Winchelsea Residents Association:

Meeting Type: Committee

Date & Time: 9 October 2026 15.30

Location: Winchelsea

1. Attendance

Present: Sarah Andrewes, Julie Gurr, Julie Bartlett, Linda Bass, Richard Plumb, Jane Taylor (Chair).

Apologies: Ian Menzies (Treasurer), David Eley

Guests/Observers: None

2. Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting (4 September 2026) were formally approved.

3. Treasurers report: IM finalising year end Accounts for approval at AGM. Two recent payments. Each £15 to New Hall for WRA AGM and Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

4. Main Discussion Points

AGM arrangements: We have technical support to sort mike and video. Brian Leonard to provide back up as needed. Jenner Banks Clerk IPC is main speaker. Adam Hart to introduce Neighbourhood Watch and David E. to introduce traffic film clips.

Most committee members will be there. LB unlikely because of family commitments. JB will ask Ian R. if he would like to do shop update at the meeting.

Committee roles: Committee turnover has prompted reallocation of roles. LB to be Treasurer when IM stands down at AGM. JB to manage membership data with LB support. SA to manage webpage information via David Page and input into local WhatsApp groups. RP to do artwork and distribution of posters. JT and SA to continue oversight of WRA mailbox. Secretary tasks to be shared between all committee members and JT to continue as interim Chair pending longer term appointments.

Recent contacts: JT attended IPC meeting 14 September at request of IPC Chair to raise the proposal for parish wide vote for current and any future traffic plans in Winchelsea. IPC to consider its response.

At same meeting, JT met Cllr Bradley, recently elected Cllr. for both ESCC and Rother DC. He has left Reform and is currently an independent. JT send him a summary briefing note and timeline on local traffic initiatives. Committee agreed to invite him to AGM.

RP and JT met Adam Hart to discuss support for Neighbourhood Watch meeting. We agreed to pay for hall hire and for AH to promote at AGM.

Traffic plan update: JT advised National Highways and ESCC yet to agree meet with MP. IPC confirmed no involvement in proposal for future parish wide vote and is considering its response to it. All parties recognise potential obstacle to any future road safety improvements.

Committee agreed that WRA cannot support parish wide vote proposal and that we would wait for National Highways ESCC MP meeting. If the agency and CC refuse to withdraw, no plans can go forward.

Governance review paper: Principle of establishing separate Winchelsea parish has become more relevant with uncertainty on future local government arrangements although WRA has good relationship with IPC and its Clerk. Paper describes the process and the importance of Rother DC support. For discussion at next Committee meeting.

JB traffic note: JB introduced. Committee thanked JB for the work done. JT had commented previously. JB highlighted negative comments on current traffic plan, linked to Little Shop. Committee recognised the difficulty of responding to indirect comments without further information attached to them.

5. Any Other Business (AOB): None

6. Next Meeting

Date/Time: 20 November 2026 3pm

Meeting Closed: 17.15pm_____

Minutes Prepared By: Jane Taylor

Minutes Approved By: WRA Committee 20 November 2026

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