

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) HELD ON TUESDAY 16
DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Dr Geake (Chair), Mrs Osborne-Lomax, Mrs Hammond, Mr Hardiman and Mr Guyler.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Fuller, Clerk.

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensation.

There were none.

3. Public comment. There were none.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting 16 September 2025

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters and take any necessary action. None received.

6. General discussion to agree money earmarked for future projects.

The condition of the car park by the tennis courts is very poor and in need of a repairs to fill the holes. This is the responsibility of WRGC who have not as yet asked for any funding. It was felt prudent to allocate £2000.00 under 'other projects not yet costed'.

Mrs Osborne-Lomax advised that the Village Hall has many problems and doubts the allocated £100,000.00 will cover the immediate necessities of plumbing, mould, electrics, updating toilet facilities, broadband, CCTV and boilers. The Village Hall trustees hope to be able to submit a costed CIL application in the next few months, covering what is immediately needed.

7. To consider CIL grant requests from (for applications received before agenda sent)

a)Woolpit Cricket Club

The application is for £23,350 towards a total refurbishment of the club house totalling £37,830.00. The have requested a Locality Grant but this would only be available to cover any shortfall.

The last grant to WCC was in March 2025 for cricket nets. WPC CIL spending policy advises that you cannot normally be considered for another grant until 12 months has elapsed.

Cllrs discussed the issue that WCC will want to have the work completed before the season starts in April. WCC has received Section 106 funding from MSDC for part of the project which cannot be done without our CIL funding.

It was agreed that, as it is very likely the funding would be approved in March 2026, the CIL funding should be approved exceptionally due to the seasonal nature of the sport and that the Section 106 funding needs to be spent before the end of the financial year.

The Clerk was asked to remind WCC of only one application per 12 months as per the CIL spending policy.

Action: the Clerk

b)Woolpit Primary Academy

The application is for £12,000.00 to purchase 32 ipads and accessories. Mrs Osborne-Lomax asked if they were doing their own fundraising and it has to be

assumed they are. Mrs Osborne-Lomax also pointed out that having a lot of SEND pupils may mean that alternative technology is more needed. It was agreed that WPC would purchase the items and gift them to the school which will allow us to reclaim VAT so the cost would be in the region of £10,000.00.

A further application has been received from the school for £7,500.00 for height adjusting tables. The Clerk will advise that this cannot be considered until 12 months has elapsed from the previous application.

8. To agree the date of the next CIL meeting as Tuesday 17 March 2026.

Agreed.

9. To consider planning application 25/03320

Change of use from existing agricultural land to amenity for equine use, erection of a stable block and the siting of 3 No. shipping containers for storage. Land south east of Warren Lane - Cllrs agreed to respond with no comment.

The meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

Signed.....approved.....

Dated.....17 March 2026.....