



Wistaston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 July 2026

1. Chair's Welcome

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Present

Debra Sloan - Vice Treasurer
Liz Rimmer - Secretary

Clair Bentley, Nim Devi, Sara Johnson, Carole Bentley, Carol Octon, Sam Jeff-Phillips, Eleanor Tatton, Karen Westbrook, Diane Houston, Claire Voss

3. Apologies

Nadiah McKeown, Sarah Rhodes, Helen Gould, Ian Gould, David Price, Helen Tattersall, Dane Chaplow, John Lomax, Bill Heath, Geoff Bolt, Eileen Bamber

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

- Eileen arranged subgroup on Roundabout 7:30pm – rearranged, now: Monday 3 August at her house **All to email Eileen if attending**
- Gazebo's: 3 yellow sturdy ones ordered but wait until the Duck Race before cancelling. One green "Vounot" gazebo has been purchased as it was on discount. It was suggested that we buy three more green gazebos and since the meeting Ian has done this as again they were on offer. – 3 arriving this week
- New hosting and website design – no update, Helen G is discussing with Greg, escalated again & 3 designs will be available for the next meeting
- Discussed creation of Standard Operating Procedures for all events this year capturing our processes and allowing seamless handover of responsibilities to future volunteers, **Action:** each sub committee will create, Sara is creating for Fete
- Look at profit/loss at events & come up with guidelines for donations and consider application process – in progress – **Helen T**
- Consider planning event for March/April as we don't have anything until June **Action all** – to review ideas, some suggestions (list sent round for people to add – updated after the meeting with all the ideas added):
 - Classic cars on Woodside carpark
 - Car boot
 - Singalong with Wistaston Singers or similar
 - Bingo evening
 - Meat & potato pie supper
 - Karaoke/disco
 - Theme of cooking/fancy dress nights (French/Italian)
 - Quiz night
 - Race night
 - Fish & Chips supper

- First aid awareness talk to the meeting from St Johns & potentially run an event open to the community – **Action Debra & Liz poss in November**
- Ideas to fund raise for Memorial Hall (need to raise £1.5m) – **Action all**
- Tombola prizes – needed for Duck Race **Action All**

5. Treasurer's Report

Update sent by Helen & presented by Debra:

Financial Summary Wistaston Community Council - Fete - 2026

Correct as of 28/6/26

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Date	Details	C/A	Date	Payee Details	C/A
20-Jun	Fete - Donations	784.94	4-Jun	Fete - Piper	75.00
20-Jun	Fete - Refreshments	60.95	6-Jun	Fete - Paper laminate signes etc.	13.98
20-Jun	Fete - Wheel of Fortune	27.95	10-Jun	Fete - Signes (Reusable)	210.00
20-Jun	Fete - Candy Floss	53.00	11-Jun	Fete - Refreshments to add to buffet	8.25
20-Jun	Fete - Tombola	159.95	14-Jun	Fete - Tombola Prizes	33.07
20-Jun	Fete - Throwing Games	20.50	14-Jun	Fete - Fancy Dress Prize Money	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - Name the Bear	13.00	14-Jun	Fete - Best Dressed Stall Prize Money	20.00
20-Jun	Fete - Stall Fees (£15)	180.00	14-Jun	Fete - Water	10.14
20-Jun	Fete - Inflatables		14-Jun	Donation to Church Lane School PTA	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - Archery	30.00	14-Jun	Donation to St Marys Church Hall	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - Ice-cream Man		26-Jun	St John Ambulance	147.60
20-Jun	Fete - Clive Toys	20.00	14-Jun	Donation for Fire Brigade Benevolence Fund	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - The Sunshine Street Food	30.00	14-Jun	Donation to Fox Dance	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - Face Painting	50.00	26-Jun	Donation to Crewe Army Cadets	40.00
20-Jun	Fete - Nims Jewellery Stall Donation	120.50	14-Jun	Donation to Wistaston Singers	40.00
			14-Jun	Donation to Crewe Concert Band	40.00
				Donation to TAG	40.00
Total		1,550.79	Total		878.04

not paid yet - no details received

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Net Result	Total Income - Total Expenditure	672.75
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July Account Summary

July WCC MTG 2026

WISTASTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CURRENT ACC.						RESERVE ACC.		
INCOME			EXPENDITURE			IN	OUT	
Date	Details	C/A	Date	Payee Details	C/A	Date/START MONTH	13,058.84	
	June 2026 (current Accs)	151.48	28-Jun	Cockshades Storage [36]	100.00			
22-Jun	Fete - Returned Floats	294.00						
22-Jun	Fete - Cash from the event	1,371.29	18-Jun	Fete - Water - reimburse H. Tattersall [34]	10.14			
22-Jun	Transferred to Reserve Acc.	2,000.00	19-Jun	Fete - Floats and Prize Money (chq - 000915)	354.00	22-Jun	2,000.00	
	Transferred to Current Acc.	600.00	26-Jun	Fete - St John Ambulance [38]	147.60			600.00
30-Jun	Interest from Reserve Account		26-Jun	Fete - Donation Wistaston Singers [39]	40.00	30-Jun		
23-Jun	Fete - Donation from GreenBank Company (Archery)	30.00	26-Jun	Fete - Donation Army Cadet Force [40]	40.00			
			26-Jun	Fete - Donation to TAG [41]	40.00			
22-Jun	Fete - SupUp from the day	29.00	04-Jul	Fete - Donation Crewe Concert Band [42]	40.00			
			26-Jun	Fete - Donation to Fox Dance (await acc details)				
15-Jun	RB - Black Dog Gardens - 2620	25.00	22-Jun	Fete - SupUp Fees	4.42			
15-Jun	RB - Charlesworth PA - 2620	342.50						
15-Jun	RB - Jones OR	25.00	22-Jun	Fete / DR - WCC Stall Prizes - Reimburse D. Sloan [36]	132.83			
16-Jun	RB - David Broom -	25.00	25-Jun	Fete - Food for Rose Queen Lunch - Reimburse STumbull [37]	8.25			
16-Jun	RB - SWJ Electrical -	98.00						
16-Jun	RB - B Sadler -	25.00		Fete - Donation to Church Lane School PTA (await acc details)				
16-Jun	RB - P Cole	25.00	26-Jun	Fete - Donation to St Marys Church Hall [43]	40.00			
17-Jun	RB - Cheshire Conservatives -	97.50						
22-Jun	RB - IR Watson -	25.00						
July Income		2,412.29	July Expenditure		957.24	TOTAL		14,458.84
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	Chq's issued Not cashed							
	IN CURRENT ACC.	206.53				IN RESERVE ACC.		14,458.84
	TOTAL CASH IN BANK	14,675.37						

