

EBBESBOURNE WAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2025

Present: The Chairman, Cllr Long; Cllr Long, Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Stainforth

In attendance: Sarah Cromwell, the Clerk, Peter Trickett, Angelika Hamilton,

1. Apologies:

Apologies from Cllr Najjar and Cllr Hill

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes from previous meetings were approved and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest:

There were none.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting:

Operation Siege/Selecta DNA

Cllr Stainforth has now put these signs at various points around the Parish, hopefully this will deter any unwanted visits. Thank you Liam.

Footpaths in Fifield

Due to a riding accident, Cllr Hill was unable to join us at the meeting this evening so we were unable to get an update from her. We will receive an update in the next meeting and wish her well for a speedy recovery.

Finger Post in Fifield

Having been in touch with Tom Hitchings who originally brought this to our attention, he advised that several years ago he replaced another fingerpost at the cost of £400, unfortunately this did not include the cost of wood needed and letters for the sign.

Cllr Long has been in touch with local joiner Max Turney regarding this and he has given some quotes using different types of wood. This does not include any lettering so Cllr Long will get in touch to find out additional information. Sarah is to look into getting a grant towards this, as one had been received when previous finger posts needed repair.

The Hollow

Following on from previous discussions Cllr Long got in touch with Cllr Najjar who stated that it was the highways responsibility to maintain the trees up The Hollow. However, Cllr Long has since been advised that Highways are only responsible for the 1m nearest to the road, anything further in from the road is the responsibility of the landowner. The Parish Council are unaware of the owner of some of this land, but have been told by Wiltshire Council that the current owner has been made aware of the situation.

5. Planning Applications

There has been one planning application since the Parish Council last met which was a tree reduction at Ebble Cottage, no objections were raised.

6. Report from Clerk:

The Clerk advised that the current balance is £11726.92, there have been two payments since the last meeting, village hall rent of £60 and £154.87 Insurance payment. £80 was received from the sale of VE Day mugs.

The Parish accounts were completed and signed off by Bill Stacey, AGAR forms (Annual Government Accounting Records) were then able to be sent off.

7. Any other Business:

WhatsApp

It was suggested that a dedicated WhatsApp group be set up for the Parish Council should any urgent matter come up, which cannot wait until the next meeting. This was agreed upon and Cllr Hamilton to set this up, as the administrator.

Calvert/Flooding, Pound Street

David Warder and Andrew Grant have been liaising and the land between their properties has now been cleared of debris. Although this has been done it was discussed that any rainwater could now come down at a speed therefore causing the road to flood more. Suggestions of small dams along this, may slow the water down, therefore avoiding flooding.

Cllr Long has been in touch with David Button from Wiltshire Council who advised that it is the landowner's responsibility to clear the culvert. The issue raised with this was that the majority of the culvert travels under the road which we believe would be the Highways issue. Cllr Long to get back in touch with them with this concern.

Cllr Hamilton has agreed to liaise with David Warder, Andrew Grant and Cllr Stainforth to discuss possible barriers or any other alternatives which could help with this issue. He is also going to get in touch with the late Ian Morton's family to see what can be done about the culvert in front of their house.

Wessex Internet pole

A notice has gone up on The Cross advising that a new Internet pole was going to be put up. There was concern as to why this was to happen as there are already several others in the vicinity which could be used, bearing in mind the proposed location is on private property belonging to Hugh and Jane Pelly. It was previously advised that Wessex Internet would use other poles rather than putting new ones in. Cllr Long to get in touch with Wessex Internet to find out the situation.

Speed limit in village

Cllr Hamilton raised the issue of the speed in which vehicles travel through the village, and whether there is anything that can be done to reduce it. Cllr Stainforth advised that this could be quite an expensive thing to arrange as well as long winded. "20's plenty" was mentioned, and this is a scheme which has been used in urban areas to combat speeding. This is to be looked into.

Flood Warden

Due to issues noted above, and for future help, it was suggested that this is advertised in The Ebbles to see if anybody is interested in taking this role on.

8. Items for the Ebbles:

Suggested information to be added to the Ebbles, keep reporting pot holes to MyWilts to ensure they are filled, along with any issues with trees near the roadside. Asking if anyone would be interested in becoming the Flood Warden for the Parish.

9. Public Question Time:

Peter Trickett asked the Parish Council if there was room in our Archive cabinet for documents regarding the history of the village, as he has information that came from the late Alison Meers, whose husband wrote a book regarding the village. The Parish Council will look into available space and get back to him, ensuring that all information needs to be documented.

Angelika Hamilton came to the meeting on behalf of the Village Hall, asking that they may request further funds towards the new flooring in the Pavilion.

Angelika also suggested doing a coffee morning for the Parish, inviting all the new comers to the village hall to meet others in the village, as well as members of the Parish Council. This has been arranged for 20th September

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on 20th November 2025.