

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 10th September 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendance and Apologies

Those present:

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

Apologies

Mr Piers Farley
Mr Mike Best (Somerset Councillor)

In Attendance

3 members of the public

64/25. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 (agenda item 2)

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 16/07/2025 were agreed and signed.

65/25. Public Voice (agenda item 3)

There were no items not on the agenda.

66/25. Somerset Councillor Report (agenda item 4)

Cllr Ashton reported that the consultation on charging for car parks on a Sunday and for on street parking opened on Sunday.

There is a large planning application in Crewkerne. Somerset Council has problems with planning applications taking too long to reach a decision. To help to address the backlog, planners will no longer be allowed to talk to councillors so as not to slow down their work.

Following his report, Cllr Ashton left the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

67/25. 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

Comments were due by 18th August and Wayford Parish Council submitted the following comments by email:

We, Wayford Parish Council refer the planning officer to our comments on 20th February 2025. Our strong objection still stands on behalf of most of the Parish residents after studying the amendments. Mahe Farm is in an inappropriate site in view of the steep gradient of the land which contravenes the national Policy of 20th May 2024.

The potential effects on the various private water supplies are unknown which is also a cause for concern.

68/25. Highways (agenda item 6)

A number of potholes have been reported. There are also areas which need completely resurfacing and the drains need to be cleaned. Residents were asked to contact Highways direct using their website with a map showing the location of the problem. Cllr Vickery will also contact Highways.

ACTION - Cllr Vickery

69/25 Allotments (agenda item 7)

The neglected plot has been tidied up.

The Clerk contacted Crewkerne to let them know that we have vacant plots. There has been no interest from people in the village.

70/25 Cemetery (agenda item 8)

The Cemetery is looking very nice. The grass is being cut regularly. The work on the Western Red Cedar and the Yew tree was completed.

Cllr Woodward will empty the bins.

ACTION - Cllr Woodward

71/25 Email address / website (agenda item 9)

New regulations have been issued in the latest edition of the Practitioners' Guide which requires all councils to have an email address linked to a council owned website by March 2026. It will no longer meet requirements to have a gmail or hotmail etc email address.

Cllr Woodward enquired if Wayford could have an email address through the West Crewkerne website but this will not be possible. Advice was received from SALC stating that the Parish Council will need to set up its own website. The Clerk has made enquiries regarding companies who could provide a website and their relevant yearly fees for hosting etc. It was suggested that residents are asked if there is anyone who could help with this. Cllr Vickery will put a request on the village WhatsApp. **ACTION - Cllr Vickery**

72/25. Banking - Closure of Lloyds (agenda item 10)

It was agreed to close down the Lloyds bank account now that we have internet banking facility with Nat West. A form was completed and signed by two signatories. The Clerk will post it to Lloyds.

ACTION - The Clerk

73/25. Accounts payments and receipts (agenda item 11)

The Clerk presented the following payments to be paid by BACS:

31/07/2025	Countrywide (643853)	Grass July	149.28
31/07/2025	J A Stewart	Cemetery trees	540.00
10/09/2025	Countrywide (649099)	Grass August	149.28
10/09/2025	S Morley	Clerk	255.78
10/09/2025	HMRC	Paye	52.80

74/25 LCNs (agenda item 12)

There was nothing to report.

75/25. Matters and Items to Report (agenda item 13)

The Clerk has received a quote from Somerset Council for emptying the litter bin every two weeks. The quote was £169.00 plus VAT. It was agreed to accept the quote.

ACTION - The Clerk

76/25. Date of next ordinary Parish Council meeting (agenda item 14)

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.00 pm.** in Clapton and Wayford Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

Barbara Woodward - Chair