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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm at The Wolfords Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Lines, Mathias, Lewis-Beeching, Hankinson and Crossland **Public:** Five

1	<b>Apologies.</b> DC Whalley-Hoggins
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> Adoption proposed by Cllr Mathias and seconded Cllr Hankinson
3.	<b><u>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</u></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) None
4.	<b><u>Public Forum – Opportunity for resident to raise local issues</u></b>  Announced that there would be a Village Hall fund raising Christmas Movie Night on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2025. Details to be included in Newsletter.
5.	<b><u>Chairs Report</u></b>  Had represented PC at Judicial Review for Fox and Hounds Housing Needs Surveys have been distributed <u>to all households by</u> Cllrs who were thanked for their efforts Noted that the Clerk had deposited old Little and Great Wolford Minute books with Warwickshire Records Office
6	<b><u>Report by District and County Councillors</u></b>  Neither present

7	<div>Finance</div> <div><div><div>b/f</div><div>12108.11</div></div><div><div>29.09.25</div><div>Lloyds Bank – service charges</div><div>4.25</div></div><div><div>30.09.25</div><div>Clerk remuneration</div><div>221.48</div></div><div><div>30.09.25</div><div>Clerk Homeworking</div><div>30.00</div></div><div><div>02.10.25</div><div>The Wolfords Village Hall</div><div>30.00</div></div><div><div>06.10.25</div><div>The Wolfords Village Hall</div><div>30.00</div></div><div><div>07.10.25</div><div>The Wolfords Village Hall – Grant</div><div>500.00</div></div><div><div>21.10.25</div><div>Campaign to Protect Rural England</div><div>60.00</div></div><div><div>28.10.25</div><div>Lloyds Bank – service charges</div><div>4.25</div></div><div><div>31.10.25</div><div>Clerk remuneration</div><div>189.84</div></div><div><div>31.10.25</div><div>Clerk Homeworking</div><div>30.00</div></div><div><div>c/f</div><div>11008.29</div></div><div>Known payments</div><div><div>15.11.25</div><div>M &amp; S (P Lines) Star Gazing Evening</div><div>31.20</div></div><div><div>01.11.25</div><div>SDC – Litter bin emptying</div><div>197.42</div></div><div><div>17.11.25</div><div>Tesco (S Lewis-Beeching) Christmas Light batteries</div><div>34.00</div></div><div><div>10.11.25</div><div>Lloyds Bank</div><div>4.25</div></div><div>Motion to confirm proposed by Cllr Lines and seconded by Cllr Lewis-Beeching and was carried.</div><div>a. To consider Grant Application from The Wolfords PCC for £1200.00. Proposed by Cllr Mathias and seconded by Cllr Crossland. Motion carried.</div><div>b. To consider 2026-27 Budget Cllrs considered the figures presented and agreed to support an inflation based increase</div><div>c. To consider Precept Application Sum and approve, ie £10,600.00. Motion to accept was proposed by Cllr Lines and seconded by Cllr Mathias. Motion carried</div></div>
8.	<div>Planning</div> <div>To consider any applications currently published by Stratford District Council and in accordance with all relevant planning policy including the adopted Dark Sky Policy</div> <div>a. Previous</div> <div><div><div>22/03071/FUL</div><div>Fox and Hounds</div><div>Judicial Review 18.11.25</div></div><div>Change to 2 houses</div><div>20 residents had attended the hearing in London and the decision is now awaited.</div><div><div>23/01922/FUL</div><div>Fox and Hounds</div><div>Decision appealed</div></div><div>Change to 1 house</div><div><div>25/01374/FUL</div><div>Close End, Brook Hill</div><div>Refused</div></div><div>25/02342/TREE</div><div>Bank Cottage</div><div>Consent with Conditions</div></div>

<b>b.</b>	<b>Cotswolds Local Plan Consultation – to consider response</b>  Council were concerned about this and would be submitting an objection
<b>9.</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b>  <b>a.</b> <b>To note Parish/Housing Needs Survey situation and agree future actions .</b> 22 responses have been received to date but mainly relating to the Parish Council questionnaire rather than Housing Needs.  <b>b.</b> <b>To note report on Local Nature Action Plan and agree any future actions.</b> Cllr Mathias had attended an Online Meeting and advised that it mainly pertained to Councils with public spaces but recognised that it could have relevance for The Wolfords. It was thought that this should be progressed by trying to identify sites that met the criteria and information to be requested via the Newsletter.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Events</b>  <b>a.</b> <b>Star Gazing Evening – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> –Robin Smitten gave an interesting talk as weather not compatible with outdoor observations. It was agreed to try and set another date in New Year. Possibility of VH setting up a QR code for visiting astronomers to make donations was mentioned.  <b>b.</b> <b>Beating the Bounds – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b> – to consider walking route and format. A few suggestions made but a final route not yet identified but from Great Wolford favoured option.  <b>c.</b> <b>Footpath Group</b> – to note report on initial meeting held and consider actions. A group has done a preliminary walk to look at missing signs, etc. and matter will be progressed when opportunity presents.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Policies</b>  <b>a.</b> <b>Website/IT Policy</b> – To note need to review to encompass Assertion 10 requirement re Parish control of Websites and Email accounts. Cllr Lewis-Beeching offered to review  <b>b.</b> <b>Grants</b> – To consider review to differentiate from Parish and external applications and simplify. Cllr Lewis-Beeching offered to review
<b>12.</b>	<b>Parish Matters – to note current situation and agree actions</b>  Little Wolford – bench on green – Clerk asked to ascertain current situation but noted that possibility of contributions from residents to assist with replacement cost Little Wolford Bin – Cllrs concerned that appears to being damaged by mowers and situation to be monitored GW Defibrillator – as information circulated and Shipston Responders input noted Emergency Boxes – ongoing
<b>13.</b>	<b>Items for inclusion on next Agenda for meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>  Response to Shipston Over Development Plans

