

MINUTES

Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of Woodham Walter Parish Council.

Held at 9.00am at Woodham Walter Women's Club.

Friday 19th June 2026

Present:

Cllr. James Bunn (in the Chair)

Cllr. Nigel Barber

Cllr. Emel Fowler

Cllr. Joanna Symons

Cllr. John Tompkins

Cllr. Peter Warren

Others: Jacky Bannerman (Parish Clerk/RFO)

Public: None

3694. Welcome Cllr. Bunn welcomed those present to the meeting.

3695. To report, approve and record apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. John Brown.

3696. Disclosure of Interests/Consideration of Dispensations

3696.1 To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Registerable Interests (ORIs), or Non-Registerable Interests (NRIs) relating to items of business on the agenda having regard the Code of Conduct for Members. (Members are reminded they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).

There were no interests declared and the register was duly updated.

3696.2 To receive and consider any requests for dispensations – None

3697. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3698. Love Your Bus 2

Councillors had received the Clerks report and recommendation which outlined the reasons for needing to call an extra ordinary meeting to decide if Woodham Walter Parish Council will (a) appoint Stephenson's as the preferred bus company to run the Love Your Bus 2, 99 shopper service for Woodham Walter, or (b) not accept the Love Your Bus Grant.

Cllr John Tompkins proposed the following motion which was supported by all councillors.

RESOLVED that Woodham Walter Parish Council, noting that the resolution passed on 8 June 2026 (Minute Reference 3680) is no longer valid following Essex County Council's intervention, resolves to:

1. Accept the Love Your Bus 2 Grant and appoint Stephenson's as the preferred operator for the 99 Shopper Service serving Woodham Walter; and
2. Authorise the Chairman and Clerk to finalise arrangements for the service, subject to satisfactory contract terms, payment arrangements, confirmation of a start date, amendment of the Essex County Council grant documentation, and liaison with Stow Maries Parish Council regarding the linked service.

The Council further notes that the fare-free element previously approved cannot be implemented and that standard fares, including concessionary bus pass acceptance, will apply.

3699. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th July 2026 at 8pm in Woodham Walter Women's Club.

3700. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10am

Signed:

Date: