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MINUTES OF Meeting of the Wolfords Joint Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th July 2025 at The Wolfords Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present: Cllrs Lines, Mathias and Lewis-Beeching.
CC Barker and DC Whalley-Hoggins**

1	Apologies - Cllrs Hankinson and Crossland									
2.	Approval of Minutes of Meetings held 27th May 2025 and 11th June 2025 Acceptance proposed by Cllr Lewis-Beeching and seconded Cllr Mathias									
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Councillors are reminded that unless they have been granted a dispensation, if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or is in an interest of somebody with whom they are living as a husband or wife or as if they were civil partners, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on the matter and must also leave the room for the duration of the matter. They must also disclose the interest if it has not yet been entered in the Authority’s register (unless it is of a sensitive interest) None									
4.	Public Forum – Opportunity for resident to raise local issues – max 3 mins None									
5.	Report by District and County Councillors Cllr Whalley-Hoggins and Cllr Barker reported on the plans for unitary devolution are proceeding at a pace propelled by Central Government and various factions promoting their own interests but neither convinced of long term benefits for local communities. Situation re the Ellen Badger Hospital is that following the Open Day Cllr Whalley-Hoggins has organised a visit by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to view all the spaces not previously accessible. Cllr Barker reported that financial planning taking precedence at WCC									
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8.	Report on Progress re Neighbourhood Plan As per information circulated from WALC Motion is that It is Resolved to - 1. Call upon His Majesty’s Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans. 2. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process. 3. Write to [local MP] and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning Proposed by Cllr Lewis-Beeching and seconded by Cllr Mathias																											

	Little Compton and Barton on the Heath Parish Councils have not responded to enquiry re combined Neighbourhood Plan and due to the withdrawal of Government funding Council decided not to progress. Warwickshire Rural Housing Association had enquired if proceeding with a Housing Needs Survey and Council were interested in pursuing. Cllr Lewis-Beeching suggested that an alternative might be a Parish Plan and matter to be researched for consideration at next meeting.
9.	Report on progress re Dark Sky Site Registration Cllr Lewis-Beeching reported that he had registered the nominated Little Wolford dark sky location on one of the recognised stargazing websites and the process for taking light measurements, etc. was in place. The Village Hall have also been contacted re consent for use of Hall grounds as registered site Proposed date for a Star Observation night was 15th November
10.	Beating The Bounds Event To agree format and provisional date – 12th September 2026. Enquires to be made of Church re the route they had previously used for a similar event.
11.	Parish Matters – to note current situation Little Wolford – bench on green – nothing to report Little Wolford – bin replacement and damage to green from building works – no response from householder Emergency Boxes – Nothing to report Proposed Independent Footpath Group –Inaugural meeting planned for autumn. Great Wolford Village Design Statement – to consider review – re Item 8 Little Wolford Village Design Statement – to consider creating – re Item 8 Blocked drains- Nethercote – have been reported to Fix My Street but no action yet Road Closure notice – Nethercote for Severn Trent Water – infrastructure repairs Community Governance Review update – Council registered interest Road maintenance – complaints about quality of works undertaken. Contracts currently being reviewed.
12	To note Civility and Respect Pledge recommended by SDC and approve acceptance. Council considered but felt their current Code of Conduct was sufficient.
13.	Items for inclusion on next Agenda Alternative Storage arrangements for Parish Council files
	Next meeting 30 th September 2025