



Wistaston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 March 2026

1. Chair's Welcome

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Present

Greg Casewell	- Chair
Nadiah McKeown	- Vice Chair
Helen Tattersall	- Treasurer
Debra Sloan	- Vice Treasurer
Secretary	- Liz Rimmer

Clair Bentley, Nim Devi, Sara Johnson, John Lomax, Eileen Bamber, Carole Bentley, Dane Chaplow,

3. Apologies

Carol Octon, Helen Gould, Ian Gould, David Price, Kay Garner, Sam Jeff-Phillips, Geoff Bolt, Karen Westbrook, Ciara McNulty, Tallal McLean, John Moore, Sarah Rhodes, Bill Heath,

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting(s) and general discussion topics:

- Eileen to arrange subgroup on Roundabout asap **All to email Eileen to be involved in sub group**
- New signage provider provided by Helen G, designs to be done by Nadiah
- Gazebos to be ordered in coming months following storage clear up – prices vary, some sturdy ones around £85-120 or risk the cheaper ones, will decide & can order quickly once storage sorted (see bullet below – possible change of colour to distinguish the newer sturdier ones))
- New hosting and website design to be looked into by Greg
- Discussed creation of Standard Operating Procedures for all events this year capturing our processes and allowing seamless handover of responsibilities to future volunteers, each sub committee will create
- Storage cleanup to be arranged with Ian, David, Dane and Greg – Spring
- Look at profit/loss at events & come up with guidelines for donations and consider application process –Helen T
- Consider planning event for March/April as we don't have anything until June **Action all** – to review ideas at April meeting

5. Treasurer's Report

Note:

Key expense for the month –

Donations to WJTC and HerPlace as agreed in Feb meeting, and printing of Roundabout Issue 181.

Comments: Income from advertising in Roundabout = £445.5

March Account Summary

MARCH WCC MTG 2026			WISTASTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL					
INCOME			CURRENT ACC.			RESERVE ACC.		
Date	Details	C/A	Date	Payee Details	C/A	Date/START MONTH	IN	OUT
b/f Feb 2026 (current Acc)		265.11	01-Feb	Cockshades Storage [12]	100.00			
20-Feb	RB - Bennetts Carpets -26	50.00	03-Mar	Getwell gifts for Karen Westbrook - Reinburse -E Rimmer [13]	36.43			
6-Mar	RB - Martin Davies - 26	100.00	03-Mar	RB - InPrint Colour - 29209 - Spring 2026 Issue 181 [14]	1,539.00			
11-Mar	RB - SW Electricals T/AS	50.00	03-Mar	Donation - Support for WJTC Crowdfunding Campaign - new court surface. [15]	500.00			
	Transfer to Reserve Acc.		03-Mar	Donation - Support for HerPlaceCT. [16]	300.00			
03-Mar	Transferred to Current Acc.	2,600.00				03-Mar		2,600.00
27-Feb	Interest from Reserve Account	11.16				27-Feb	11.16	
13-Mar	RB - Cheshire Conservatives - 26	97.50						
13-Mar	RB - B Sadler - 26	50.00						
16-Mar	RB - - 26112	98.00						
March Income		211.16	March Expenditure		2,475.43	TOTAL		12,141.16
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Chq's issued Not cashed								
IN CURRENT ACC.		755.18				IN RESERVE ACC.		12,141.16
TOTAL CASH IN BANK		12,896.34						

6. Secretary's Report

Request for donation from Nadiah which was missed at the January meeting: Donation of £50 for Claire/s Hospice. Rosie, who was 5 years old & attended Berkeley Academy, sadly lost her battle with the brain tumour. The hospice looked after Rosie & her family.

Action – agreed by all, Helen T to arrange

Update from David: will be available for the fete and will sort the trailer. Let him know when all the old/ damaged gazebos are being cleared out of the container & will help if he can – let him know when they are all gone and he'll pop down and build the pens ready for the new ones.

Update from Cllr Kay Garner

She raised the question regarding a further donation towards the firework display at Parish Council on Thursday last week. As the Parish Council has now finalised and approved its current budget, it was a 'no' at voting. Available funds have been allocated, and unfortunately no further funding can be approved at this time. However, while they are unable to provide additional financial support this year, they would welcome a new application from us when they begin setting next year's budget.

No councillors had any issue regarding us finding another sponsor alongside the Parish.

Info from Helen re Sponsorship offer from Whitegates

Thanks to Helen for liaising, they have made a very generous offer to provide a grant to sponsor our organisation for £1200 in return for marketing and media mentions on our Facebook page, our website and promotional literature and a couple of 'Sponsored by Whitegates' banners at our 4 annual events (Duck Race is already sponsored): Fete, Flower & Produce Show, Fireworks Display & Christmas Concert.

As well as continuing to pay to advertise annually on our Roundabouts back page, they would also like to supply us with a quarterly full page editorial feature in Roundabout

covering the local housing market news/ home decor/how to sell your home type advice etc.

Action: All agreed to accept this kind offer, **Helen G will follow up.**

7. Roundabout Report

Spring edition just been delivered. Anyone who wants to get interested in helping with the sub group should contact Eileen **Action: all**

8. 100 Club

Well done Nim – recruited more members & now at 79! Still plenty of slots available.
Draw: £25 number 107

9. Publicity

Web site being explored, and contact made with web site designer
Also looking at extending additional 12 months for £40 – more update next month **Action Greg & all** agreed to the £40 extension

New signage to be sorted – Nadiah will look at the content but need decisions on content & if we have different signs for each event & how to consider dates being displayed.

Action – options to be reviewed at the next meeting

10. Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor booked for all events

Fete

Date for next year – 20th June 2026

First meeting of the sub group at The Pantree in Readesdale Avenue & worked well, thanks to the owners for being so accommodating

Stall requests coming in

Pizza stall cancelled so looking at options or other food vendors

First Aid cover sorted

Suggesting if we order new gazebos we have a different colour so that we can tell which the new ones are

F&P Show

Date for next year – 15th August 2026

Carol O will take over the organisation of the raffle as Ian & Helen are away. India will cover the overseeing scoring.

Entry forms finalised but will look at updating with the sponsorship

Duck Race

Date for next year – 5th September 2026

Nothing to report

Fireworks

Date for next year – 7th November 2026

Need to look at volumes of people & update risk assessment

Christmas Concert - 4th December 2026
Nothing to report

11. Reports from meetings attended representing WCC
None

12. Any Other Business

Shared drive – widen for sub groups to folders for each event for those who want to access/store documents centrally – **Action:** Liz

Would we be interested in a first aid awareness talk to the meeting from St Johns? – **Action Debra** will look at options for possibly the November meeting & also look at a general training session we can advertise for local community in 2027

Events for March & April – Nim is looking at options, such as table top sale, games, quiz, bingo etc

Memorial Hall management are looking for groups who use the hall to try & arrange fund raising events to help **Action** – any ideas to be raised

Next meeting **20th April**

Usual venue

Meetings: 3rd Monday of every month

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