: _____ Chairman	