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	40.5 To approve AGAR 2025/2026 Section 2 Accounting Statements Further to item 26/28.8, the Asset Register had been finalised and circulated to all councillors with the signed Accounting Statements. Cllr RL proposed that these be approved; seconded by Cllr JT with no objections.	RK
26/41	Planning Applications and Enforcement To note progress of planning applications previously considered: 41.1 PL/2026/00194 - Astra Cottage, Oare - Demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling; with associated parking, landscaping, private amenity space and access arrangements. Approved by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting, subject to various conditions in response to comments made by Rights of Way and Drainage Officers. 41.2 PL/2026/00826 - Rainscombe Park, Oare - Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) - repair and replacement of existing windows. Although this application had been recorded as approved in the last meeting minutes under item 26/29.3, the Wiltshire Planning Portal currently shows it as in progress, with a decision due to have been published on 2nd April. 41.3 PL/2026/02217 - West Stowell House - Installation of a freestanding Greenhouse to replace an existing Greenhouse Approved by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting. 41.4 PL/2026/02882 – Holy Cross Church - Fell Cypress tree Wiltshire Council was due to publish a decision on 16th June. 41.5 PL/2026/02974 – Kennet House, Wilcot – Crown reduction of Silver Birch and Cherry trees. Approved by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting. PL/2026/02911 - 48, WILCOT, PEWSEY, SN9 5NS Proposal - Fell Leylandii hedge Clerk apologised for having omitted this item from the agenda. This notice of tree works had been received since the last meeting. It had been agreed by email to submit no objection and the proposal had since been approved by Wiltshire Council. To review and provide feedback on new planning applications from Wiltshire Council (Town and Country Planning Act 1980, schedule 1, para 8) 41.6 PL/2026/03195 - The Lodge, Oare, Marlborough, SN8 4JQ Proposal - formation of a new vehicular access and driveway serving the existing property. Comments by 26th June. In discussion, it was noted that the application is not stated to be retrospective although an access is already in place, connected with the building works which have taken place over many months. It was noted that The Lodge is unique in this part of the village for having no on-site parking provision, especially in relation to its plot size. It was noted that Wiltshire Highways has objected to the application. It was agreed that it would be safer for residents to park on site rather than on the opposite side of the A345, although ongoing safety concerns, mostly related to speeding, would also have a bearing on vehicles exiting and entering a driveway. It was agreed that a comment should be submitted, to acknowledge receipt of the application and to note the safety issues currently being addressed by the parish council. Clerk to draft a response to circulate to councillors for approval by email. PL/2026/03643 - Field to the west of Pumping station, Alton Road, Wilcot SN8 4JX	RK/all

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	Proposal - Erection of two adjoining polytunnels forming a single agricultural structure Comments by 20th July. This application had been received since publication of the agenda. It was noted that the site is within Alton parish, though close to the parish boundary, and within the North Wessex Downs National Landscape. It was agreed that there is no objection in principle to the erection of polytunnels at this site, although the possible visible impact from the downs should be considered when locating the structure on the site. It was agreed to raise concerns about the possible increase in traffic flow connected with increased agricultural activity as the access gate is close to the hazardous bend in the road; the alternative access from the bridleway is prone to flooding. Clerk to draft a response to circulate to councillors for approval by email.	<i>RK/all</i>
26/42	Project updates 42.1 LHFIF - A345 safety – request for priority system Cllr JT reported that this had received a positive reception at the LHFIF meeting held on 13th May but as no budget is attached to the item it was not approved to go forward at the moment; a site visit by Mark Stansby, Senior Highways Engineer, is yet to be arranged. Clerk advised that Wiltshire Council has reversed its decision to reduce the LHFIF budget by 50%, meaning there is now scope for more projects to be progressed. 42.2 LHFIF - to consider request from parishioners for pedestrian crossing between Wilcot Village Hall and Green Cllr JT reported that a site visit is required from Mark Stansby to discuss options and potential costs before progressing this further 42.3 LHFIF – new SID pole for Alton Road Cllr JT reported that this was approved by the meeting to go forwards although some doubt raised by Mark Stansby as to whether a site for the SID pole had been agreed, whether by the trees or nearer the houses. Clerk is compiling a list of items for Mark Stansby's attention across several parishes and this will be added. 42.4 Parish Strategy Cllr JT had circulated a draft to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr JT explained that his initial idea is to summarise the purpose of the parish council, what it tries to achieve and how it does that. Cllr NF will annotate the draft for further consideration and Cllr JT will present a revised draft to the next meeting. 42.5 Greensward update Cllr NR advised that the fence and gate have been reinstated. Clerk advised that PCAP has been offered a communal vegetable plot in Pewsey and the Greensward is not needed at this time. 42.6 Emergency Plan Clerk advised that a draft summer newsletter, including a section explaining the Emergency Plan and asking for volunteers, has been prepared and will be issued once Cllr RF has approved the section relating to Project Gigabit. 42.7 Footpath audit Cllr NR reported that the fallen tree on WIHU9 has been cleared. Cllr NR will ensure all footpaths are topped through the Stowell Estate maize fields. 42.8 Defibrillators The West Stowell defibrillator is not functioning correctly despite the new battery. Clerk has removed it from The Circuit so that 999 call handlers will not direct people to the	<i>JT/RK</i> <i>RK</i> <i>NF/JT</i> <i>RK/all</i> <i>NR</i>

