

WIGSTON PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Wigston Parva

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025

Present:-

Richard Masterson (Chairman)	Lynda Hemming	Cllr. Ben Taylor (District Councillor)
Sally Anne Masterson	Elizabeth Poulton	Cllr. Mike Shirley (District Councillor)
Sharon Bronn	Bridget Jenkins	
George Pilkington	Jack Jenkins	

Officers present:-

Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer

Apologies:-

Thomas Jenkins, James Masterson, William Masterson, Chrissy Pilkington, Jason Brown,

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Senior Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer invited nominations for the election of Chairman of the Wigston Parva Parish Meeting.

DECISION

That Richard Masterson be elected Chairman of the Wigston Parva Parish Meeting until the Annual Meeting in 2026.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 were approved subject to the following amendments:

1. Correcting a typographical error from 'Pilkinton' to 'Pilkington'.
2. That 'Aston Flamville' be replaced with 'Wigston Parva' in item 1 of the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

HNRFI

It was noted that a written refusal for HNRFI had been issued, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Ben Taylor, Cllr. Mike Shirley, Cllr. Maggie Wright and Alberto Costa (MP) for listening to local views from residents and lobbying to ensure that the application was refused.

Cllr. Ben Taylor added that the Council is working on the new Local Plan which will set out where growth needs to be accommodated following guidance issued from the Government. The Local Plan is due to be published in November 2025. The Southern Slip on the M69 near Aston Flamville will also be included in the Local Plan for development.

Fly-tipping

The Chairman was pleased to report that there had been no recent incidents recently, and requested residents continue to be vigilant. It was noted that that the Council was efficient in collecting any waste once reported.

The Chairman spoke of car related vandalism, where vehicles were abandoned, and then had number plates switched. It was noted that several number plates had been located. It was noted that there had been no recent incidents. The Chairman requested that residents contact him if they see any abandoned vehicles so it could be reported to local beat police.

A5 Junction

Residents discussed several near-misses with vehicles who were not observing appropriate road health and safety. Cllr. Mike Shirley responded that he had attended a virtual meeting with Highways and an officer responsible for the A5 group. The District Councillors added that they would continue to source funding bids to conduct a survey of the junction. If there were any concerns of overgrown vegetation, these should be reported to the Councillors to action.

Residents queried the number of fatalities on the junction and the Councillors responded that they would look into this further. Residents then discussed various solutions to make the junction safe, including amending the road surface, roundabouts, speed cameras.

Planning

The Chairman asked the District Councillors if they could suggest anything further to protect the hamlet from excessive development.

The District Councillors assured residents that they were actively involved in the drafting of the Local Plan and residents should continue to respond to

planning application consultations as they are currently. The Council no longer has a 5 year housing land supply and this needed to be rectified as soon as possible.

Residents discussed challenges raised by encroaching development, including accessing the village green and cottages, noise and disturbance.

Barking Dogs

It was reiterated that any disturbance ought to be brought to the attention of the Dog Warden.

District Councillors Update

Cllr. Mike Shirley provided residents with an update which included:

- Cllr. Ben Taylor being elected as the Leader of Blaby District Council at its Annual Meeting on 20 May 2025.
- Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore being appointed as the Deputy Leader, replacing Cllr Maggie Wright who had resigned from the Conservative Group and is now an Independent Member.
- Cllr. Mike Shirley being appointed as the Planning and Strategic Growth Portfolio Holder.
- Local Government Reorganisation – There are at least 3 years left before this takes effect, until then the Council will continue to fulfil its statutory obligations. The Government requested that Council's put forward their own proposals on how Leicestershire and Rutland ought to be restructured. Proposals were submitted in response where Leicestershire's district and borough councils, along with Rutland County Council, have collaborated on an interim plan to make significant changes to the councils that provide services across the area. The interim plan is called the North, City, South Plan and proposes the creation of three unitary authorities serving a similar number of residents.
- Food waste – new bins will be provided to residents following governments request that Council's collect food waste. These are likely to be introduced in April 2026 onwards.
- Updates would continue to be provided to residents monthly by both District Councillors.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be arranged in consultation with the Chairman for a date in May 2026.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.46 P.M.