



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllr S Mather, Cllr J Mather, S Robbins, W Summerfield
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Cllr Lever, ESC ward Cllr Topping and Rumble.

Minutes

1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr Anderson and Cllr Saunders. ESC Ward Cllr Plummer had also provided apologies.

b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda – Nil

c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest.* Cllrs J and S Mather re the village fete.

d) *To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest* regarding the agenda. Nil

e) *To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda* Nil

f) *To remind councillors to update the Register of Interests* online. Noted

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 2025 were approved by all.

3. *Meeting adjourned for public participation. During each meeting the council will adjourn for a period of 10 minutes for public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding matters on the agenda. Where possible, the Chairman will respond but the matter may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.*

a) ESC – monthly reports had been sent to all.

b) SCC – monthly report had been circulated.

Q re the sink hole on Fairmile Close – and how long it will be there.

It was stated that Anglian Water are dealing with this.

Q re the banner that is on the railings – belongs to Slimming World. One has already been taken down, but it has been put straight back again. This is fly posting. The railings are still to be finished – this should happen this week. Cllr Lever will arrange for a letter to be sent to slimming world from SCC stating that this is fly posting and asking that they take the banner down.

Q re bleed kits – there are none in the village. Thirsk youth group has some from the Joe Dicks Foundation – who could be invited to come to a public event in future to speak about them.

LGR – no further update. Both SCC and ESC are carrying out consultations.

Following funeral of the young boy from Beccles, ESC has commissioned a consultation to go out to local young people.

It has also become apparent that the High Schools are not proving any swim safety/ swim lessons – this is an area that Cllr Topping will be looking into further.

Cllr Lever advised that SCC is actively considering what the role of SCC is in keeping people safe both physically and online.

c) *Public - Nil*

4 Planning

Applications received prior to the meeting including;

a) *To consider new planning applications including Nil*

b) *To receive ESC decisions – Nil*

Musk Cottages, Lowestoft Road – permitted.

c) *Other planning matters*

Scoping Report for the Garden village is on the ESC website for consideration. Councillors to let the clerk know if there are any remarks that they wish to be made at this stage.

5. Chairs Report and update including;

- *Mobile climbing wall – holiday activity.*
24th July 2025. Booked in. Discussion about toilet facilities – school to be asked if they could provide facilities for the facility staff. If not – consider Portaloo. Esc advised that they might be able to fund these as this is a different request to last year.
- *Meeting with MP.* MP will come along to the August p c meeting. Discussion areas might include; sinkhole / garden village/ Incinerator.
- *Emergency bleed kits* – there are not any in the defibs in Worlingham. After discussion members thought that it would be beneficial to have a bleed kit in each.
- *Incinerator* – This will start to be used from next month.
- *Councillor vacancy* – no election has been called so this position is available for co-option.
- *It working group with Beccles T C.* A jt working group is supported by members who felt that discussions could include BGNV, Emergency plan, HGV movements, Tractor movements.
- *ESC PLANNING Forum* – 23rd July at ESC Lowestoft

- *LGR* – the clerk provided an update from the meetings that she had attended, including meetings with parishes/ towns in other areas who had gone through unitary changes. These parishes raised concerns that a unitary will not be able to keep up all of their non statutory services and that in due course will be looking for others to take on some of the services.
- *ESC is holding a community event* in Beccles marketplace tomorrow.
- *ESC Community forum* – being held in Lowestoft in October – councillors to advise the clerk if they would like to attend.
- *SALC AGM* – Cllrs Summerfield and Sanders attended. One of the guest speakers was Christie Luxton CEO of Suffolk Wildlife Trust

6. Play area updates – including application for ESC Cil funding.

The clerk advised that the application for £50k funding had been submitted to ESC under the CIL Play area funding scheme and had been successful. This will enable improvements to be made at All Saints Green and Werels Loke areas. Cllr Summerfield advised that a site meeting will be held tomorrow to view which improvements might be required at these locations. SCC Cllr Lever advised that in Beccles the young people had asked the town council to consider things for older children.

Seesaw in Bluebell Way play area is being installed in August.

Informal meeting will be held during the month for members to consider the options for improvements.

7. Finance Matters including;

a) Authorisation of cheques for payment.

A full financial summary of the Council balances, and the Bacs/cheques for payment, was provided for councillors as attached to the main copy of the minutes and cheques as detailed in the Receipts and Payments. These were read out to the Council meeting. **It was RESOLVED by all** that the payments as detailed could be made.

b) Donation requests – No request received this month.

c) To receive update regarding Barclays Bank account.

The clerk advised that Barclays had now agreed that a new account will need to be opened – they have forwarded the necessary documents which have now all been signed. Once open, they will transfer the balances which they hold to the new account. **Noted**

d) To review Standing Orders as per recent NALC updates. For next meeting.

8. Village matters

Holly Close gate – new lock has been installed, and all the necessary properties have been provided with a key.

Tree surveys – the residents of Janet Haddenham Close have asked that the tree surgeon review the trees behind their boundaries as they feel that the trees are now very large. ESC asked to advise the parish council on this matter.

It was suggested that council also have the ESC tree surgeon look at the trees at Park Drive in due course.

Branches are awaiting clearance around the pathway to All Saints Green – members are aware of these and felt that they could remain in situ.

10. Date of next meeting. Tuesday August 12th, 2025, at 6.30pm (apologies from Cllr Robbins).

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