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	machine. Cllr NR will remove the battery and reinsert it again. If this is unsuccessful, a new defibrillator may be required for this location. 42.9 Wilcot noticeboard The noticeboard has been repaired and both doors now function properly. Clerk to acknowledge this in writing and request details for any reimbursement required as discussed under item 40.2.	NR/RK RK
26/43	Clerk's Report 43.1 Parish Steward The steward is due in the parish this Thursday and has been asked to fill pot holes and verge over-runs along Church Lane, Wilcot, and to sweep the pavements in Oare, clearing grit off the road at the Huish Lane junction too. It was agreed to request that all signs are cleared of vegetation during the next visit at the end of July. The schedule is suspended during August for all stewards to be deployed to noxious weed removal duties. 43.2 Parking at Wilcot canal bridge Further to item 26/32.2, Clerk reported that PCSO Jon Mills had conducted several patrols and had advised that the situation seemed to be under control. As agreed under item 26/30.2, Clerk had drafted a letter for the Cricket Club; it was agreed to defer a decision about sending this until after a meeting between the Village Hall Committee and the Cricket Club which is due to take place shortly. Cllr NR reported that the field made available by the Stowell Estate for cricket club parking is not being utilised as much as it could be. 43.3 Police report The police report for the second quarter of 2026 should be received shortly and will be attached as an appendix to these minutes. It was agreed that Clerk should report the untaxed black Jaguar which has apparently been abandoned opposite the Green; tampering to the passenger door keyhole and hand-break had been noted. Cllr NF to send pictures to Clerk. 43.4 Forth-coming road closures 6th-8th July – the A345 north of Oare will be closed for Openreach works. Cllr JT questioned whether a full closure is necessary. Cllr JT reported that he had raised the diversion problems associated with the previous A345 closure at the LHFIG meeting, who had been sympathetic and had advised that Cllr Martin Smith, Wiltshire Cabinet Member for Highways, could be contacted. Week commencing 24th August – the village road through Woodborough will be closed for Wessex Water works. The garden centre will only be accessible from the east, not the west. 27th-28th August – the A345 at Pewsey Wharf will be closed for Wessex Water works 43.5 Post box at Sunnyhill Lane Clerk reported that Dave Jones, Royal Mail Collections Manager, has secured agreement from his colleagues to the new post-box being moved from the layby to the Sunnyhill Lane side of the A345, somewhere near the new bus shelter. The new dropped kerbs had been identified as a safe place for postal workers to stop and empty the box. Utility checks are being arranged by Royal Mail prior to installation. 43.6 Road surface on C8 near Black Barn Several residents have reported the road surface breaking up on the southern side of the road. Clerk to add to the ongoing list for Highways attention. 43.7 Gully clearance	RK NF/RK RK RK

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	The discretionary gully team had visited twice to clear all gullies along the C264. Appreciation was expressed for the team's flexibility in fitting this request in despite being too late to be added to the schedule for the dedicated week.	
26/44	Exchange of information Thursday 16th July at 7pm – PCAP – Shalbourne Village Hall – Cllr RL to attend. Wednesday 7th October at 2pm online – Cllrs RF and/or JT to attend. Monday 2nd November at 7pm – Pewsey Rugby Club - Area Board – Cllr NR to attend Further to item 26/33, it was noted again that the white lines at Cross Hayes have still not been reinstated. Cllr JT had raised this matter at the LHFIG meeting on 13th May. A three-vehicle collision had taken place on Friday 19th June. The recent meeting between PCAP and Highways had reported that white lining in this area is due to take place shortly. Clerk to add to list of ongoing Highways items.	<i>RL</i> <i>RF/JT</i> <i>NR</i>

Planning Committee meetings will be held as required. All meetings will start at 19.00hrs unless otherwise advertised.

