Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Winsley Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2026

8.00pm, Winsley Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Linda Ladner (Chair), Ian Berry, Graham Bostock, Jim Bralsford, Mike Holgate, Kerry Kemp, Tony Puma, Caroline Roofe

Apologies: Richard Mann, Ian Sparrowhawk, Ed Townsend

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk), Unitary Cllr Nigel White, PC Charly Chilton

Members of the Public: Two

40. **Declaration of Interests**
None.

41. **Minutes of Meeting**

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2026 as a true record.

42. **Public Participation**
A resident outlined concerns with planning application PL/2026/03048 17 Bradford Road. They felt there were a number of Issues with the building, including significant detrimental impacts on a neighbouring property, the use of inappropriate materials given the stable's location in Green Belt and the Cotswold National Landscape and an unnecessarily large concrete hardstanding in front of the stables. The use of the stables in the early morning and late evenings was also highlighted as a problem.

43. **Planning Applications**

PL/2026/03048 17 Bradford Road, BA15 2HW: Vary Condition 2 on PL/2023/05565 - construction of stable block.

This variation to the application PL/2023/05565 related to a completed stable block and concrete hardstanding. It involved the following main changes:

- extension of the stable block, increasing the overall length of the building to accommodate an additional store room and field shelter;

- internal reconfiguration to allow for a more efficient layout;

- concrete hardstanding to the front of the stables.

The stables is in land at the back of the property on the edge of the Green Belt, Cotswolds National Landscape and Special Landscape Area.

The Planning Officer's report on the previous application, PL/2023/05565, had permitted the design as a traditional low level timber construction on the outer edge of the residential boundary and curtilage. The Planning Officer's report had recorded that the nearest residential property would be in excess of C.95m distance and would be separated by high level fencing combined with a mature dense high level vegetative boundary.

Four conditions were included as part of the approval of application PL/2023/05565; one of these restricted the development to limited equine use and another stated that the developer had to provide details of arrangements for the storage & disposal of manure & other materials associated with keeping horses.

In discussion it was noted that:

- the larger stable block (approximately 50% bigger than in the original application) now encroached out further into the Green Belt and Cotswold National Landscape;

- the concrete hardstanding was deemed to be significantly larger than considered reasonable for the purposes defined;

- the materials used to build the stable block, including white PVC fittings and a bright green tongue & groove planking were not the 'traditional materials' as stated in the application and meant that the building did not blend into the surrounding environment;

- that the stable block was around 20m away from the neighbouring residential property, and not 95m as had been stated in the Planning Officer's report on the previous application;

- the boundary between the stable and the neighbouring property is a 1.2m high open post and rail fence, not the high level fencing with mature vegetation as stated in the original application;

- that the closeness of the building, with an open fence, meant that the use of the stable block & concrete hardstanding was likely to have a significant impact on the visual and audio amenity of the neighbouring residence.

- it was not clear that the fourth condition included when permitting the original application, that the developer provided details of the arrangements for the storage and disposal of manure and other materials associated with keeping horses, had been met.

- that councillors recorded their strong objections to the application for the reasons set out above.

Resolved: objection.

PL/2026/03290/03623 261 Cottles Lane, Turleigh, BA15 2HJ: Installation of radon mitigation measures and removal of a non-period fire insert.

Resolved: no objection.

PL/2026/03582 Dorothy House Hospice, BA15 2LE: 1 Macrocarpa, Norway Spruce, 2 Apple, Liquedambar, Magnolia Grandiflora, Holly - remove to ground level to open up the old walled garden as a usable space. Currently overgrown waste land.

The application did not include details about any change in use of the space once the proposed tree removal had been undertaken. It was felt that it was possible to use the space with tree management, rather than removal of the trees. The Parish Council promoted tree planting and retaining trees wherever possible.

Resolved: objection.

PL/2026/03654 1 The Manor House, Winsley, BA15 2LT: Yew tree - Reduce the crown to 3.6m and spread to 3m.

Resolved: no objection.

PL/2026/03766 How Green, 277A Green Lane, Turleigh, BA15 2HH: Beech tree - 20% reduction.

Resolved: no objection.

PL/2026/03532 The Log House, 286 Turleigh Hill, BA15 2LR: G1 Evergreen Conifers - reduce by 3m maximum. In most instances this is around 1/3 of the size of the trees.

Resolved: no objection.

44. **Matters Arising**

The Chair had attended the Dorothy House 50th anniversary celebration on behalf of the Parish Council.

An update from a resident about a possible new leaseholder taking over the Winsley shop lease had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Mann had volunteered to contact the potential new leaseholder to introduce the Parish Council. Cllr Mann

Changes in legislation meant that the home addresses of councillors should no longer be available publicly on the Register of Interests. The Clerk would take address information from the public Register and hold these privately. Clerk

The previous occupier of No Man's Land had returned to the land for several days, although he was not on the land currently. The local Policing Team had been informed. Sergeant Chilton outlined some recent changes to eviction legislation, as well as other avenues that could be explored should the land be occupied again. She emphasised

that any offences occurring at the site should be reported to the Police as soon as possible.

