

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.

2006 Play School moved to Watton School site.

2007 Old Play School hut demolished.

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

2010: Waggon and Horses public house closed.