

WOOLBEDING WITH REDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of annual meeting held on 21st May 2025
in Redford village hall at 7p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. Hearle
Cllr. P. Hansford
Cllr. S. Floyd
Cllr. H. Talbot-Baker
Elizabeth Robinson (clerk)
David Elliott (NT)

There was 1 member of the public attending

1. Election of chairman

Adrian Hearle was unanimously voted to continue as chairman
Proposer Cllr Talbot-Baker Seconder Cllr. Hansford

2. Apologies for absence

Yvonne Graveley (WSCC)
Hannah Burton (CDC)
Cllr. P. Fox

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Election of committees and RFO

All members of the council are on committees
Cllr. Talbot Baker was unanimously elected to continue as RFO
Proposer Cllr. Hearle Seconder Cllr. Hansford

5. Questions from the public

There were no questions.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 39th January.

These were agreed and signed.
Proposer Cllr Talbot-Baker Seconder Cllr Floyd

7. Local Reports

David Elliott (NT)

Mr. Elliott reported that the following works are being carried out.

- Rhododendron Spraying
- Mowing of paths
- Repairs to gates and fences
- Milling timber for water vole release cages on the river Wey

- Mink eradication programme
- Tree safety work
- There is continuing work on the electricity pylons
- The otter pass has now been put place but one end is not accessible. WSCC is going to repair it.
- Fencing proposals for the common will be going out soon.

2 events are coming up, one at Redford village hall and one at the South Downs Centre.

The Woolbeding re-wilding project is evolving.

Cllr Hearle and Cllr Talbot-Baker had a meeting with David Elliott, Becky and Cllr. Talbot-Baker regarding the re-wilding

The commoners are discussing the common fencing separately. Cllr Hansford is concerned that the commoner's views do not represent parishioners views and hence the Council should stay involved as necessary.

Cllr Hansford asked how the deer management is progressing. Mr. Elliott had no specific numbers but it is felt that the numbers are reducing.

8. Finance

The annual accounts were approved and signed. Alasdair Nagle was thanked for his help.

The following payments were made:

Redford village hall	£50 (this includes the cost for the Annual Parish Meeting)
Zurich Insurance	£196
Helen Talbot-Baker	£14.99
Clerk's Salary	£439 (this included £55 refunded to clerk for an invoice for the parish council she had paid in error)
D. Somma (computer)	£70.00
WSALC	£55.00

It was agreed that a donation of £40 would be made to Eco-Rother Action and this would be paid as soon as their bank details were provided.

Proposer Cllr Hansford Seconder Cllr. Floyd

9. Insurance

It was agreed that the insurance policy with Zurich Insurance would be renewed and this is reflected in the list of payments above.

Proposer: Cllr Hearle Seconder Cllr. Floyd

10. Review of Policy Documents

Cllr Hearle said a model finance policy document had been circulated and been incorporated into the Financial Orders. The Standing Orders have been updated and internet banking has been included in the Financial Orders.

Cllr. Hansford pointed out that the budget for the next financial year should be set at the November meeting. He expressed concern about the set limits on spending on individual items. Cllr. Hearle asked him to edit this if he felt it is necessary. The RFO said she was happy with this.

This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

11. Update on 30 mph speed limit

Cllr Hearle has circulated examples of a sign to be put at the southern end of the village encouraging drivers to slow down. It was felt that there was less of a need for one at the northern end. Cllr. Hearle is continuing with his efforts with WSCC to get the speed limit reduced and there is a lot of support from residents for this.

12. Planning

There are no applications

13. Highways

Nothing to report.

14. GDPR

This has been renewed via direct debit

15. Eco Rother Action

See item 8

16. Dates of meetings for next 12 months.

17. Please note that meetings will be on a Monday in future.

15th September, 2025

17th November, 2025

26th January, 2026

16th March, 2026 (APM)

18th May, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

18. Training

There was nothing suitable.

The meeting finished at 7.45.

Signed Dated
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