

Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7:15 p.m.**

Present: Cllr J Hockaday – in the Chair, Cllr N Appleton, Cllr D Holmes, Cllr D Jones, Cllr M Stanley

In Attendance: Joe Knight, Phil Creegan

1.	Acceptance of Apologies – I Wibberley (clerk), Cllr S Carter, Cllr M Lake				
2.	Declarations of Interest – None				
3.	Approval of Minutes – The minutes of 17 th Feb 2026 were accepted Proposed: Cllr D Holmes Seconded: Cllr M Stanley				
4.	Presentation by Joe Knight on the Welcroft planning application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants to remove internal posts & improve insulation to modern standards • Existing roof to remain in situ and use the same roof tiles as at present 				
5.	Planning				
	5.1 Planning Applications Received From SDC for Consideration				
	Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Property	Description	PC Decision
	25/02806/FUL	31 st March 2026	Welcroft Binton Road Welford-on-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8PP	Propose two storey side extension replacing an existing garage and utility room. Enclosed porch, first floor gable extensions and external alterations	Support
	26/00580/TREE	10 th April 2026	Magpie Cottage High St Welford on avon Stratford on avon CV37 8EF	Two cherry trees to be cut to ground level and the stumps treated to prevent growth One spruce tree to be cut to ground level and the stump treated to prevent growth The above is to prevent further root damage to the building substrata	Support
	26/00038/FUL	30 th March 2026	South Lawns Barton Rd Welford on avon Stratford on avon CV37 8EY	Proposed loft conversion with the addition of two dormers to the rear	Support

26/00497/VARY	8 th April 2026	Orchard Nurseries Duck lane Welford on avon	Vary conditions #2 and #4 of application21/03308/VARY Demolition of existing nursery building and erection of nine dwellings and associated works	Object
<p>5.2 Other planning matters</p> <p>Concern expressed regarding the Mill Lane development. It appears part of the road providing access to the Bowls club is being reduced in width and the development is encroaching on the existing access road. Does the Bowls Club know? Also, the hedge was taken out without permission. Cllr Appleton has informed Nic Allen and it needs reinserting as per the planning permission</p>				
<p>6. Action List</p> <p>No specific comments on list but</p> <p>Synder meadow risk list was approved School governor – decision to defer to better time Defib – Need expenses submitted for approval Poppy day wool - Request for £50 donation approved Doug Lewis Maypole tree expense of £420 approved</p>				
<p>7. Project Updates from Councillors</p> <p>Cllr M Stanley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCAF 22k + 25+25k going ahead. WCC are looking into what more is needed • Comms are still an issue for the PC, highlighted by queries regarding bridge closure. • Still need someone to handle social media • Proposed meeting with Iona & Martyn Colin Winston to agree the way forward. • Agreed we have a Q&A session during the main parish meeting after the councillor's report • Cllr Stanley has planted a set of saplings on Cress Hill supplied by Dereck Tribe. Requested a note of thanks which Cllr Holmes will send <p>Cllr J Hockaday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for phase 2 of the Synder Meadow Pavilion project – update given • Already have a 'quote' from Hintons • Prices requested from mechanical & electrical contractors to coordinate with an holistic approach • Trinity will provide a consolidated budget <p>Cllr N Appleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working on footpath website • Need approval for Synder Meadow security cameras estimated ~£700. To be funded out of the SM fund • Decision to approve • Requested plans for Synder meadow phase 2 – see Cllr Hockaday's report 				

	<p>Cllr D Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £650 grant for trees for Synder Meadow. Supplier is unable to fulfil the quote due to recent weather issue • Still unsure of the grant timeframe. Can it be delayed until autumn? Need Simon/Iona to confirm grant rules <p>Cllr D Holmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle path – Still waiting for a timeframe for the quote. Will chase the designated contractors • Cress Hill picnic site has been completed as far as requested. However, after review, it still needs at least two more small trees cutting down and disposal (burning) of the remains • Will request a further quote • Lower hedge cutting completed. Lot of work here as it required manual work due to the 'slope' of the ground • Cuttings still need burning
8	Dates of Future Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th April 2026 – Full PC meeting • 21st April 2026 - Planning Committee Meeting

Meeting finished 21.45