WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT
Cllr J Morrison (Chair)
B Hughes, K Whitehurst,
S Hill, M Fair, D Shaw
T Latala

G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

SMDC Cllr P Hughes
There were 3 members of the public present.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
A member of the public offered to volunteer with speed watch. The Clerk agreed that in January the Parish Council will advertise for volunteers and arrange a training session.

Public Question Time ended at 1905hrs

166/25 APOLOGIES
Cllr K Griffiths, Cllr L Ibbs and Cllr R Ward.

167/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None received.

168/25 REGISTER OF INTEREST
Councillors were reminded.

169/25 The **minutes** of the following meetings were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 10th November 2025.

170/25 Accounts The following accounts were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) November 2025 Bank Reconciliation.
b) Dec/Jan 26 payment schedule.
c) 2026/27 Budget.

171/25 Planning Applications.
There were no comments made on the following applications: SMD/2025/0471, SMD/2025/0485, SMD/2025/0506 or DOC/2025/0101.

SMD/2025/0472 the clerk is to review whether the land is greenbelt and if the stream or public footpath is affected and update the Parish Council.

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172/25 The Following **Policies** were reviewed and approved:

a) Information Technology Policy.

173/25 Werrington Parish Council received **reports** from:

a) Staffordshire Moorlands Councillors.

Cllr D Shaw informed the meeting that:

- Patients Participation Group bringing back care at home. SMDC and SCC are supporting using a micro system because the Moorlands is so spread out and plan to split it into cells. There are over 10,000 residents in Staffordshire Moorlands requiring care at home.

Cllr B Hughes and Cllr P Hughes have nothing further to add.

b) County Councillor

Cllr W Mckenzie did not attend.

174/25 Clerks Report

Had been distributed to Parish Councillors. Key points include:

- The new warden Mr Wilson has started and is shadowing Mrs Nixon whose last day is on Friday 12th December. The Wardens monthly jobs list was approved, and it was decided that Meigh Road Playing Fields Car Park will remain locked on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
- MUGA Soak Away Tender was approved.
- Basket Swing upgrade Tender was approved
- It was approved to purchase a hard drive for the Parish Council files and in six months' time a second one.

175/25 Neighbourhood Plan.

a) The Working Group main priorities are:
    - Inputting NHP Surveys
    - Completing Green Space templates.
b) Next meeting Monday 15th December 0930hrs at Werrington Library.

176/25 Allotments

SMDC have started the transfer of allotment asset to WPC. WPC agreed that the transfer was to include the Millennium Rock area too.

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177/25 Meigh Road Playing Fields
It was agreed for the Clerk to create another draft tender for quotes for the replacement of the children's multi play frame and surface and Cllr D Shaw will apply for the National Grid/Solar Grant for up to £20,000.

178/25 Sports Ground
A discussion was held about the future of the Sports Ground; it was decided to have this as an agenda item for January to ensure all avenues are researched considering the Neighbourhood Plan and Devolution.

179/25 Bowling Club
No Report.

180/25 Chairman's Report
No report.

181/25 Anti-Social Behaviour
Cllr Fair informed the meeting that he has written a proposal to work with Moorside High School. Cllr Whitehurst has shared it with the school and hopefully it will be looked at in the New Year.

The Clerk has asked for an update with regards to non-attendance of any PCSOs to the Ash Café Drop-in Clinic or to Moorside High School meeting and also an updated about CCTV footage.

182/25 School Working Group Update
Cllr Whitehurst informed the meeting that she has met with the school a couple of times now and hopes that good working relationships can be formed to support each other going forward.

Cllr Shaw informed the meeting that via the Village Magazine the primary School have fully engaged, and he hopes to engage with Moorside too.

183/25 Correspondence
Nothing received.

184/25 Councillor Updates/Items
Cllr B Hughes informed the meeting about Light Speed requesting that engagement is made with the residents about telegraph pole positions. It was confirmed that it is Light Speeds responsibility to hold a public meeting with the residents.

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Cllr P Hughes also informed the meeting that Connect Fibre had a Government Grant to benefit people in the rurak area and have been making recent contact with residents.

Cllr Hill informed the meeting about the successful entry the Parish Council made into the Christmas Tree Festival which cost the total of £5. The Chair thanked Cllr S Hill and Cllr L Ibbs for their work.

Cllr Fair expressed an interest in entering The Best Kept Village Competition in the future and would volunteer to champion it. The Clerk suggested a guest speaker to attend and explain what is involved.

The members of the public left the meeting

Confidential Items (public and press excluded)

185/25 Facias and Soffits Quotations
Werrington Parish Council discussed the future of Werrington Sports Ground again and with that in mind with a majority voted to appoint ACE to replace the facias and soffits at the Sports Ground.

186/25 Meigh Road Drainage Consultation
This item was deferred until January 2026.

187/25 To review and consider Email address providers.
Deferred until January 2026 to review all current costings.

188/25 Christmas Closure
The Clerk is on annual leave from Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January and will be uncontactable. The Wardens have the Chairmans telephone number and the Chairman has the Wardens telephone numbers all Councillors to have the Chairman number if required over this period.

189/25 Transfer of Assets
Werrington Parish Council agreed to have a running agenda item to agree on SMDC and SCC assets which would be considered for transfer to WPC.

190/25 Items for the next agenda
Drainage
Emails
School updates
ASB

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Assets

191/25 Date of next meeting is Monday 12th January 2026

Meeting Closed at 2025hrs