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DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton.

Open Forum	The Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory meeting of the parish electorate (Local Government Act 1972, Part 1, s9(1)). It is not a parish council meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1st March and 1st June (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p14(1)). The parish council chairman calls the meeting and if present, chairs the meeting (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p15(1) + p17(1). If the parish council chairman is absent, the vice-chairman if present, shall preside. If neither are in attendance, the meeting may appoint a person to take the chair and for the purposes of this meeting, that person will have the powers and authority of the chairman (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p17(1) + (3). Parish meetings have a general power to discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions, however there is no prescribed format for this meeting, and its recommendations are not binding on the parish council. Any such recommendations can, if appropriate to do so, be taken forward for consideration by the parish council or any of its committees. All local electors are entitled to speak and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting; others may attend but not speak or vote.	
Present	Gareth Lloyd, Chairman Wootton Parish Council – in the chair. Bob Hensher, Member Wootton Parish Council. Donna Lincoln, Member Wootton Parish Council. Jeff Noakes, Member Wootton Parish Council. Stuart O'Dell, Member Wootton Parish Council. Keith Randell, Member Wootton Parish Council, Speed Watch, Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre Patient Participation Group. Sue Edgar Playford, Clerk to Wootton Parish Council. One member of the public.	
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Comments
APM26/001	Apologies for absence. Gerald Bygraves, Member Wootton Parish Council.	Noted for the minutes.

	John Wheeler, Member Wootton Parish Council and Borough Councillor for Wootton and Kempston Rural.	
APM26/002	Minutes of the previous meeting. <i>Minutes are published on the Wootton Parish Council website:</i> http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/ . Members are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 16 th April 2025.	The meeting agreed the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 th April 2025.
APM26/003	To receive the following reports from Wootton Parish Council. Chairman's report. Responsible Financial Officer's Financial report.	It was noted both the Chairman's report and Responsible Financial Officer's financial report would be detailed in the 2026 Annual Report or Business Plan.
APM26/004	To receive reports from outside bodies. Bedford Borough Council – Borough Councillors Abood and Wheeler; Bedfordshire Police; Forest of Marston Vale.	<u>Bedford Borough Council – Borough Councillor Sue Abood</u> No report received. <u>Bedford Borough Council – Borough Councillor John Wheeler</u> No report received. <u>Bedfordshire Police</u> No report received. <u>Forest of Marston Vale</u> No report received.
APM26/005	To receive reports and/or accounts from village/local organisations.	<u>Liloom Home Care Ltd</u> No report received. <u>Robert Edward (Bob) Lunniss Charity</u> No report received. <u>St. Mary's Church</u> No report received. <u>Stewartby Amateur Operatic Society</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Academy Trust/Wootton Upper School</u> No report received.

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		<u>Wootton Baptist Church</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Church and Poor's Land Charities</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Neighbourhood Chat Group and Memory Gym</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Patient Participation Group</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Speed Watch</u> No report received. <u>Wootton Village Hall</u> No report received. <u>Wootton WI</u> No report received.
APM26/006	General Parish Issues.	No issues were raised on the evening.

Meeting closed at 7.18pm.

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