

**WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING AT**  
**BALSCOTE VILLAGE HALL on 3rd November 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Harvey Marcovitch (Chair)

Cllr Duncan Collins

Cllr Michael Robarts

Cllr Miranda Ker

Cllr Terry Humphreys

Cllr Sarah Colbert

**Members of the Public 2 plus Cllr C Brant**

Clerk: Gail Williams

**67/25 Apologies:** Cllr Walshe; Cllr Webb

**68/25 Welcome** to 2 members of the public and to Cllr Chris Brant

**69/25 Declarations of Interest** - none

**70/25 Minutes of Meeting on 1st September** - accepted

**71/25 Matters Arising** - none

**72/25 Public Forum** - no comments

**73/25 Finance:**

- Bank Reconciliation: approved

**74/25 Council Business**

a) **Decisions:**

- **BUDGET** RFO Cllr Robarts outlined the 2026-7 budget which was approved by Councillors reflecting an unchanged precept of £10,000 and a modest surplus despite the sharp drop in revenue resulting from the renegotiation of the WIG telecoms mast lease..
- **ALLOCATIONS** as outlined - to be discussed and decided at the January or March meeting. Also agreed to restore (both) Village Hall allocations to £2000 per annum for this FY.
- Agreed payment for BVH Christmas Tree from BVH allocation.
- Agreed payment for WVH insurance and picnic tables from WVH allocation.
- Agreed payment for new Christmas Tree lights for Balscote Village Green from BVH allocation.
- Agreed payment to repair Balscote church clock to be met from allocation.
- Committee approved payment to VISION ICT for developing a [gov.uk](#) domain as required by new regulations.
- Clerk's salary increase approved.

b) **Discussions:**

- **WROXTON DUCK POND**
  - To effect necessary repair to rear retaining wall and surround, estimate of £1800 obtained by Chris May was noted; it was proposed that £1000 might reasonably be paid from the WVH allocation and the remainder by the PC.
- **EMERGENCY PLAN**
  - Agreed that existing Emergency Plan and both villages' current means of communication (e.g. Whatsapp group) are sufficient to meet needs and no update is required..

c) **Clerk update:**

Cllr Collins to confirm Wroxton Salt bin requirements to ensure Clerk submits order in time  
No reply received from OCC re obstruction of pavement on Silver Street. To be chased.

**75/25 Planning Applications**

**New Applications**

**25/02602/F Wroxton Grange**

Part single-storey, part double-storey rear extension, first floor extension to the side and erection of car port

**25/02029/TCA 5 The Firs, Wroxton Trees**

**25/02388/LB Balscote House, Balscote**

Air source heat pump and solar panels to main dwelling and erection of detached garage

**25/02427/CM / MW.0063/24 Wroxton Fields Quarry**

Notice of Submission of Further Information in relation to Application for Planning Permission Accompanied by an Environmental Statement (Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as Amended) - Extraction of mineral, importation of inert restoration material, revised restoration scheme, aggregate recycling facility and other ancillary development - (MW.0063/24)

**Objections by PC repeated**

**Applications Awaiting Decision**

**25/01767/F Fishing Lakes Alkerton**

Formation of fishing/sailing lake together with maintenance building and ancillary vehicular access, parking and landscaping

**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

**25/01700/F Radstone, Chapel Lane**

Retrospective - Outbuilding in rear garden

**MW.0063/24 24/01479/CM Wroxton Fields Quarry**

Further documents have been submitted relating to this application in response to previous comments

**Objections by PC repeated**

**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'.

**24/02453/LB Woodview, Main Street, Wroxton**

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

**Applications Decided**

**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 window with a personnel door

**Permitted by CDC**

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

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

**Permitted by CDC**

Cllr Chris Brant and Cllr Collins attended quarry liaison meeting, the next one is 24th November. There will be a visit for interested people scheduled for 12th May 2026 - details will follow.

**76/25 AOB**

Steps at Wroxton church continue to be unsafe. OCC had previously agreed to remedy. CLERK to forward details of Highways Inspector to Cllr Chris Brant move this along.

Issue of wall collapse on Silver Street still ongoing. CLERK to chase and forward correspondence to Cllr Brant.

**Cllr Chris Brant update.**

- There are no updates expected on the Cherwell Local Plan until approximately February/March 2026.
- Unitary council proposals ongoing with public consultation in the future. Agreed this will be on PC agenda for next meeting in January.
- Gullies have been cleared by OCC (and now being done annually rather than at 4 yearly intervals as previously) and it was suggested by Cllr Brant that if we see any gully problems to raise this with him, Cllr Brant will provide a copy of map of drains in the area.

**77/25 Date Of Next Meeting - Monday, 5th January 2026: Wroxton Village Hall 7.30pm**