

Timeline:

1895: First meeting of Parish Council on 4th January.

Name formalised by '*The Parish of Watton-at-Stone (Naming) Order, 1895*'.

1914: Village Hall built. (it was renamed War Memorial Hall after the 1939-45 war.)

1923 Gales uproot elm trees along Church Walk.

1924: Watton Railway Station opened.

1933: Children's playing field opened behind Police Cottages (now Lammas Road).

1935: Parish Council took over responsibility for the War Memorial.

1939 Watton Station closed.

1945: German rocket damaged houses on 13th January.

1946: New houses built at Beane Road.

1948: New houses built at Glebe Close and Rectory Lane.

1950: Ministry of Education takeover of the Thompson and Crossland Foundation Trust.

1952: Bus shelter erected.

1955: Children's Play area moved to the Meadow.

1955-56: Hockerill houses built.

1960: Lammas Road and part of High Street built.

1961: Parish Council purchased Rectory Meadow with donations from Horticultural Society and HCC.

1963: Glebe Court opened.

1964: First phase of Great Innings built.

1965: Oil Depot opened near Watton Station.

Westminster Bank closed and demolished.

1966: Common Land at Watton Green and Lammas field transferred to Parish Council.

1966: New School Completed.

Rivershill built.

Work on Pavilion completed.

1967: Watton Mill burnt down.

Play School opened.

1968: Planning application for housing development on the allotments – permission refused.

Flooding along River Beane.

1969: Garages built between Rectory Lane and Glebe Close.

Watton at Stone Sports and Social Club formed.

1970: Hazeldell built.

New Rectory built.

1977: Work started on extension to Great Innings.

Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

1978: Watton at Stone telephone numbers changed to six digits.

Peel of eight bells installed in Watton Church.

1980: Pelican crossing installed in the High Street.

Old School buildings closed.

1982: Train services from Watton at Stone station restarted.

War Memorial moved from centre of road junction to verge.

1984: Houses built on old school site – Old School Orchard.

Multi Purpose Play Area built.

Bypass opened 10th December.

1986: Motts Close built.

1987: The Beaneside built on site of old Beaneside garage.

Hurricane caused minor damage.

Community Association Silver Jubilee. 5 July 1987.

1988: Holden du Cros fish factory closed.

50th Horticultural Society Annual Show.

1989 High Street telephone box made listed building.

1990: Bull public house damaged by fire.

Doctors Surgery moved from Gt Innings to Watton Place.

1991: Parish Council took out lease on Cottage site, Watton Green.

Centenary of Methodist Chapel.

1993: War memorial renovated and moved to present site in Church Meadow.

Aylotts Court built.

White House Close built.

Oil Storage depot closed.

Bull public house reopened following restoration.

1994: Parish Council Centenary. *A Peep into the Past* video produced.

Newman's Court housing development on former Holden du Cros site.

1995: Moorymead Close built on site of oil storage depot.

1996: Community Hall built.

1998: Old bakery in the High Street enlarged to create 3 flats and an enlarged shopping area.

1999: Final phase of Great Innings development started.

Millennium Tapestry unveiled.

2000: Time capsule buried in church.

2001: Long Meadow built on site of Watton Service Station.

Memorial and Meditation Garden created at Methodist Church.

2004: Village sign erected.

2006: Play School moved to Watton School site.

2007: Old Play School hut in School Lane demolished.

2008: Beane Valley Children's Centre opened at Watton School.

2010: Waggon and Horses public house closed.

2012: Gatekeeper Meadow housing development started.

Waggon and Horses converted to private dwelling.

Jubilee Wood planted

2014: Community Hall renamed *Nigel Poulton Community Hall*.

2015: Watton at Stone Early Years Centre opened in Clappers Lane incorporating Beane Valley Children's Centre and Play School.

2016: Library opened in Nigel Poulton Community Hall.

Preparation of Neighbourhood Plan commenced.

2017: Additional tennis court provided on MPPA.

House construction on old Play School site.