WYVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Present: Cllrs K Garton, M Grundy, K Horrigan, S Williams, B Wilson
In attendance: Kate Webster (Clerk), SCC Cllr J Patchett, one member of the public

1. Apologies and approval of absences
Apologies had been received, and were approved, from Cllrs Ingleson and Wilshaw. Cllr Williams chaired the meeting

2. To receive declarations of interests
None received

3. To consider requests for dispensations
None received

4. To approve as accurate the minutes of the last meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2026 were approved as an accurate record and signed accordingly

5. To receive reports from the District and County Councillor
Cllrs Mellen and Patchett's reports had been previously circulated, and copies can be requested from the clerk. Cllr Patchett was in attendance and went through his report and answered members' questions

6. Refurbishment of Crooksell pond
A member of the public had raised this issue because the low water level caused by the recent hot weather had revealed various items of rubbish which he had attempted to remove himself and he had requested help to continue with the clean up. It was explained that the pond is privately owned ***- permission to be sought from the owner of the land to continue the operation***

7. Planning matters:
The following applications were considered and decisions made
i) DC/26/03607 – replacement windows at Walnut Tree Cottage, Mill Road, Wyverstone (listed building) Wyverstone – ***members voted to support this application***
ii) DC/26/03601 – erection of greenhouse & extension to stable at Town Farm House, College Road, Earls Green (listed building) – ***members voted to support this application***
iii) DC/26/03632 - replacement render at Crooksell Hall, Potash Lane (listed building) - ***members voted to support this application***

b) decisions or other planning matters to report
i) DC/25/05197 – self build dwelling at Fox Hollow, The Street , Wyverstone – ***granted with conditions***
ii) DC/17/05193 & 03799 and DC/24/02332 – non material amendments at Former Bacton Middle School site – ***approved***
iii) *DC/26/00648 discharge of conditions (materials) of dwelling & cart lodge at land north of Mill Road, Wyverstone –* ***approved***

8. Financial matters –
Before the meeting, Cllrs Garton and Grundy completed a bank reconciliation which was recorded on the internal financial control sheet

a) clerk's report
the clerk reported balances of £4177 (current account) and £1905 (savings account) The second instalment of the of the precept (£1615) had been received

b) payments made since the last meeting - *£494.40 to MSDC for bin emptying; £100 donation to Kitty Kat Rescue; £50 donation to Animal Welfare Suffolk; £50 donation to Suffolk Animal Rescue*
Members agreed that the remaining £600 previously set aside for the feral cat eradication project should be put back into general reserves
c) renewal of insurance
members voted unanimously to renew with Zurich at £214 (no increase)

9. Emergency Response Plan
Members discussed the merits and usefulness of such a plan – ***clerk to update after consultation with MSDC's Emergency Planning Support Officer***

10. Correspondence received
i)Bacton PC had been in touch advising that they had been invoiced by MSDC for the dog bin by the Middle School – this has now been resolved. They were thanked for their contribution (approximately six months' costs)

ii) an invitation had been received to attend the CAB's Annual General Meeting – all declined

11. Progress reports on matters from previous meetings
i)*The problem with feral cats on waste land in Rectory Road appears to have been resolved – donations now made to three of the charities involved (see item 8b above)*

ii) Speeding continues to be a problem in the village – clerk to investigate costs and possible funding from SCC to purchase a second SID

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting – 10th November 2026