

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday  
23rd March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Those present were: Councillor A Schuilenburg (Chairman), Cllr. D. Sargeant (Vice Chair), Cllrs. J Copas, R. Ling, G McNeillie, C. Mulley-Richards, R. Temple and the Parish Clerk. Three members of the public and County Cllr. H. Batchelor.

**1. Apologies:** County Cllr. Harvey.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** Cllrs. Schuilenburg & Temple under item 6 Finance (a).

**3. Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 26th January, 2026 were signed as correct.

**4. Correspondence:**

a) Funding request from East Anglian Air Ambulance: Not supported.

b) Request from Sharon Spittle of Age UK to visit: This was agreed and the Parish Clerk will invite her to the Parish Meeting on 18th May at 7pm.

**5. Planning:**

Reference	Applicant	Address	Description	Date	PC
26/00472/FUL	Horseheath lodge	Ragnalls Courtyard, Horseheath	Alternative Education Provision	6/2/26	Support
26/00372/LBC	A.Champ	15 Burton End	Replacement of various doors etc	6/2/26	Support
26/00365/HFUL	G.Kelsey	33 High St. West Wickham	Replace outbuilding with similar.	17/2/26	Support
26/00437/PRIOR	Mrs Burley	102 High St. West Wickham	Single storey rear extension.	9/3/26	Agreed to Support
26/00885/HFUL 26/00886/LBC	Mrs Vallis	36 Streetly End	Woodburner installation	8/4/26	Agreed to Support
26/0003/HFUL	Mrs A Stone	2 Streetly End	Single storey side extension.	9/4/26	Agreed to Support

a) *Streetly Hall Biodigester:* No update

b) *Kingsway Solar Farm:* Kingsway are still proceeding and are about to submit their application to the Planning Inspector. Simon Chandler has circulated the Terms of Reference for membership of the Campaign Alliance and a letter from Richard Buxton, their solicitor. It was agreed to be satisfactory and the Chairman will reply accepting the Terms of Reference.

**6. Finance:**

a) *Authorised payments:*

£ 464.60 Clerks feb./Mar salary -  
 £ 12.00 Exp. photocopy paper & Land Registration.  
 £ 174.60 HMRC PAYE by 19/3/26 for 4th qrt. of 2025/26  
 £ 93.60 Crystal HR & Payroll.  
 £ 287.03 BCW Office Product - BACS paid 23/2/2026  
 £ 167.97 Amazon - 3 bollards @ £55.99 each Inv.GB19TVZVAEUI - paid  
 £ 277.26 Sign Trade Supplies Inv. QU-322524 - BACS paid 1/2/26 - but refunded on 12/2/26  
 £ 9.78 R.Temple for purchase of Fence post from MKM, Haverhill - BACS paid 4/2/26  
 £ 58.00 E&E Plumridge Inv. 5289 -  
 £1260.00 Tom Licence Inv. 1903 - repairs to play area etc.  
 £ 73.89 A. Schuilenburg for purchase of rope and fence pins for 5-a-side football field

b) *Monies received:* None

c) *Precept for 2026* was agreed by South Cambs District Council.

d) *Auditor for 2025/6:* Running Total have agreed to again carry out the 2025/2026 audit.

## 7. **Traffic & Parking issues:**

a) *Potholes, flooding and footpaths:*

473753	Church Corner - Ditches have been cut from the road so no problem at present.
509459	Webbs Road, Streetly End - Update re Colin Smith's email to Cllr. Harvey & successful LHI application 2025/2026 6 months before work is carried out.
509460	Horseheath Road, Streetly End - Asked Cllr. Batchelor to check this.
19624	Opposite The Old Chapel (29 High St.) This has been repaired.
19640	Between 3 & 9 High St., (White Horse & Rose Cottage) Work carried out.
20147	Missing broken 30mph sign (previous reports 492135 & 499915) Follow up with Cllr. Batchelor - this has been outstanding for many months.
16743 17143	Pothole near 30mph sign on entrance to Burton End (previous report 17182) This has been repaired but due to the poor workmanship it is very likely to soon need repairing again.

Cllr. Batchelor, who was present at the meeting, was asked if he would look into No.20147, the broken 30mph sign and Council were told it had been ordered. He was also asked to chase up the following reported faults:

Ref. 27555 and 80190 - Between West Wickham and Streetly End - potholes reported on 3-17/2/26

Ref. 24156 - Manor Farm - broken manhole reported 3/1/26

Ref.87810 - 89 High Street - pavement issue and drain cover broken

Ref. 84545 - Maypole Croft - poor condition of road reported 2/3/2026

Ref. 84743 - 9-11 Burton End - pot holes reported 2/3/26.

b) *Speedwatch readings.*

8-2-26 to 15-2-26 White Gables facing east total 1349, over 35mph 18, max speed 1 @41mph

16-2-26 to 4-3-26 Church flagstaff facing Streetly End , Total12287, 36 over 35mph, max speed 1 @43 mph

There are 4 parishes sharing the 2 older speed signs which is now used for 4 weeks at a time and 4 weeks between use in addition to the newer speed sign. Only the sign in West Wickham is displayed as Streetly end posts are fitted with brackets for the new speed sign. A Speed Watch was carried out

in Streetly End and there was no speeding due to the fact that the new monitor was in action plus the presence of the Speed Watch team. The West Wickham Speed Watch team's second monitoring showed 6 cars speeding on the hill past Ivy Todd farm towards the Church.