Provisional dates and times of next meetings 2026/2027:

Tuesday 8 th September 2026	Oare
Monday 9 th November 2026 - budget	Wilcot
Tuesday 12 th January 2027 - precept	Oare
Tuesday 9 th March 2027	Wilcot
Tuesday 11 th May 2027 – annual meetings	Wilcot

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance @ bank	Income	Hire of halls	Grants (\$137)	Community expenditure	Newsletter	Salary	Accountancy	Auditing	Admin	Subs	Transfers
Balance at 1 April 2026																
01/04/2025	FPO	Clerk's salary (Mar)	255.28		1181.31						255.28					
07/04/2025	PAY	Bank service charge	4.25		921.78									4.25		
21/04/2026	BGC	Wilts Council (precept) 1st inst.		7062.50	7984.28	7062.50										
24/04/2026	DD	Charlton Baker (accountancy)	18.00		7966.28							18.00				
05/05/2026	FPO	Heartbeat Trust (defib)	360.00		7606.28				360.00							
05/05/2026	FPO	Clerk's salary (Apr)	255.48		7350.80						255.48					
05/05/2026	FPO	Manningford PC (SID)	300.00		7050.80				300.00							
05/05/2026	FPO	Oare Village Hall (hire)	120.00		6930.80		120.00									
05/05/2026	FPO	WALC (subscription)	242.69		6688.11										242.69	
05/05/2026	PAY	Bank service charge	4.25		6683.86									4.25		
26/05/2026	DD	Charlton Baker (accountancy)	20.00		6663.86							20.00				
02/06/2026	PAY	Bank service charge	4.25		6659.61									4.25		
04/06/2026	TFR	To savings	4953.95		1705.66											-4953.95
08/06/2026	FPO	Community First (insurance)	472.46		1233.20									472.46		
08/06/2026	FPO	Clerk's salary (May)	255.28		977.92						255.28					
Total			7265.89	7062.50	977.92	7062.50	120.00	0.00	660.00	0.00	766.04	38.00	0.00	485.21	242.69	-4953.95



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Quarter 2 2026

Crimes and incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The below statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any formal follow-up. (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of anti-social behaviour)

From **1st April 2026 – 30th June 2026**

1 crime and **3** incidents have been recorded in the Wilcot, Huish and Oare parish area.

Speed enforcement

The Speed Watch Enforcement Team have conducted at least **27** pro-active checks across the Pewsey/Marlborough sectors over the last quarter including targeted activity at areas previously identified as a concern such as at various points on the A345 and A342. As a result of this activity;

- **174 drivers have been offered to complete a speed awareness course.**
- **23 drivers have been issued with a fine and points on their licence for excess speed.**
- **7 drivers have been summonsed directly to court.**

Recent updates

- On 27th February 2026, a theft occurred from a person at Café Nero, High Street, Marlborough. A female customer had her purse stolen from inside her handbag without her realising whilst she was a customer in the store. The bank cards in her purse were subsequently used fraudulently in Tesco, Marlborough and local buses. An investigation was commenced by local officers who conducted numerous CCTV trawling and other lines of enquiry. PND facial recognition match from the CCTV footage is Tesco gave direct match to a prolific 35-year-old female from the Gloucester area. Local officers also identified her as being responsible for a similar incident in at Home Bargains in Swindon and Costa Coffee, Royal Wootton Bassett. The female was located and arrested in Swindon by Marlborough Officers in March and she was



charged and remanded with numerous offences. The suspect was given a 4-month prison sentence for the Marlborough offences and a previous suspended prison sentence of 12 months imprisonment was also activated.