6. Secretary's Report

WhatsApp group now created – not to replace other communications but to supplement it, if you haven't already joined/accepted invite let Liz know

- Full membership group
- Also WhatsApp for wider volunteers

Request for funding received from Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club

'We have now identified a specific project to upgrade the green premises to better meet the needs of our own and visiting bowlers. We do not currently have a paved walkway between the toilet/visitors 'stand' and the pavilion. This has been the subject of concern given the demographic of the users and the potential for players/visitors to slip and fall and the inability of wheelchair/mobility scooter users to access this area. To address this, we have obtained a quote to pave the path and make it safe for all users - £2088.45. We would greatly appreciate a contribution from the Community Council towards the cost of this work.'

Discussion: They have already had a large donation from us in previous year. The Parish Council do award grants & they have also previously had a grant from them. Cllr Houston raised that this may be impacted by the rebuild & that it needs to be considered there & that it is accepted. Suggestion from the group £300 provided that they have permission from the Memorial Hall Management Committee. **Action: Liz** will reply to confirm

7. Roundabout Report

Review meeting at Eileen's on 3rd August

8. 100 Club

Draw not made as John absent – will follow

Nim registered 2 at the fete and one other, Liz registered another 4, aiming for 120.

Action suggest a poster on the noticeboard at the Memorial Hall

9. Publicity

Ongoing – thanks again to Nadiah for all her hard work

Sam has created a tablecloth with our logo for £2 from Temu – **Action** get some more & reimburse Sam, all agreed and also explore t-shirts

Sam has also ordered some duck scratchcards – 100 cards with 5 winners

Query – have the new signs for the Duck Race been ordered? **Action - Nadiah**

Anyone who wants to help Nadiah with Social Media – please let her know to help share the workload

10. Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor booked for all events

St John's

Organised for Fete, Duck Race and Fireworks

- Duck race, 12-4pm cost increased from £147 to £184 for 4 hours
- Agreed to specify time before event as don't really need them for 4 hours. Probably just 5-7pm

Fete

Thanks to Nadiah & team, what a successful day and great feedback received.

For next year:

- Review internal / external stalls & how we can encourage more to go inside or if we should have all outside
- More seating outside

Feedback sent from Helen & Ian with their apologies:

- Need more folk on buckets and several extra buckets
- More/bigger signage at gates saying admission is by donation **ONLY** & that cash **and card** accepted
- Can we buy more lanyards
- Also some WCC/WCNE branded, wipe clean, plastic tablecloths
- Several wood tables need making safe before the duck race, loose metal strips & sharp nails removed, sanding of splinters, timber treated

All in all, a great success. Helpers numbers are well up which certainly made it so much less stressful for us all. Maybe a few of them will consider joining our committee too if we send them a nice invitation...

Helpers list shared from the day – those who gave permission on the day have been added to the volunteers WhatsApp group

Date for next year – 19th June 2027

F&P Show

Date – 15th August 2026

- Schedules have been promoted in Roundabout and are available in local shops
- Entries coming in
- Carol has sourced great raffle prizes & will be advertised on social media
- Set up 4pm Friday – if anyone else can help let Debra know
Need a couple of volunteers in the afternoon to help with raffle – Claire V, Clair B & Karen W volunteered

Duck Race

Date – 5th September 2026

- Last years work plan sent to **Greg**
- Sub group meeting arranged for Weds 29 July Woodside 4pm
- St Johns are booked
- Games same as Fete
- Sara will run the tombola
- Nadiah has contacts for stalls

Do we want a reserve date? Agreed no.

Fireworks

Date – 7th November 2026

- Use last years Risk Assessment.
- 1350 people on site during event
 - Discuss safety with fire brigade contact at the Brittles. Is 1350 attendees a problem?

Can we explore drones for further years but expect that it may be expensive

Martyn's Law

- Expected to come into force around April 2027
- Check with SIA in 2027
- Example of Queen's Park
 - 5000 pay entrance
 - 2 Paid security guards at each of 4 entry points.
 - Martin's Law may only apply if a controlled event, i.e. paid entry
 - **Dane** has asked Fireworks people asked for assessment of Martyn's Law

Christmas Concert - 4th December 2026

In progress – requests for interested performers on Social Media

11. Reports from meetings attended representing WCC

None

12. Any Other Business

None

Next meeting **17th August**

Usual venue

Meetings: 3rd Monday of every month

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