

WAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wayford Parish Council held in Clapton and Wayford Village Hall on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendance and Apologies

Those present:

Mrs Barbara Woodward (Chair)
Mrs Gill Thompson (Vice Chair)
Mr Piers Farley
Mr Andrew Vickery
Mr Steve Ashton (Somerset Councillor)
Mrs Sue Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mr Mike Best (Somerset Councillor)

In Attendance

16 members of the public

77/25. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 (agenda item 2)

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 10/09/2025 were agreed and signed.

78/25. Public Voice (agenda item 3)

There were no items not on the agenda. Matters of public interest were covered in agenda item 5.

79/25. Somerset Councillor Report (agenda item 4)

Cllr Ashton reported that the consultation on charging for car parks on a Sunday had resulted in 98% of respondents objecting to car parking charges on a Sunday.

Cllr Ashton also reported that there are flooding grants of between £2,000 - £15,000 available.

80/25. Planning Applications (agenda item 5)

Application Number: 24/00352/FUL

Proposal: proposed solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels, with a generating capacity of up to 18.5 MWp including mounting framework, inverters, underground cabling, stockproof fence, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure and biodiversity net gain, substation for grid connection for a temporary period of 40 years

Location: Land OS 8186 Dunsham Lane Wayford Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QL

The applicant has submitted an appeal on the grounds of non-determination because Somerset Council have failed to either approve or reject the application within the time scale. Councillors are no longer able to speak to individual planning officers so it is not known at this stage whether Somerset Council will be recommending approval or rejection of the original application. Cllr Ashton will put in a request to find out what Somerset Council's views are on the appeal and do a report to the Parish Council. The start date of the appeal process is 5th November. All comments and objections which have already been submitted will be considered by the Inspector. On the 19th December there is a meeting between Somerset Council and the appellant. The Public Inquiry will be on 10th February and will last for between 3 - 5 days. Interested parties can speak.

At this point an interested resident explained in detail about Rule 6 and how the community can use Rule 6 to object to the application. He explained that it is a very costly option and that professional legal representatives will have to be employed. Without the proper legal representation it would be very difficult to use Rule 6. If the community is to use the option of Rule 6 there will need to be fundraising in the parish to pursue this option. Once the application to use Rule 6 has been accepted there will be 4 weeks to submit documents.

7.40 Cllr Ashton left the meeting.

81/25. Parish Council Vacancy (agenda item 6)

So far no-one has come forward to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

82/25. Highways (agenda item 7)

An area was marked up for jetting and the bottom of Wayford Hill was done. Cllr Farley said the volunteer group are ready to help and he will put a message on Whatsapp. The bottom of Dunsham Lane is flooded. The drains need clearing and it was thought that the volunteers could do this. It was

remarked that the large tractors undo all the work almost as soon as it is done. It was agreed that we need to do work ourselves on the drains probably annually. It was also remarked that the drains get full of grit because the road is not swept. Cllr Vickery will chase Highways. **ACTION - Cllr Vickery**

A resident asked who cuts the hedges along the roads. This is the responsibility of the landowner.

83/25 Allotments (agenda item 8)

There has been no interest in the vacant plots.

84/25 Cemetery (agenda item 9)

The hedges will be cut later this month.

Cllr Woodward painted the gates and has labelled the bins 'Compost' and 'Rubbish'.

85/25. Website / email address (agenda item 10)

The Clerk said that a resident had set up the bones of a website and explained how to set up an account and buy a domain. The clerk bought the domain 'wayfordpc.org.uk' and an email address has been set up under this domain. The domain and email address have been paid for for 2 years and the website hosting for 3 years so everything is ready to go once the website has been populated with the correct information. The Clerk will organise this. **ACTION - The Clerk**

86/25. LCN (agenda item 11)

There was nothing to report on the LCNs.

87/25. Banking - Closure of Lloyds (agenda item 12)

There were problems with the form and it has been re-submitted. We are waiting to hear from Lloyds.

88/25. Budget and Precept 2026 (agenda item 13)

The Clerk presented the expenditure and income to date which shows that after taking the expected VAT refund into account, projected expenditure this year is running approximately £100 over income. It was noted that we have had expenditure on the trees in the Cemetery and on the drains this year. Next year we will have the extra expenditure of the bin. It was agreed to set the precept in January.

ACTION - Agenda Item Next Meeting

89/25. Accounts payments and receipts (agenda item 14)

The Clerk presented the following payments paid by BACS:

01/11/25	Countrywide (653662)	Grass Sept	£ 149.28
01/11/25	Countrywide (658695)	Grass Oct	£ 149.28
01/11/25	Clapton & Wayford VH	Hire of room Nov 25 - Sept 26	£ 64.80
01/11/25	Robert Howard	Allotment topping	£ 60.00
08/11/2025	S Morley	Salary + Expenses	£ 246.86
08/11/25	HMRC	paye	£ 47.80
08/11/25	S Morley	Re Namecheap domain name	£ 5.41
08/11/25	S Morley	Re Wix Website (3 years)	£ 259.20
08/11/25	S Morley	Re Wix Business email (2 years)	£ 66.24
08/11/25	S Morley	Re Wix Domain name (2 years)	£ 26.40

90/25. Matters and Items to Report (agenda item 15)

There were no other matters and items to report.

91/25. Date of next ordinary Parish Council meeting (agenda item 15)

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00 pm.** in Clapton and Wayford Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Barbara Woodward - Chair