

WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

To Members of Woolston Parish Council
and Borough Ward Councillors

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WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WARREN LANE

AGENDA

Part 1

Items during the consideration of which the meeting is expected to be open to members of the public (including the press) subject to any statutory right of exclusion.

1. Chairman's opening remarks

Chairman to report.

2. Code of Conduct - declarations of interest **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011 no later than when the item is reached. Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide.

3. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence from members.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2026 (enclosed).

5. Notice of resignations – East Ward and West Ward

Clerk to report the resignation of Mr N Khan and Mrs C Kilgannon and on the filling of the vacancies by co-option.

6. Co-option of a member – East Ward and West Ward

To interview applicants who responded to the public notice to fill the vacancies.

7. Matters of report from previous minutes

To receive any progress reports.

8. Policing of Woolston

- 8.1 To consider the monthly report from the Police and determine any action.
- 8.2 The Police are working with Groundworks on the feasibility of a BID (Business Improvement District) for Woolston Grange. The Police have provided further information as requested in support of their request for a financial contribution to the scheme.

9. Borough Council business

- 9.1. Borough Ward Councillors to report.
- 9.2. Woolston Neighbourhood Hub – reports published by the Borough Council on 10 September 2026
 - (1) Executive Summary and (2) Condition Survey.
- 9.3. Matters relating to the Borough Council:
 - 1. Borough Council review of road safety on Holes Lane, Hillock Lane and Gig Lane – Councillor Tynan to report.
 - 2. A57 Manchester Road – provision of a pedestrian island and tactile surface to the dropped pedestrian crossing west of Weir Lane – Councillor Sheridan to report.
 - 3. Removal of School Crossing Patrol, Hillock Lane – response from the Borough Council.
 - 4. A57 Manchester Road – complaint at parking on the grass verge adjacent to Woolston Social Club.

10. Committee matters

Environment and Amenities Committee

- 1. Parish Path Warden scheme - report on the condition of paths.
- 2. Ranger Cabin, Woolston Park - progress report on repairs.
- 3. Hillock Lane amenity area – pest control.
- 4. Battery Lane Allotment Site – management matters
 - 4.1 Pest control – use of Warrington BC service.
 - 4.2 Battery Lane Allotment Association – assistance in site maintenance and management.
 - 4.3 Provision of a pedestrian gated access and fencing adjacent to main access gates.
 - 4.3 Use of the metered water supply.
 - 4.4 Review of annual rent.

Finance and General Committee

- 1. Introduction of online banking – progress report.
- 2. Application for grant aid:
 - 2.1 Fox Wood School PTA.
 - 2.2 To consider other applications received.
- 3. Remembrance Sunday, November 2026 – event arrangements.

11. Reports from members appointed to local bodies

To receive any reports from members on the business of the following local bodies:

- 1. New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor Rydzkowski.
- 2. Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor Klein.
- 3. Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell.

12. Correspondence – consultation and information

Clerk to report.

13. Planning Applications and appeals

To consider:

1. relevant planning applications and appeals submitted for comment by the Borough Council and to confirm any comments submitted since the last meeting of the Council.
2. Result of any planning appeals.
3. Representations from resident – Bridge Road.

14. Business raised by Council Members

To consider items raised by Members of the Council.

15. Accounts

To approve the payment of accounts.

16. Date and place of next ordinary meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Council is to be held at 7.00pm on 20 October 2026 at the Church of the Ascension.

Part 2

Items of a confidential nature of business to be transacted or for some other special reasons stated in the resolution during which it is likely that the meeting will not be open to the public and press in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 – NIL.

17. Policing of Woolston

8.1 To consider the monthly report from the Police and determine any action.

8.2 The Police are working with Groundworks on the feasibility of a Business Improvement District for Woolston Grange. This could assist the provision of ANPR cameras at each entrance and a full CCTV system covering the site. The Council is requested to consider financial support.

Groundworks have approached Warrington BC and the Police and Crime Commissioner for funding of the initial phase.

18. Borough Council business

18.1. Borough Ward Councillors to report.

18.2. Woolston Neighbourhood Hub – application for Listing as an Asset of Community Value.

- 18.3. Save Woolston Hub Group – Chairman and Vice Chairman to report on liaison meeting.
- 18.4. Matters raised with the Borough Council:
 5. Borough Council review of road safety on Holes Lane, Hillock Lane and Gig Lane – Councillor Tynan to report.
 6. A57 Manchester Road – response from the Borough Council on the provision of a pedestrian island to the west of Weir Lane – Councillor Sheridan to report.
 7. School Crossing Patrol – request for reintroduction on Hillock Lane.

19. Committee matters

Environment and Amenities Committee

5. Parish Path Warden scheme
 - 1.1 Report on the condition of paths.
 - 1.2 Peak and Northern Footpath Society – report on Annual General Meeting.
6. Ranger Cabin, Woolston Park - progress report on repairs.
7. Battery Lane Allotment Site – management matters.

Finance and General Committee

4. Introduction of online banking – progress report.
5. Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
6. Accounts (1) January-March 2025-26; (2) full year 2025-26.
7. Audit of Accounts 2025-26 – to consider:
 - 7.1 the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2025-26.
 - 7.2 the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025-26 and (1) the Annual Governance Statements and (2) the Accounting Statements for 2025-26.
8. Applications for grant aid to consider any applications received.
9. Remembrance Sunday, November 2026 – event arrangements.

20. Reports from members appointed to local bodies

To receive any reports from members on the business of the following local bodies:

4. New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor Rydzkowski.
5. Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor Klein.
6. Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell.

21. Correspondence – consultation and information

Clerk to report.

22. Planning Applications and appeals

To consider:

4. relevant planning applications and appeals submitted for comment by the Borough Council and to confirm any comments submitted since the last meeting of the Council.
5. result of any planning appeals.

23. Business raised by Council Members

To consider items raised by Members of the Council.

24. Recess Committee

To approve the appointment of a Recess Committee with the authority to deal with any urgent business arising before the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Previously the membership of the Committee was the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Chairs of the Environment and Amenities Committee and the Finance and General Committee, or their nominees.

25. Accounts

To approve the payment of accounts.

26. Date of next ordinary meeting

To agree the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

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