

## Minutes



# Westbourne

Parish Council

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### Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's extraordinary Full Council meeting which took place on Thursday 27 November 2025 at 7pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Nigel Ricketts, Cllr Pete Watterson and Cllr Michael White.

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Council

Meeting chaired by Cllr Ricketts. There were no members of the public or press present.

11/25/93. Apologies for absence: Cllr Jane Gould and Cllr Jennie Scott.

11/25/94. Declarations of members interest:

- a. There were no declarations of interest.
- b. There were no requests for a dispensation.

11/25/95. Confidential business: Members **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

11/25/96. Westbourne Community Trust: Members considered the draft lease agreement prepared by the WCT's solicitor for the Council's use of the playground at Hitchcock Close. Members discussed the lease which was for 30 years with a rent of £1,000 pa and an annual rent review linked to inflation.

Members **AGREED**, on a proposal by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Briscoe with all in favour, to offer the WCT £30k to buy the playground land. Members considered that this would offer the Council the most certainty, would enable the Council to register the playground to secure and protect it for the benefit of the local community, and would remove the need for additional administration. It was discussed that there would be more legal work to agree the purchase and it would need to be registered with the Land Registry. Cllr Briscoe said he would contact the WCT on behalf of the Council. The decision was made under the General Power of Competence, as a continuation of the project, which the Council held when it agreed to a rent of £1k pa for a 30 year period at its meeting on 18 May 2023, minute reference 40.

11/25/97. Items to be included on the next agenda: There were no additional items.

11/25/98. Date of next meeting: It was **RESOLVED** to hold the next meeting on Thursday 11 December 2025 at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.