

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room on
Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm.**

24/25.151 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Helena Datta (HD), Stewart Hall (SH), Mark Flannigan (MF), Guy Rafferty (GR) and Pete Skinner (PS)

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Janet Richards, NFDC

24/25.152 Declarations of interest: None

24/25.153 Minutes of previous meeting held on 11/02/2025.

24/25.153.1 Following a review of the minutes, it was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

24/25.153.1 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items.

Speed Indicator Devices - WPC are still awaiting formal assessment of the sites from Hampshire Highways. The result of the CIL application for funding for the SID's will be known in April.

Densome Wood - AJ has been in contact with New Forest Acquisitions who will arrange inspection of the trees in the triangle area.

Parking at the Common - Preliminary enquiries with Forestry England and other organisations have ascertained that the creation of any new parking would be a very lengthy and difficult process.

24/25.154 Public Participation: No public present.

24/25.155 Report by New Forest District Councillor. Cllr Richards was unable to attend.

24/25.156 Planning: The following applications were discussed:-

Case Number	25/00183TPO
Proposal	Fell 1 x Grand Fir tree (Tree part of W1 of TPO/0069/05)
Site	Frithway, Upper Densome Wood, Woodgreen, SP6 2QU

Case Number	25/00184TPO
Proposal	Prune 1 x Sweet Gum tree, Fell 1 x Tulip tree. (Both trees are part of TPO/0069/05)
Site	New Forest Close Woodgreen Common Road, SP6 2QU

PS and HD visited all the sites and had no issues with the proposed works and therefore recommended to accept the decision of the National Park Authority Tree Officer. This was unanimously agreed.

24/25.157 Meetings Attended: MF was updated by PCSO Steve May on recent crimes in the area and any activities to be vigilant of.

24/25.158 Consultations:

Hampshire and the Solent Devolution Policy (Consultation until 13th April)

New Forest National Park Local Plan Review (Consultation until 18th March)

LB will respond to both consultations on behalf of Woodgreen PC. All parishioners are encouraged to respond online. (For further information see the Woodgreen PC website.)

24/25.159 Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 23rd April at 7pm in Woodgreen Village Hall. It will follow a similar format to last year with local groups invited along to promote themselves. Cllr Heron, Cllr Richards and PCSO Steve May will present reports and answer questions. There will also be an update from Play Matters on the proposed play area followed by discussion. Full details will be in the April parish magazine. Cheese and wine will be provided.

24/25.160 Village Signs: WPC would like to install wooden signs on some of the unmarked lanes in the village e.g. Love Lane, Trimm’s Drove. A recent inspection has been carried out to see where signs are needed and how they can be installed. Avon Valley Shed are unable to make the signs so another maker will be found.

24/25.161 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property (including the cemetery, roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) :

Lengthsman - The Lengthsman will be working in the village in April. Any dragon's teeth that are missing or damaged will be logged for replacement.

Newly planted elms - 6 disease resistant elm trees have been planted along the field boundary of Halls Field. Councillors will install tree guards on Thursday 13th March, materials have been purchased at a cost of £95.25.

Gate post - The gate post behind the shop has been replaced.

Bench - A bench on the common has a broken slat, SH will look at.

Abandoned road signs - There are many in the village which have all been reported to HCC.

24/25.162 EmergencyPlan: HCC has produced a template of “Community Emergency Plan” for use by parish councils. Other examples of plans will be circulated to councillors prior to further discussion at the next meeting.

24/25.163 Financial - Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments.

a. Current Balances -

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £15,931.40 as at 05.03.2025;
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £79,975.10 as at 05.03.2025;

The accounts were approved and balances noted.

b. Expenditure: The following payments were approved.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary - February	433.70		Bank Transfer
Penon Water	Water bill - Cemetery	32.66		Bank Transfer
Pete Skinner (Landford Garden Centre)	Materials for tree guards	95.25	15.87	Bank Transfer

24/25.164 Consultations and Correspondence up to 05/03/2025

The following correspondence was noted.

04/02/2025 New Forest Association - Heart of Oak Talk

06/02/2025 NFALC - Minutes and slides form the meeting held on 27/01/2025

10/02/2025 New Forest Association - February newsletter

10/02/2025 National Park Authority - February Newsletter

11/02/2025 HALC - February Newsletter

17/02/2025 NFDC - Government Consultation to establish a new Mayoral Strategic Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

25/02/2025 Forestry England Press Release - Record numbers of ground nesting birds found in New Forest.

25/02/2025 NFDC sets council tax rates for 2025/25

27/02/2025 Invitation to Avon Valley Volunteer Fair, Ringwood 25th March

27/02/2025 National Park Authority _New Forest Awakening Festival

27/02/2025 HCC - Teams event - Briefing on Devolution plans

28/02/2025 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner - February Newsletter

04/03/2025 NFDC - Update on waste strategy

24/25.165 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda.

All local roadworks, their duration and the reason for the works can be seen at one.network (live map).

A parishioner enquired regarding designating Brook Lane as unsuitable for large vehicles. AJ will make enquiries with Hampshire Highways.

Date of next meeting - April 8th 2025 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm in Woodgreen Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Signed by the Chair

Date