

Wexham Court Parish Council (WCPC)

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Wexham Court Parish Council
held at Parish Hall, Norway Drive, Slough SL2 5QP on
Tuesday 12th March, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

12032024-01 Councillors Present:

Name	Present	Not Present
Cllr I. Ahmed	Y	
Cllr M. Ahmed	Y	
Cllr S. Akbar		N
Cllr H. Bajwa	Y	
Cllr H. Gahir		N
Cllr H. Javed		N
Cllr M. Javed		N
Cllr G. Jeynes	Y	
Cllr K. Kaur		N
Cllr M. Satti	Y	
Cllr G. Singh		N

In attendance: Adil Iftakhar - CLERK to WCPC

Members of Public Present: 2

12032024-02 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr S. Akbar.

12032024-03 Declarations of Interest

None Received.

12032024-04 Approval of minutes of meetings held on the 5th January 2024

It was unanimously resolved, by those present, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record.

12032024-05 Public Question Time

Q1: Who has the Parish Jewel? (Same question as asked in last meeting)

Response: The previous chairman, Cllr H. Gahir has not handed back the Jewel despite the clerk requesting him to do so via email. The Jewel is the property of the parish council and should always be kept in the parish hall and be given out to the chairperson on formal occasions only. The clerk is requested to request the jewel to be returned again and failure to do so will result in a complaint being made against the Cllr H. Gahir to the relevant authorities.

12032024-06 Communications Policy 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved the Communications Policy 2024 be approved.

12032024-07 Freedom of Information Act Policy 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved and approved, the Freedom of Information Act Policy 2024 be approved subject to an amendment in which parishioners wouldn't be charged fees.

12032024-08 Data Breach Procedure 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved the Data Breach procedure 2024 be approved.

12032024-09 Volunteer Policy 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved the Volunteer Policy 2024 be approved.

12032024-10 Equality & Diversity Policy 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved the Equality & Diversity Policy 2024 be approved.

12032024-11 Scheme of Delegation 2024

WCPC unanimously resolved the Scheme of Delegation 2024 be approved.

12032024-12 External Auditor's Certificate & Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2022/23

WCPC unanimously resolved to note the External Auditor's Certificate and the Clerk confirmed the Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2022/23 had been posted in a conspicuous place.

12032024-13 Land North of Norway Drive- Dispute

After considering and discussing the letter dated 1st February 2024 from the executive director of regeneration, housing and environment at Slough Borough Council (SBC). WCPC unanimously resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to provide a formal response.

12032024-14 Summer Fete

The idea of arranging a summer fete was discussed and approved by all those present. WCPC unanimously resolved to use Section 137 funds with a budget of £5,000.00 towards the summer fete, therefore, authority was delegated to the Clerk to organise the summer fete with the assistance of Cllr G.Jeynes and Cllr S. Akbar.

12032024-15 Clerk Update

The clerk informed the council of the following:

- Natwest Current Account Bank Balance: £196,691.60.
- Saving Accounts: Redwood Bank (£85,000), Cambridge & Counties Bank (£85,000), Nationwide (£85,000) and Buckinghamshire Building Society (£85,000).
- The legal case around election expenses is still ongoing against SBC. Mediation was unsuccessful as the offer put forward was turned down.
- The banking mandate for the change of signatories has been completed.
- Currently exploring grant funding opportunities
- The handrail outside the parish hall has been replaced.
- Had a meeting with SBC officers in relation to taking control of parks/open spaces, therefore, further information around this would be provided to council in the foreseeable future in order for them to make an informed decision on the matter.

2032024-16 Payment List – March 2024

The payment list for March, 2024 was presented at the meeting and unanimously approved. Former Cllr Ghalib Hussain, one of the signatories, was requested to sign the cheques until the signatories have been changed. The Clerk was requested to issue the cheques as soon as possible.

Position:
Signature:
Date: