

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL held at Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley which commenced at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 1st July, 2026.

Present:

(Chairman)
Alderman Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. J. Kelsey	Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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22/2026 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. M. Jackson, Cllr. P. Kruskonjic, Cllr. Mrs. S. Manderson, Cllr. D. Norris, Cllr. D. F. W. Norris and Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor.

23/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. M. Jackson had declared a standing interest in any matters pertaining to Planning Applications in his capacity as a member of the Planning Committee of South Staffordshire Council. Cllr. Jackson was not in attendance on this occasion.

24/2026 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June, 2026. It was carried.

25/2026 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the Parish Council had recently received an email from Cheslyn Hay Parish Council which outlined a suggestion from Cllr. R. Duncan of Cheslyn Hay asking for an investigation to be made as to whether the local Parish Councils would be interested in taking on the new additional car parking facility for Landywood Halt as there are no parking companies interested in taking it on due to its limited size.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that this matter would be referred to again later in the meeting. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry took this opportunity to congratulate Cllr. A. Kelsey on the fantastic success of the Carnival which had taken place on Saturday 27th June. Cllr. Mrs. Perry requested that Cllr. Kelsey pass on the Parish Council's thanks to all those who had been involved in making the Carnival such a brilliant event for the Community and a very special 50th Anniversary of the event. The weather had been very kind and the specially written Carnival Anthem had been received well by all present. All Members supported the Chairman's congratulations.

26/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow the residents present to address the Parish Council.

SHAWS LANE WEIGHT RESTRICTION GROUP

The meeting was attended by members of the Shaws Lane Weight Restriction Campaign Group, who enquired whether the Parish Council had received any updates regarding the proposed Shaws Lane Weight Restriction.

The Group expressed disappointment that there appeared to have been an increase in the number of lorries using the Lane, particularly vehicles regularly associated with Showpla. Cllr. Mrs. Perry suggested that a letter could be sent to Showpla requesting that its drivers be instructed not to use Shaws Lane as a route.

The meeting was also advised that the signage appeared to have been beneficial and that replacement signs were required. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry informed the Group that the Parish Council had not received any further information beyond that which had already been shared directly with them.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry assured the Group that the Parish Council would continue to support its campaign and its proposal for the project to be implemented through a phased programme. This was noted

27/2026 CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

(a) Letter of thanks from Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team

Members recalled that at a previous meeting of the Parish Council Members had resolved to give a generous donation to the Staffordshire Research and Rescue Centre. The Parish Council had now received a letter of thanks from Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team. This was noted by Members.

(b) Request to restore and maintain the BMX Track

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council had received an interesting request from a resident who was very interested in resurrecting the BMX Track on Landywood Lane Playing Field.

Members recalled that this proposal was mooted two or three years ago when the company carrying out the civil engineering works at Churchbridge had offered to carry out these works as part of their "Giving Back to the Community Policy". Members also recalled that the proposal did not come to fruition as the costs involved were quite significant.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to defer this matter until such time as a health and safety assessment could be carried out to the existing track and further discussion on this matter could take place prior to which a site meeting would be called to allow Members an opportunity to gauge the level of work and expenditure involved in such a project. It was carried.

(c) Notification of amended Register of Interest Forms

The Parish Council had recently been advised that all Members needed to complete amended Register of Interest forms which did not show their home addresses. This amendment had been put forward because from 29th June, 2026 the law had changed around the publication of home addresses for Councillors. This was noted.

Following discussion all Members agreed that the redaction of their home addresses would be acceptable and completed new versions of the appropriate forms. The Clerk was to submit a copy of the forms to the Monitoring Officer in due course.

The Members of the Council who had been unable to be present on this occasion would be contacted under separate cover. This was noted by Members.

(d) Quotation for replacement Van Lease

Members recalled that at the last meeting of the Parish Council Members resolved to request a quotation from LeasePlan for the costs involved in leasing a new Peugeot Van for use by the Parish Council Groundsmen.

The Parish Council had now received a quotation from LeasePlan which it was felt was exceptionally expensive. The Clerk had also obtained an additional quotation from a different organisation offering the same vehicle for significantly less cost. On this basis the Clerk was to research this matter further and ensure that best value was achieved.

(e) Vodafone Mast at the Scout Hut

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council had received notification that there was to be a replacement Vodafone mast erected at the Scout and Guide Centre. Following discussion Members agreed that this proposal related to a update/ replacement of the existing structure and that there were no objections to lodge. It was carried.

(f) South Staffordshire Council Local Plan Consultation

The meeting was advised that The Parish Council had received notification of the Local Plan Consultation.

Councillors were advised that South Staffordshire Council was commencing work on the preparation of a new Local Plan under the new Local Plan making system, as set out through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (2023) (LURA). The District Council was contacting Parish Councils as a Prescribed Public Body through the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 or other key stakeholder, to notify you of the Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites exercise that is commencing today.

South Staffordshire Council was now undertaking its scoping consultation, which represented the first stage of public engagement in the preparation of the South Staffordshire Local Plan (SSLP). The consultation sought views from residents, stakeholders and other interested parties on the issues and challenges that the SSLP should seek to address and what the plan should contain.

