

WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING AT
WROXTON VILLAGE HALL on 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Duncan Collins (Chair)
 Cllr Michael Robarts
 Cllr Miranda Ker
 Cllr Terry Humphreys
 Cllr Dominic Walshe

Clerk: Gail Williams

Members of the Public 4**Members of the Public 4 plus Cllr D Webb****56/25 Apologies:** Cllr Colbert and Cllr Marcovitch**57/25 Welcome** to 4 members of the public and to Cllr Doug Webb**58/25 Declarations of Interest** - none**59/25 Minutes of Meeting on 7th July** - accepted**60/25 Matters Arising** - none

61/25 Public Forum - A member of the public requested discussion relating to reverting to 30mph limit on A422 through Wroxton - to be discussed as agenda item 8b Highways. Also interest expressed to discuss planning for White Horse pub in Wroxton - to be discussed under item 9 Planning.

62/25 Finance:

- Bank Reconciliation: approved

63/25 Council Business**a) Decisions:**

- Council agreed £200 donation to BVH for fireworks display and allocation of the same amount to Wroxton village pending a similar application.

b) Discussions:**HIGHWAYS**

- Traffic calming letter already submitted to Highways at OCC. Decision not to approach OCC regarding reverting to 30mph as this is contrary to their policy and would not be supported by residents of houses along the route
- Discussion re damaged wall/railing along Silver Street. Barriers have been installed and OCC claim it will consider allocating resources and programming works. **ACTION:** Given the long delays so far, Chairman to write to Head of Service at Highways Sean Rooney, copied to Cllr Chris Brant at OCC.

KEEPING VILLAGERS BETTER INFORMED REGARDING PLANNING

- In view of all Parish Councils being subject to a government directive to change electronic communications to suffix [.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) by the end of the current FY, the Parish Council has been exploring suppliers and logistics. It was therefore agreed that this provided an opportunity for designing a specific Parish Council website, which could be accessed by all villagers and populated directly by the PC, with easy to access planning and other relevant information.
- Cllr Robarts & the Clerk are in discussion with suppliers and will communicate results as appropriate.
- In order to facilitate this during this FY, an allocation of £2000 was agreed. **ACTION** Clerk to ensure a motion for ratification of the allocation is included on the agenda at the next meeting.

c) **Clerk update:**

- New website/email research undertaken already discussed above.
- DEFIB at Wroxton school - update: there is a defib on the school site Clerk to explore out of school hours access including the PC offering to meet the cost of a possible relocation of the device to an external position.
- Clerk accepted on the Liaison group for Alkerton Quarry.

64/25 Planning Applications**New Applications****25/01767/F Fishing Lakes Alkerton**

Formation of fishing/sailing lake together with maintenance building and ancillary vehicular access, parking and landscaping. **PC to object re lack of information on safe water management and access**

25/02007/LB White Horse Wroxton

Conversion of former barn/workshop into 2 dwellings and alteration of the existing layout of the public house to form public house with addition of disabled toilets, creation of café/local shop and 4 short term rental units and a manager's office/store. **PC supports but expresses need to monitor any future use of the adjacent car park area. Cllr Roberts agreed to speak to Trinity College who own part of the external area to the east of the main building.**

25/01801/F Wroxlea, Horley Path Road, Wroxton

Garage conversion - replacement of garage door with window and timber cladding to match adjacent window along with replacement of existing side window with a personnel **Allowed by PC**

25/01700/F Radstone, Chapel Lane

Retrospective - Outbuilding in rear garden **PC concerns already documented**

Applications Awaiting Decision**24/02453/LB Woodview, Main Street, Wroxton**

Re-instatement of attic bedroom including the addition of two new dormer windows, insertion of two conservation roof lights into existing roof slope and changing existing roof lights to conservation roof lights

MW.0059/25 Alkerton Quarry

Planning Condition 26 of previously permitted application MW.0124/21 states that 'A local liaison meeting shall take place for this site in accordance with details which have been submitted to the Mineral Planning Authority and approved in writing, prior to the commencement of development'.

23/03355/LB Barn Rear of Pool Farmhouse, Main Street, Wroxton

Alterations of approved drawings - variation on 21/02773/L

MW.0063/24 Wroxton Fields Quarry

Further documents have been submitted relating to this application in response to previous comments **Objections by PC repeated**

24/01479/CM Wroxton Fields Quarry

Aggregate recycling facility and other ancillary development - MW.0063/24 **Objections made**

Cllr Roberts will attend the planning meeting on 13th October to represent the PC .

Applications Decided**25/01392/F Poplars Cottage, Mills Lane, Wroxton**

Detached outbuilding to the rear garden following demolition of the existing timber shed, summerhouse, raised deck and part of the Western boundary wall

Permitted by CDC

25/00626/LB Peacehaven, Manor Farm Lane, Balscote

Outbuilding - replacement of asbestos roof with slates and the addition of two conservation rooflights

Permitted by CDC

25/00775/F Sundial House, Main Street, Wroxton

Demolition of existing garage and rear porch; erection of new garage with annexe over and new rear porch; new window to historic opening on East elevation; new fascias and soffits

Permitted by CDC

23/02707/F Barn Rear of Pool Farmhouse, Main Street, Wroxton

Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 21/02772/F - the following design changes - pitched roof over garage and kitchen, entrance doors to threshing barn, staircase position altered in threshing barn, bi-fold doors to dining room, conservation roof lights over kitchen/breakfast room, internal layout changes to kitchen and en-suite of bedroom 1 and bedroom 2 and flue positions

Permitted by CDC

25/01352/F Thorpe House, Lampitts Green, Wroxton

Raising of eaves and ridge to garages to provide studio accommodation at first floor

Permitted by CDC

25/01374/TCA Wentways Wroxton Trees

Permitted by CDC

25/00437/TCA Otterburn, Balscote

T1 x Leylandi-Reduce by 3m. T2 x Plum-Fell T3 x Plum-Reduce by 1.5m to relieve end weight. T4 x Fell suffering from die back. T5 x Sycamore-Crown raise 5m on garage by 2m. T6 x Field maple- Crown reduce by 2m around and clear from neighbouring property.

Permitted by CDC

25/01314/TCA Balscote Little Hollow, Trees

Permitted by CDC

65/25 AOB

Proposed bus-top signs in Wroxton.

ACTION Cllr Marcovitch to write and express view that resources might be better used for improvement in buses/routes rather than proposed signs for the existing minimal service..

66/25 Date Of Next Meeting - Monday, 3rd November 2025. Balscote Village Hall. 7.30pm