

Wield Parish Council
Meeting – Thursday 15 January 2026
Wield village hall

Those present:), Roland Richardson, Kate Gibbons, Keith Stanton, Nick Lailey, and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Apologies – Ben Robinson & Lorna Timmis,

Cllr Richardson, as elected vice-chair, chaired the meeting

Before the meeting began, and for the benefit of Cllr Stanton (new Councillor) Cllr Richardson outlined the work of the Parish Council.

1. Election of chair

2. Cllr Stanton was reluctant to take on the role of chair, so soon after being elected to the Parish Council. It was, therefore, necessary to elect a chair to the PC.

3. Cllr Stanton said that he may take up the role at some time in the future as he is unfamiliar with the processes and is still in full time employment with limited time available.

Cllr Richardson agreed to become chair with Cllr Gibbons to assist.

Proposal – Cllr Richardson as chair of Wield Parish Council:

Proposed – Cllr Gibbons

Second - Cllr Lailey

Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes of last meeting

Were signed as a true and accurate record. Necessary to make sure all minutes appear on the council website.

2. Matters arising –

- 2.1 Battle corner – drains, culverts and ditches all need clearing - HCC will be asked to attend.
- 2.2 Potholes – are a matter for HCC. Some are being dealt with, but more work is needed.

3. Financial report

- **3.1** Precept for 2026/7 has been raised by 5% making it now £3675.00 (£3500.00 in previous years)
- **3.2** CIL payment of £14,144.10 has been received and now need a discussion to determine the amount granted to the Village Hall committee for re-roofing. It was agreed to defer the decision till the next meeting. Cllr Stanton agreed to speak to the VH treasurer.

4. Planning applications

- **4.1 New** house in Piper's yard – the building is due for completion in September but there is an outstanding issue about some windows that should have obscure glass. Cllr Stanton is dealing.

5. Footpaths

Nothing significant to report

6. Roads

- **6.1** – Culverts by Hattingly Vally are blocked and the road floods badly in wet weather. Cllr Richardson agreed to contact HCC and also mention the Battle corner issue

7. Website

- **7.1** No issues but it does need updating.

8. Any other business

- **8.1** – Precept – is still very low in comparison with other small local Parish Council and will need to be raised next year.
- **8.2** Community Asset – WPC can nominate anything as a community asset and the yew Tree Pub is a case in point.. It was deemed a good idea but needs more investigation. Mrs Selina Geddes has apparently completed an application form. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting
- **8.3** SLR. It is now with Cllr Lailey. There is a rota for passing round the village, spending two seeks on each post. However, it was loaned for some months to Shalden PC to see if it was necessary for that village to purchase one. During the time it was unused in Wield, there was no perceivable difference in the speed of local traffic. It was suggested that it could be fixed in one place, a location where it is most needed
It was proposed to fix permanently outside the play park.

Proposed – Cllr Lailey

Second Cllr Stanton

Carried unanimously

It was further agreed that if it is needed in a second place, to consider purchasing a solar panel.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 15 October – 7.30 at the village hall