The consultation was to run from 10th June 2026 to midday on 22nd July 2026. To take part in the consultation Members should go to the following link:-
<https://engage.sstaffs.gov.uk/projects/scoping-consultation>.
This was noted by Members.

(g) Request for Tree Works Great Wyrley Cemetery

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council had received a request from a resident of Station Street, Cheslyn Hay requesting that works were carried out to the trees which were overhanging his property.

Following discussion and examination of the photographic evidence provided by the resident of Station Street the Parish Council resolved to call a meeting of the Cemetery Working Party and to await the results of the Tree Survey which had been commissioned recently and due to take place in the near future.

28/2026 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. M. Woods was unable to be present on this occasion.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the Parish Council and the Ward Members for the District Council had all received notice of the Streets Lane Double Yellow lines proposal.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry's own and the Parish Council's response was to include that there were no objections in principle however, there were a number of pitfalls which it was felt should be taken into account prior to any finalisation of the decision. These pitfalls to include firstly, that there was a risk that the proposal may simply relocate the existing parking problem further along the street rather than resolving it. Any assessment should, therefore, consider the potential displacement effect on neighbouring sections of the road and surrounding streets.

Secondly, if restrictions such as double yellow lines were introduced, their effectiveness would depend on consistent enforcement. There was concern locally that, without regular monitoring and enforcement, parking restrictions may not be observed in practice, reducing their intended benefit.

Finally, it was important to recognise that views within the community were mixed. Some residents supported restrictions, whilst others were opposed because they relied on being able to park outside or close to their homes and believed the changes would have a negative impact on them. This was noted and supported by Members.

29/2026 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that in terms of Local Government Reorganisation the result was expected by the end of the month. Cllr. Mrs. Perry had also updated Councillors on the situation relating to the Local Plan. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that the series of funding opportunities had now been launched. The Parish Council had now submitted an expression of interest to the administrator of the Community Groups and Local Initiatives Fund to cover the installation of outdoor gym equipment. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that the expression of interest lodged by Harrisons Bowling Club had now been accepted and an invitation to apply had been received. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the proposed installation of a MUGA and improvement to the existing Play Area would be formulated shortly and the first part of the process was to arrange a site visit and design exercise. This was noted by Members.

30/2026 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

ENGLAND FLAG REMOVAL

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that the village was still looking very untidy due to the number of tattered England flags still on show in the Parish but specifically Gorsey lane which was also sporting a flag which was had become attached to a tree and looked particularly untidy. Having already made the decision to allow the flags to remain insitu for the present time the Clerk was instructed to have the Parish Council Groundsmen investigate the one specific flag which was damaged and attached to the tree in Gorsey Lane and if possible remove it.

Councillor Mrs. Wood also advised the meeting that there was an awful lot of posters and banners being attached to the railings to the side of the highway which looked equally as bad as the flags. The Clerk was asked to raise this issue with the Staffordshire County Council on the basis that advertising to the side of a highway was not acceptable in terms of planning as they were considered to be a distraction to motorists. This was noted.

31/2026 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that this year which was the 50th Anniversary of Great Wyrley Carnival had gone very well indeed despite the fact that several of the attractions had cancelled at the last minute due to the extreme heat which would have made it impossible for the dogs and the paratroopers to perform safely.

Cllr. Kelsey advised the meeting that this year's floats had been spectacular and that £700 had been raised towards next year's carnival.

Cllr. A. Newell thanked Cllr. Kelsey on behalf of Great Wyrley History Society for allowing them the opportunity to be part of the Carnival attractions and advised everyone that they had all enjoyed the event which had been very successful. Cllr. Newell asked Cllr. Kelsey to pass the thanks of the History Society on to all Members of the Carnival Committee along with their congratulations on such a great event. This was noted.

The meeting was advised that it had been noticed that a fence panel had been replaced allegedly by the operators of the Star Inn which now incorporated a gate directly on to the Star Land. This needed to be investigated as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. J. C. Jones took this opportunity to support all the congratulations and words of encouragement already given by other Members of the Council. Cllr. Jones personally thanked Cllr. A. Kelsey for all the hard work he had put into making the Carnival such a success over the last fifty years as Cllr. Kelsey had been a member of the Carnival Committee since the beginning and his efforts had been very much appreciated in the Community. This was noted.

32/2026 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/00501/FUL – PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 44 HOLLY LANE, GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL WS6 6AQ. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.

26/00050/FUL – PORTAL FRAMED METAL CLAD FARM BUILDING FOR THE STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT AND HAY FOR THE HORSES AT 26 JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY- THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT REQUESTED THAT A CONDITION SHOULD BE IMPOSED TO RESTRICT THE FUTURE OF THE BUILDING TO AGRICULTURAL STORAGE.

26/00523/FUL - PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO RAPID ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE CAR PARK OF QUINTON COURT INCLUDING ONE FULLY ACCESSIBLE EV CHARGING BAY AT QUINTON COURT, WARDLES LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL.

33/2026 REPORT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

A report on the outstanding accounts for authorisation for payment was presented to Council and it was **resolved** that the report be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

34/2026 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, that the public and press be excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 12.

There were a number of matters discussed during the Confidential Session of the Parish Council Meeting regarding which a set of confidential minutes will be produced for Councillors information only.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35p.m.

Chairman..... **Date.....**