- On 20th April, a 49-year-old female Chinese national was arrested in the High Street, Marlborough for selling counterfeit tobacco. The female was found in possession of goods to the retail value of approximately £3000 which were subsequently seized. The female was charged and remanded to Court. She was issued with a Community Order and 20 days of Community Work/Rehabilitation Activity. Work has been on-going with Trading Standards in respect to this matter due to linked incidents reported in other areas of the County.
- A 52-year-old male from the West Midlands area was identified by local officers as being responsible for a theft from Waitrose, Marlborough on 21st March. The male was dealt with via a direct postal requisition/summons to Court. He has since been sentenced to 35 weeks imprisonment combined with offences committed in other areas of the country.
- On the 7th of May 2026, a theft occurred at TH Whites, Marlborough. Local officers attended and conducted initial enquiries and were able to identify the male as prolific offender from the Salisbury area. The 43-year-old male was subsequently arrested and remanded to court. He was issued with a two-week prison sentence as well as a recall to prison due to a breach of his licence conditions. As a result, he is likely to be serving time in custody until at least November 2026.
- On the 24th of May 2026, a theft occurred at Majestic Wines, Marlborough. Local officers on patrol in town centre attended the incident. They identified the male suspect from CCTV, and the suspect has since been dealt with via postal requisition/summons to court. The matter is due to be heard on 02/07/2026 at Swindon Magistrates Court. A further offence involving the same suspect also came to light at Waitrose, Marlborough which has also been dealt with via direct summons to court.
- On Monday 8th June 2026, a high value bilking/making off without payment occurred from a petrol station in the Melksham area. Local officers sighted the vehicle in Marlborough, and the suspects were subsequently apprehended on the A4 between Marlborough and Hungerford with the assistance of specialist traffic units. 48-year-old and 27-year-old both from Reading, Berkshire were subsequently arrested, charged and remanded for making off without payment. The rear of the vehicle contained multiple large tanks of suspect



stolen fuel and has been linked to other offences across the Country- estimated to be in the £1000's of pounds worth of fuel. Both suspects have since been charged and will be attending Court in due course.

- A 43-year-old male from Marlborough is due in Swindon Crown Court on 03/7/26 after being arrested and charged on 11/04/2026 for various offences relating to businesses in the Marlborough area including Landmark, Budgens and Waitrose. The offences include multiple thefts, making off without payment, driving whilst disqualified, displaying a false registration mark on a vehicle and possession of a bladed article.
- The week commencing **Monday 22nd June** was dedicated to the latest edition of '**Operation Scorpion**'. Operation Scorpion is a collaboration between the South West's five police forces (Avon and Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire), alongside their respective offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the British Transport Police and South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SW ROCU) which sees resources combined to tackle drug supply and make the region a hostile environment for organised crime groups. During a week of coordinated activity, police officers and staff worked collectively to apprehend suspected dealers, seize drugs and weapons, and safeguard vulnerable people. In **Wiltshire**, there were:
 - **36 arrests made**
 - **122 disruptions made to active drug supply networks in the County**
 - **10 drug warrants executed**
 - **12 licensed premises checked**
 - **25 stop and searches conducted**
 - **Large quantity of controlled drugs including 26kg of Cannabis seized, 232g of Ketamine, 692.37g of Cocaine, 100 MDMA tablets as well as Heroin, Amphetamine and Psilocybin ('Magic Mushrooms').**
 - **£47,705 in cash seized**
 - **8 weapons were seized- including 1 firearm, 1 extendable baton and 5 Samurai swords.**



Other news

- We would like to wish Inspector Simon Garrett a fond farewell as he takes up a new role as the Inspector of the Chippenham Area Neighbourhood Team. We welcome aboard Inspector Andy Lemon, who has since joined us as the new Inspector for the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Team. Inspector Lemon has held the rank of Inspector for the last 10 years and has gained 24 years of experience in Wiltshire across both uniform and detective roles. Inspector Lemon is also the current Tactical Rural Crime Lead for the Force.

Community consultations

Further community engagements happening in the local area will be advertised in due course. If you are aware of any other local community events in the area, please let us know via our email address- devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk. Our local neighbourhood team will continue to have use of the Mobile Police Station on a rotational basis (approximately every 6 weeks) and the vehicle will be utilised across the Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey area, at specific locations which will also be advertised in due course.