



Wistaston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 August 2026

1. Chair's Welcome

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting

We were pleased to hear that John Lomax is recovering at home, thanks passed on from him for the best wishes and the flowers.

Unfortunately there is sad news that our former secretary Rob McIntosh has passed away. Condolences to all of Rob's family and friends.

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, Sarah Rhodes, David Price, Dane Chaplow, India Sloan, Bill Heath, Helen Gould, Ian Gould, Eileen Bamber

3. Apologies

Nadiah McKeown, Helen Tattersall, John Lomax, Geoff Bolt,

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

- Gazebo's: 3 yellow sturdy ones arrived & in the storage unit
- New hosting and website design – still waiting but is in progress **Action: Greg**
- 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 – updated after the July 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 – pass to Sara**

5. Treasurer's Report

- To follow

6. Secretary's Report

Request for funding received from Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club

Confirmation following the last meeting that the Memorial Hall Management Sub Committee have given permission for the works to be done for access so the grant can now be paid **Action: Liz** will reply to confirm & **Helen T** to arrange payment

Additional events

General feedback – Classic Car Event, probably late April, will need to liaise with the Woodside. Any food & drink to be via the Woodside, we may have Tombola & donations bucket. **Action: Liz** to add invite for those wanting to lead and be involved in the sub group.

Also consider Quiz night & fund raising for Memorial Hall combined

7. Roundabout Report

Review meeting at Eileen's on 3rd August – unfortunately due to the change of date & holidays only Ian could attend. We need more radical ideas for moving forward.

Whitegates are continuing the advert on the back page, concerns that some residents may see the advert and just ignore as another adverts bulletin.

Eileen is finalising the next edition and has more content than space. We could consider an extra A4 sheet (4 pages) which would be c.£800 extra per year. Concerns about the proposed housing developments as this will impact the number we publish. Will need ongoing review and liaison with the Parish Council.

8. 100 Club

Draws:

Last month: £50 – number 19

This month: last month: £50 – number 23

We have a further 3 people signed up, so now have 94, aiming to get to 120.

9. Publicity

Banners being ordered – thanks to Nadiah for all her work with these

Agreed 'Ducks' on lamp posts again

Sam & Sara designed more banners, table cloths & tops, all look great & eye catching – expenses agreed to be reimbursed to Sam

10. Sub-Committee Reports

Fete

Date for next year – 19th June 2027

F&P Show

Date – 15th August 2026

Really successful set up & event, well done to all involved – great team.

54 entrants

358 entries

Up on last year & some new people entering which was great to see.

Need to try & get more children entries. One suggestion to help and also to promote the event could be a poster competition for children to promote the event.

Provisional takings:

Kitchen £25.40

Raffle £143.50

Auction £64.90

Some feedback:

- sound system wasn't clear
- Include a description for each trophy

Paul Stubbs has volunteered to bring his sound system for next year & perhaps try it at the Christmas Concert

Duck Race

Date – 5th September 2026

Ian updated following the latest sub group meeting which was also attended by David O'Hara from the Conservation Group.

There are concerns about lack of water in the stream. Tested with a wooden sleeper put in & if the flow is poor we can dam it on the day.

Chairs ordered – we now have 12 fold down chairs so we don't have to collect chairs

Food – Scouts can't attend but we have Ice cream & Pizza stalls and possibly have our own stall selling soft drinks.

Candy floss not being used at the Duck Race as was not popular at the fete but will at the Fireworks

Small lotteries licence – not needed if not selling in advance but also covered under the 100 club **Action – Ian & Nim** checking the licence is up to date

Anyone wanting to help on the games stalls let Debra know & perhaps have shifts if suits

Reminder **Action all:** any prizes for the Tombola to Sara

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

May be an issue at the Brittles as only one gate in, so an issue on evacuation – **Action:**
Dane will speak to the Brittles

Issue with potential traders and will be picked up in September, needs to be planned in advance **Action** - discuss in September

Christmas Concert - 4th December 2026

In progress – requests for interested performers on Social Media

No further update

11. Reports from meetings attended representing WCC

None

12. Any Other Business

Bowling - 10 attending

Sunday 23 August 5:30

Next meeting **21 September**

Usual venue

Meetings: 3rd Monday of every month

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