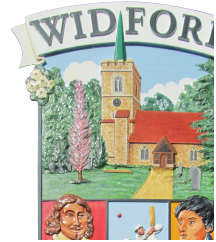


Widford Parish Council

To: Cllrs Mike Allen, Ian Collins, Andy Djemal, Mark Rome, Josh Warren
You are summoned to attend this meeting to transact the following business:



Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 8th September 2026 in Widford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Public and press are welcome to join the meeting, although under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press may be excluded for the discussion of confidential business. Please note that public participation is not permitted except during the time designated for public comments.

Signed: Colin Marks, Proper Officer and Clerk to Widford Parish Council

Date: 2nd September 2026

AGENDA

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, SI 2095, only non-confidential business (press and public present) may be filmed, recorded, photographed, broadcast, or reported via social media by any person. Recording and reporting the Council's meetings is subject to the law, including the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act, and the laws of libel and defamation, and it is the responsibility of those doing so to comply.

26.079 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: to receive and approve acceptance of councillor apologies
2. Other apologies

26.080 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. To receive members' Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda (including non-pecuniary, with the nature of the interest. Members should give due regard to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests notice at the end of this agenda).
2. Dispensations: Cllr Mike Allen re Playing Field matters, being a trustee. Cllr Ian Collins re Closed Churchyard matters, his wife having the maintenance contract.

26.081 Approval of Minutes: 7th July 2026 Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

26.082 Police Report: 1. To receive the Safer Neighbourhood Team report and Neighbourhood Policing update

26.083 Chairman's Announcements

26.084 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

26.085 Planning

1. New Planning Applications

3/26/0271/FUL	Ash View Stables: Change of use of land from existing mixed use for equestrian/residential caravan site with 2 x static caravans/mobile homes to Gypsy/Traveller caravan site accommodating 6 x static caravans/mobile homes utilising extension of existing manege. Erection of screen fencing following demolition of existing stable building and barn	By 4 th Sept.
*3/26/1032/VAR	*Wilmoor: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission (3/25/0231/FUL) for (Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of dwelling incorporating landscaping and creation of access): Amended scheme with minor changes	By 27 th Aug extended
*3/26/0825/HH *3/26/0826/LBC	*Priory Farm House: Construction of orangery to rear following demolition of existing conservatory	

*NB: EHC Planning did not serve the Parish Council with notices of these applications

2. Decision Notices (for information only)

3/26/0815/VAR	The Croft, Nether Street: Variation to 3/26/0398/HH conditions 2 & 3 approved plans and materials	GRANTED
3/25/0480/OUT	Land South of Levenage Lane: Outline planning for 8 houses	GRANTED

E/24/0211/ENF	Youngs little Acre ENFORCEMENT APPEAL reference 6008192	Awaited
3/25/0901/OUT	Priory Farm: Outline with all matters reserved except access for the demolition of the Doe Shed and erection of single self-build dwelling.	Awaited

3. Other planning matters

1. To consider any late planning applications received after the agenda was published
2. Land for sale and Bourne Lane access: Update on ongoing concerns and action regarding the land and access in question.
3. To note the new NPPF was published on 19th August with immediate effect.
4. To note the next East Herts Gilston Area Community Forum is Wednesday 9 September

26.086 Finance

1. To receive report on the Council's finances at 31st August 2026
2. To approve bank reconciliation at 31st August 2026
3. To receive 2026/27 financial performance against budget at 31st August 2026
4. To approve list of orders for payment
5. Update: Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26

26.087 NALC National pay agreement 2026/27

1. To consider the pay award backdated to April 2026
2. To consider the Clerk's pay grade as defined by the pay agreement

26.088 Village archive: Report on cataloguing, suggested access charge arrangement, and Rackline position

26.089 Correspondence: *To note list of correspondence below, (for information only)*

- HAPTC: Notice of NALC National pay agreement
- HCC Cllr E Buckmaster: Winter self-help salt application open (26.091.2.4)
- Parishioner: Planning application at Ash View Stables (26.085.1)
- HAPTC: Training bulletin
- East Herts: Gilston Area Community Forum: Next Meeting: Wed 9 Sept (26.085.3.4)
- Police: Invitation to Fire Safety Engagement Event – Dowsetts Farm, Colliers End - 7th September
- Contact enquiry: Police seeking evidence of fly tipping in Wareside

26.090 Village Reports

1. **Village Hall:** To receive report and update on plans
2. **Playing Field:**
 1. To receive report
 2. Update: use of S106 money held for parking facility upgrade (deadline December 2029)
3. **Allotments**
 1. To receive report on plot applications and portfolio clarification
 2. Any issues raised
4. **Closed Churchyard:**
 1. To receive report
 2. Any issues raised

26.091 Highways, footpaths and byways: to receive reports and consider any action

1. **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way**
 1. To report any issues
2. **Highways and footways**
 1. Update: Enforcement issues at Greenacres
 2. Railway Bridge wall update (remedial action with HCC)
 3. B1004 overgrown hedge opposite Rose Cottage: Second report update
 4. TRO 30807: Temporary Closing of Aerodrome Way, Green Tye/Allens Green) Order 2026 and other Gilston related works
 5. HCC Winter self-help salt – application now open
3. **Other parish matters and concerns:** to consider any matters raised
 1. **Nether Street railings repair:** Update on HCC/EHC work, including possible repair costs
 2. **Defibrillator management:**
 1. Reported damage to cabinet: update on affixing new door
 3. **Any other issues**
 1. Parking issue at Chapel House: update (from May meeting)

26.092 Benningfield Green

1. To consider any issues, including damage caused by vehicles
2. Update: Licence renewal 2026/27 to be ratified

26.093 Change to .gov.uk domain and email: update on councillors' email addresses being operational

26.094 Urgent matters: To note matters received too late for this agenda (for full discussion on the next agenda)

To consider suspending the Meeting for Public Comments:

Limited to a total of 15 minutes. One question/statement only of no more 3 minutes maximum per person.

Meeting to be resumed

26.095 To note items for addition to future agendas

26.096 Date of next Meetings: all in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

3rd November; 5th January 2027

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Widford Parish Council

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Parish Council, or any committee, or sub-committee of the Parish Council, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting (Localism Act 2011 s31):
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011 (sensitive interests);
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Parish Council may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI (Localism Act 2011 s33).
4. **It is a criminal offence to:**
 - fail to disclose a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
 - fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
 - participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
 - knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

Note: The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000 maximum) and disqualification from being a councillor for up to 5 years. (Localism Act 2011 s34)