

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room on
Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 7.30pm.**

25/26.20 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Mark Flannigan (MF), Stewart Hall (SH) and Guy Raffety (GR).

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk), Janet Richards NFDC District Councillor,

Apologies for Absence: Helena Datta (HD) and Stewart Hall (SH)

25/26.21 Declarations of interest: None

25/26.22 Minutes of previous meeting held on 13/05/2025.

25/26.22.1 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 Chairman.

25/26.22.1 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items. No matters arising.

25/26.23 Public Participation: No members of the public were present

25/26.24 Report by New Forest District Councillor. The Local Government Reorganisation will see the creation of new unitary authorities to replace NFDC and HCC. Currently the options for NFDC are-

1 - NFDC will join with Southampton.

2- NFDC will be split and lose the Waterside element which will join with Southampton. The remainder of NFDC will then join with other authorities.

3 - NFDC will join with Test Valley, Winchester and East Hampshire.

4- All the districts of HCC will join together excluding the large conurbations of Portsmouth and Southampton.

There will be a consultation on these options which will be available to the public.

26/25.25 Planning: To discuss the following application and agree recommendations.

Case Number	25/00478FULL
Proposal	Orangery; demolition of existing conservatory
Site	Barns Farm, Hale Road, Woodgreen,SP6 2AJ

The application was discussed and no issues were raised. The footprint of the new building is nearly equal to the existing conservatory. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 1 PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

25/26.26 Meetings Attended:

New Forest Consultative Panel 5th June - LB and JC attended. HCC reported on the Nature Recovery Programme Strategy; the "30 by 30" initiative aims to protect 30% of the world's land and sea by 2030. This goal is part of a broader effort to halt biodiversity loss and ensure nature's recovery.

Pedall reported; this is a company based in the New Forest which provides inclusive cycling opportunities for all.

Forestry England - Aim to begin charging parking fees in all FE New Forest car parks from April 1st 2026. Membership to Forestry England will include free parking in all FE car parks.

Nigel Stone, Head of Resources at the National Park will be the local NPA contact and the representative at the North West Quadrant meetings.

25/26.27 Speed Indicator Devices: MF and GR researched various companies and different models of Speed Indicator Devices. Many aspects were considered including all the technical features,

security, data measurement, analytics, the different modes available, 4G capability etc. After careful consideration it was recommended to purchase Evolis Vision from Elan City. This recommendation was unanimously agreed. MF and GR will now look at what equipment will be purchased e.g. one unit, 2 batteries, possibly solar unit and warranties. Packages may be available.

AJ will inform HCC of which SIDs are to be purchased which will allow them to ascertain which posts etc to supply. The licence to install Speed Indicators within the village has been issued by HCC at a cost of £270.00. WPC will apply for a Community Infrastructure Levy Grant to fund the project.

25/26.28 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property (including the cemetery, roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) :

Lengthsman - The Lengthsman will be working in the village on Monday 16th June, Jobs will include strimming the permissive path behind the shop, clearing at the cemetery and replacing broken dragon's teeth.

Benches - SH has placed an order with Harrod Horticultural for 2 benches to replace those in the cemetery.

Fence - Fence repairs are required at Halls Field. LB has received a quote from Jason Steward for £290 plus VAT. This was unanimously agreed. LB will action.

Cemetery - A work day was carried out on 2nd June and another will be organised to jet wash the railings, this should then show whether they need to be repainted.

Signs - The wooden signs for the smaller unmarked droves and lanes are being produced at Wessex Rehabilitation and should be ready in the next few weeks.

25/26.29 Internal Audit 2024/25 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Internal Audit for 2024/25. There were no recommendations.

25/26.30 To Certify Woodgreen Parish Council as Exempt from a Limited Assurance Review During The Financial Year 2024/25 (As Woodgreen Parish Councils Gross Income or Gross Annual Expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000.00)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Woodgreen Parish Council as exempt from a Limited Assurance Review for 2024/25; this was signed by the Chair and RFO.

25/26.31 To Approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 Form 2.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR Form for 2024/25 and both were signed by the Chair and RFO.

25/26.32 To Review and Approve Dates for The Period For the Exercise of Public Rights.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the dates 20th June to 31st July as the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights. AJ will put a notice on the website and noticeboard.

24/25.33 Financial report, Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments:

a. **Current Balances -**

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £18,207.73 as at 03.06.2025.
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £80,419.12 as at 03.06.2025.

Ongoing annual expenditure was noted and approved.

b. **Expenditure:** Invoices received since the last meeting to be approved & payments authorised to include (& not limited to):

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary - June	433.90		Bank Transfer
Gallagher Insurance Brokers	Annual Insurance Renewal	539.87		Bank Transfer

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
Cutting Edge	Cemetery cut- May	180.00		Bank Transfer
Lloyds Bank	Monthly bank service charges	4.25		
A.Johnson	Office supplies	10.95		Bank Transfer
HCC	Licence for Speed Indicator Devices	270.00		Bank Transfer

25/26.34 Consultations and Correspondence up to 03/06/2025 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

The following correspondence was noted.

14/05/2025 NFDC/HALC Local Government Reorganisation Briefing Notes/Slides

16/05/2025 HALC Newsletter - May 2025

19/05/2025 Forestry England Press Release - Upgraded and accessible trail opens in the New Forest

20/05/2025 New Forest Association - May Newsletter

20/05/2025 NFDC supports MPs' call to safeguard New forest identity in government reorganisation.

21/05/2025 NPA - Rural service survey. *LB responded.*

22/05/2025 NPA - Share your views on the New Forest.

23/05/2025 HALC - County Forum June 19th 6.30-8.30pm

29/05/2025 NPA - News Release - New Forest insects given new lease of life.

01/06/2025 HCC - Monthly Report from HCC Leader

03/06/2025 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - May Newsletter

25/26.35 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda. None received.

The meeting ended at 20:34

Signed by the Chair

Date

