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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12th November
2025 at 7:30pm in Wickham Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Henry Burgoyne-Probyn (Chair), Cllr Martyne Ellard (Vice Chair) Cllr Paul Stanley and Cllr Sam Bell.

In attendance District Councillor Tony Vickers and 1 member of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Sam Kynasten, Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk) and District Councillors Denise Gaines and Dennis Benneyworth.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest.** There were none.
3. **To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3rd September 2025.** RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 2025**
 - 4.1 Bus Shelter update It was confirmed that the bus shelter order has been ordered, the clerk to confirm a delivery date.
5. **OPEN FORUM.**

There was a discussion about the bus shelter location. The chair to email the clerk for pictures of the proposed location. There was a discussion regarding repainting of the telephone box. Cllr Stanley to contact a painter for a quote. There was a request to put future meeting dates on the website, the clerk to update.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was published.** There was nothing received.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1 **District Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Vickers noted the local management plan has been agreed for the next 5 years. The Council now has a duty to conserve and support the landscape of the north Wessex downs. It is proposed that WBC carry out a district wide traffic review in 2026, taking into consideration, the impact of the M4 closure on the area. The retrospective planning application has been withdrawn for the footpath diversion at Elton farm, discussions are ongoing. Proposal for new unitary Councils - West Berks, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. Still ongoing.
 - 7.2 Chair's Report There was no report.
 - 7.3 Clerk's Report There was no report.
8. **Traffic Calming in the Parish To discuss.** The clerk to check with WBC on status. Regarding noise ambient tarmac on the M4 in the parish.

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9. Planning

9.1 Applications. There were none

9.2 Decisions

25/01715/FUL Weston Farm Barn, Lambourn Road, Weston, Newbury RG20 8JA.

Change of use of a parcel of land from agriculture to private garden. **Approved**

9.3 Planning applications received after the agenda was published. There were none.

10. Finance –

10.1 The following payments and receipts were approved

Payments

03/11/2025	MISS ANGELA BOYCE Salary and expenses OCTOBER	612.01
03/11/2025	MEDUK Defib Battery	243.6
03/11/2025	D K GARDENING SERV – Grounds Maintenance Oct	175.00
03/11/2025	BIBBY – Dog waste September	88.40
03/11/2025	BIBBY Dog waste October	88.40
20/10/2025	SERVICE CHARGES	4.25
06/10/2025	MISS ANGELA BOYCE Salary September	489.35
06/10/2025	WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL INV MAY JUN	100.00
06/10/2025	D K GARDENING SERV Grounds Maintenance Sept	175.00

Receipts

09/10/2025	Interest Received	2.05
09/09/2025	Interest Received	2.30

10.2 Finance update Nothing to report

11. Parish Plan update There was a discussion, there was a proposal for special meeting to be held prior to the next PC meeting. The Clerk to arrange.

Close of meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7:30pm in Wickham Village Hall.