45. **Police Report**

Sergeant Charly Chilton introduced herself as the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for Bradford on Avon & Melksham.

46. **Unitary Councillor Report**

A report from Unitary Councillor White had been circulated, including updates on the Local Plan, devolution and Wiltshire Council finances.

He reported that he had spoken to the potential new leaseholder of the Winsley shop some time ago and was happy to be included in conversations between the Parish Council and the potential new leaseholder if helpful.

47. **Climate and Nature Advisory Group**

47.1 Wild Waters Festival wildwatersfestival.com

The Wild Waters Festival had ended on 30 June, with over 30 events held. Councillors recorded thanks to Cllr Mann for all his work with overseeing the Festival this year.

47.2 Watermark Community project

Two community workshops had been postponed due to low take up and would be reconsidered for the autumn. Cllr Mann was drafting articles about sustainable water use for the Winsley Weaver.

48. **Highways Advisory Group**

48.1 Overheight Vehicles and Railway bridge

In light of more recent incidents of overheight vehicles hitting the railway bridge, Unitary Cllr Nigel White continued to liaise with Network Rail, National Highways and Wiltshire Highways. A range of mid-term and long-term measures were being considered, including improvements to road signage and vehicle height sensors. Unitary Cllr White would produce a summary report shortly.

The yellow box markings under the bridge had finally been refreshed following a request made to Wiltshire Highways some time ago.

48.2 B3108 Speed Limit

The Officer's report considered by the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) proposed retaining the current 50mph speed limit on the B3108 speed limit, and did not support the Parish Council's request for a 10mph reduction along the length of the B3108. Unitary Cllr White was working with the Parish Council to draft an appeal to Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Member for Highways. The Cabinet Member for Highways had attended an onsite meeting with Unitary Cllr White and Cllr Townsend to see the issues with the current speed limit first hand. The appeal would request a 40mph speed limit along the length on the B3108 in Winsley.

48.3 B3108 Pedestrian

Wiltshire Highways contractors had started work to install the crossing on the B3108 and to make associated footpath improvements at the Dane Rise/Hartley Lane junction. These were due to be completed by 7 August.

48.4 Other Highways

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils was holding a Road Safety event on 17 July 2026. Cllrs Bralsford & Townsend were checking their availability to attend.

Requests for 20mph speed limits were now managed by Wiltshire's Traffic Engineering Team (not the LHFIG). The Parish Council had agreed previously to request 20mph speed limits on all residential roads in Winsley and this would now be submitted to the Traffic Engineering Team. Clerk

49. **Maintenance and Local Environment**

49.1 Playpark Bins

Wiltshire Council had explained that their contractors idverde could no longer empty bins in the park not because of their location on Winsley Parish Council land, but

because updated waste regulations specify that waste collected from private or Parish land is classified as commercial waste, whereas waste collected from Wiltshire Council land is classified as household waste. Wiltshire Council had said that they could leave two bins in the park and Bradford on Avon Town Council had agreed to add these to their bin emptying schedule.

49.2 Finger signposts
Quotes were being looked into and would be brought to a future meeting.

49.3 Playpark inspection
The playground inspection had been undertaken and the report was awaited. Both gates into the park were not shutting correctly and Hiscox Engineer would be asked to look into this.

49.4 Other Maintenance items

- The Parish Steward was thanked for cutting back vegetation on Turleigh Hill, Winsley Hill and some visibility splays during his first visit to Winsley since last year.
- A resident had asked if the Parish Council could set up a volunteer group to weed and tidy up parts of Winsley. Cllr Ladner would ask the resident for further details. Cllr Ladner
- Cllr Townsend was thanked for clearing overhanging weeds alongside the path from Dane Rise to the playpark.
- Vegetation needed cutting back from around some street lights. Such issues could be reported to Wiltshire Council via their MyWilts app or website page.
- Wiltshire Council were improving the functionality of the MyWilts app.

50. **Finance**

50.1 Resolved: to approve the following payments:

- £866.60 Administration
- £24.00 Village Hall for hall hire

50.2 Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation, noting the following payments since the last meeting:

- £289.30 Helen Moore Wild Waters Festival poet
- £100.00 Lucinda Chandler for Wild Waters Festival Instagram promotion
- £10.80 Richard Mann for Farm Clusters refreshments
- £7.00 Unity Bank service charge
- £573.00 James Lock grass maintenance
- £333.00 Frances Beecher for Wild Waters school art project

51. **Policies and Documents**

Revisions were proposed to the Grievance & Disciplinary policy in light of new templates from the National Association of Local Councils. These were HR policies, applicable to the Clerk as the only employee of the Parish Council; any issues arising that related to councillors were likely to be covered by the Code of Conduct and would be dealt with by Wiltshire Council's Monitoring Officer.

Resolved: to approve the Grievance & Disciplinary policies.

52. **Communications**

Nothing to report.

53. **Dates of Next Meetings**

8pm, 18 August (venue TBC)

8pm, 6 October, Winsley Village Hall

Meeting ended 9.10pm
