

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Wigginton Parish Council's Environment Committee held on Friday 8th May 2026 from 10:00am at The Old School.

Present: Cllrs Gates (Chair), Denton, Roberts **Members of the public:** 0 **Clerk:** Marie Harrison.

E25/17 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Denton, the Chair of the Environment Committee, welcomed the members present.

E25/18 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given.

Cllr Lakey sent apologies for the meeting, and it was RESOLVED to approve the reasons given.

E25/19 To receive any declarations of interest and any request for dispensations.

None were received.

E25/20 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2025.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2025 and these were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

E25/21 To resolve to adjourn the meeting to hold the Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

E25/22 To receive an update on actions relating to the increase of biodiversity of the pond

Cllr Denton informed members that planting of aquatic species had taken place in April thanks to the generosity of New Earswick Nature Reserve, who donated the plants, and time donated by volunteers. Species included irises, bulrushes and waterlilies. The aim is to oxygenate the water sufficiently to support amphibians and fish life.

E25/23 To receive information and decide necessary action on village matters to include:

1. To consider commissioning a single tree inspection for £190.00 and decide on proposed tree works for 2026/27

It was RESOLVED to request a quote from Yorkshire Tree Surgeons Ltd for the removal of a dead silver birch in the copse at Churchfields and to arrange a site visit in relation to reduction of the lime in the churchyard to inspect the tree and receive advice following removal of basal growth.

2. To consider the correspondence related to the sponsorship of a picnic table at the pond

An update was given by the clerk in relation to the ordering of a 2-metre wheelchair accessible picnic table for the pond green, which is kindly being sponsored by a resident. Payment has been received and so the table will be ordered as approved under minute item 25/101.1 .

3. To consider the removal of a bench at the pond and decide necessary action

It was RESOLVED to remove the old bench due to the design and condition of the bench. It is worth noting that the bench is not a memorial bench and so no family members need to be informed.

4. To consider the offer of a picnic table donation at the pond and decide necessary action

The offer of an oak picnic table was discussed and it was RESOLVED for this to be passed on to the Churchfields Open Space Committee for consideration.

5. To consider the design and installation of a village/pond information sign at the pond and decide necessary action

It was RESOLVED, following discussion of design and content, for the clerk to request a quote for the installation of an information sign on the pond green. It was suggested that the sign should be in a recycled plastic in keeping with the new bench and table, and that the content could be collated by members of the planning committee of Wigginton Parish Council.

6. To review allotment rates for 2027/28 and decide any necessary action

It was RESOLVED to maintain current allotment rates for the 2027/28 period.

E25/24 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting. As required.