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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 25 at The Wolfords Village Hall at 7.30pm

Public: 4 DC Whatlley Hoggins

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Lewis-Beeching and CC Barker																													
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meetings held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>  Motion proposed by Cllr Mathias and seconded by Cllr Lines. Approved.																													
3.	<b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b> 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) <b>None</b>																													
4.	<b>Public Forum – Opportunity for resident to raise local issues – max 3 mins</b> <u>None</u>																													
5.	<b>Report by District Councillor</b>  Devolution debates having to be finalised by mid November. Likely to be two submissions one for one Unitary Authority for Warwickshire and other for North/South divide. DC favouring one Authority to protect local services but did comment on number of expensive reports produced with contrary conclusions. As Precept setting powers may be removed from Parish Councils important to factor this in when budget setting. 2027 Elections will be for Shadow Councils.																													
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	<p>a) <b>To consider membership of Council for the Protection of Rural England @ £60 pa</b> Proposed by Cllr Mathias and seconded by Cllr Crossland. Motion carried</p> <p>b) <b>To consider application from The Wolfords Village Hall for a change of use of grant previously awarded from fridge to go towards new doors.</b> Approval proposed by Cllr Hankinson and seconded by Cllr Crossland. Motion carried. Clerk mentioned CAVA advice meeting attended and passed on information re grants.</p> <p>c) <b>To consider items for inclusion in 2026-27 budget.</b> Seed money for footpath group, Provision for Christmas Lights, Defibrillator.</p>																													
7.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>Previous</b></p> <table><tr><td>22/03071/FUL</td><td>Fox and Hounds</td><td>Decision appealed</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Change to 2 houses</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>23/01922/FUL</td><td>Fox and Hounds</td><td>Judicial Review 18.11.25</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Change to 1 house</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The Save the Pub Campaign hoping to have a good attendance at the hearing in London over £28K has been raised towards legal fees. If Review successful then application to be made for a Public Hearing.</p> <table><tr><td>25/01216/FUL</td><td>Shirley Farm</td><td>Permission with Conditions</td></tr><tr><td>25/00322/FUL</td><td>Oak Farm</td><td>Permission with Conditions</td></tr><tr><td>25/01396/FUL</td><td>2 Ingram Close</td><td>Permission with Conditions</td></tr><tr><td>25/01315/TREE</td><td>Parsonage Farm</td><td>Consent</td></tr></table> <p><b>Current</b></p> <table><tr><td>25/01374/FUL</td><td>Close End, Brook Hill</td><td>Objection</td></tr></table>			22/03071/FUL	Fox and Hounds	Decision appealed		Change to 2 houses		23/01922/FUL	Fox and Hounds	Judicial Review 18.11.25		Change to 1 house		25/01216/FUL	Shirley Farm	Permission with Conditions	25/00322/FUL	Oak Farm	Permission with Conditions	25/01396/FUL	2 Ingram Close	Permission with Conditions	25/01315/TREE	Parsonage Farm	Consent	25/01374/FUL	Close End, Brook Hill	Objection
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8.	<p><b>Proposed Parish Plan and Presentation by Warwickshire Rural Housing on Housing Needs Survey</b></p> <p>WRCC representative present and explained that it provides evidence for future planning considerations re any identified housing needs or not. If a need was identified then WRCC would be able to collaborate to help with any possible development projects.</p> <p>Council were interested but wished the questionnaire to be expanded to include more diverse questions relating to local needs and a different cover letter.</p> <p>Cllr Crossland proposed that proceed with the survey with alterations and Cllr Mathias seconded. Motion carried</p>																													

9.	<p><b>Electoral Review – Report on meeting with SDC and to consider recommendations:</b></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mathias and seconded by Cllr Lines. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To increase number of Councillors to six</li> <li>b) To Ward Councillors as four for Great Wolford and Two for Little Wolford and to be in place for the 2027 Ordinary Parish Elections</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Parish Matters – to note current situation and agree actions</b></p> <p><b>Little Wolford</b> – bench on green – nothing to report  <b>Little Wolford Bin</b> – new damage reported and options circulated. Cllrs noted that had been pushed back up and would monitor situation.  <b>Emergency Boxes</b> – update at next meeting  <b>Proposed Footpath Group</b> – an initial meeting has taken place and volunteers have come forward. A footpath walk is scheduled for Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October  <b>GW Defibrillator</b> – as information circulated. Cllrs asked Clerk to request more information re timings</p>
11.	<p><b>To note a request circulated from Moreton Town Council for support re proposed Transport Hub</b></p> <p>Council agreed to offer support in principle</p>
12	<p><b>Beating the Bounds – to note progress on plans.</b> Route to be identified and draft plans brought to next meeting.</p>
13.	<p><b>Items for inclusion on next Agenda and Newsletter</b></p> <p>Reminder re Dark Sky Night on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at The Wolfords Village Hall</p>