#### **8. Maintenance:**

- a) *Footpaths:* Cllr. Temple had nothing to report apart from a broken post towards Yen Farm Hall which he will deal with.
- b) *Gatepost at White Gables footpath:* The landowner will purchase a new post and hinge and the Chairman & Cllr. Temple will help put it up. The owner also wishes to put up a gate at the other end of her land by the footpath for the safety of her horses, no permission is required although these gates cannot be locked.
- c) *Six free trees offer:* The commemorative tree has been planted on the recreation field with its plaque. The six Silver Birch trees have been planted at the three entrances to the village. The Chairman has sent photos of the plantings in situ to South Cambs District Council who supplied them.
- d) *Devana Project:* The Chairman asked if anyone had watched the on-line programme about bees produced by the Devana Group. The Course on bees can still be joined. There is to be a Bumble bee count at the end of April. He also mentioned that there is a proposal to plant 20,000 trees at Horseheath Lodge with the possibility of a "green highway" between Horseheath Lodge and the Devana Project. The Chairman had let John Howard (Chairman of Horseheath P.C.) know about this.

#### **9. Village Hall & Recreation Ground:**

- a) *Repairs to play equipment, broken fencing etc.:* Tom Licence has carried out the repairs on the play equipment and has pointed out that the MUGA woodwork is in a poor condition and should be replaced for which Tom Licence has been asked to quote for. The rotted and broken posts at the rope-pull climber have been replaced with more durable recycled rubber posts.
- b) *Five-a-side project:* The area of grass has been cut by Marcus Cornish, Mr & Mrs Humphries have harrowed it twice and also aerated it. A scarifier will need to be hired in order to clear the dry grass out and then two weeks after Tom will treat it. A notice will be put up to warn dog owners of the possible danger of this treatment. Ten cubic metres of lawn dressing will be ordered. £2,500 was raised at the fund raising event but the hoped for grant from the FA is not available but could get 20% off the white line machine. Can apply for a grant for the storage containers for keeping equipment which would keep the field in good order. The net needs to be quite visible so animals do not get caught in it if the nets are left
- c) *The "Strowger" bench:* Cllr. Mulley-Richards had no further news about this.
- d) *New bollards:* 3 new bollards have been erected in the back car park to prevent unauthorised vehicular traffic onto the grass and recreation ground. The Parish Clerk was asked to let Rob Giles know that he will need a key to open the bollards in order to cut the grass, available from the Chair.

**10. MVAS unit:** The UK distributor of the speed sign providers went into liquidation but the Chairman contacted the manufacturer and was referred to their new UK distributor, Malatite Co. and got their details.

**11. Election:** Cllrs. Temple and McNeillie do not wish to stand again although Cllr. McNeillie did say if nobody else in Streetly End would volunteer to stand for election he would stand again to continue to provide representation for Streetly End residents until another volunteer from Streetly End comes forward. The Nomination forms must be completed by 9th April and the Chairman was happy to receive them and will deliver them to SCDC at Cambourne. There are two new candidates so possibly there will be an election.

**12. Meetings attended by councillors:** Cllr. Sargeant attended the KSCA Parish Liaison meeting and he and the Chairman will hopefully watch on “zoom” the meeting to be held on 24th March. Cllr. Mulley-Richards had attended the South Cambs Commission Police meeting on 14th March. The next meeting is on 14th May so let her know if there are any questions to be asked.

**13. Reports by District Cllr. Harvey & County Cllr. Batchelor (Feb/Mar. reports on website).**

A public meeting was held on Wed. 28th January in Abington regarding the possible proposed development Grange Farm, and the audience were very much in opposition to such a huge development. He also mentioned the proposal of a new “Forest City” to be built this side of Cambridge which would have an enormous impact on the area. Cllr. Copas asked Cllr. Batchelor to keep West Wickham briefed on further developments.

**14. Any other Business:**

- a) Cllr. Sargeant will attend the Cambridge Development Company consultation and will write a response.
- b) Cllr. Copas asked Cllr. Batchelor if there would be a further consultation once the other options are submitted regarding the development of Cambridge.
- c) Trevor Hall was concerned about intrusive lighting, where houses who have security lights etc. leave them on all night. The Jelly warehouse near the junction with West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Ashdon leave their lights on all night which makes an impact on their house. Cllr. Batchelor suggested he write to the Environmental Dept. about this. Cllr. Sargeant will draft something for the Balsham Review.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 18th May March 2026 at approx. 7.45pm. The Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm prior to the Parish Council meeting**

*Signed:*