



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

*Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllr Robbins (Chair) Cllr Saunders, Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. ESC ward Cllr Plummer. SCC Ward Cllr Lever.*

#### Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr W Summerfield, Cllrs J and S Mather, ESC/SCC Ward Cllr Topping and Rumble
- b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest regarding the agenda – Nil*
- c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest. Nil*
- 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 September 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.*

ESC Ward Cllr Plummer was asked about the new bins – where are people expected to store these? ESC SP advised that this is national regulation and will therefore have to happen. The benefit is that, once implemented, all systems across the country will be the same.

- b) *SCC – monthly report had been circulated.*

**Mayoral Auth** -Ward Cllr Lever advised that the new Mayoral Auth will be created for May 2026. This could bring some financial benefits on particular issues i.e. transport.

**SCC Highways Community** AL is meeting SCC Highways Community officer next week for a walk round – councillors were invited to join at 10.15am starting at Worlingham Hall.

**Community Self Help Scheme** - AL advised that he is now qualified within the SCC Community Self Help Scheme and could help Worlingham on volunteer days. It is though that Cllr Mather might also have attended the course to get qualified. Members were advised that some parishes are struggling to get rid of green waste which is being created by their voluntary work. ESC has advised that it would be able to provide a green bin to a parish for the appropriate fee and would then be able to collect the bins. SCC WS is working with ESC to see if the fee could be waived for Community Self help groups. Linstead Farm Machinery would be able to provide equipment for community self help groups and is authorised by SCC to supply. The cost for the parish council for the equipment that it would initially need would be approx. £4k including the sign cleaning equipment – this would then be reimbursed by SCC.

Cllr Holman offered to go onto the community self-help training too – next course is 27<sup>th</sup> November. SCC WS will arrange.

**It was proposed by Cllr Kersey, seconded by Cllr Anderson and agreed by all to ask SCC WS to arrange the equipment for Worlingham, up to £4k to be refundable within the Community Self Help Scheme, once storage is available.**

SCC AL left 7.10pm

c) *Public* - Nil

#### 4 Planning

a) *To consider new planning applications including*  
No new applications.

b) *To receive ESC decisions*  
Nil

c) *Other planning matters*

Call for Sites – will end January 2026.

Shadingfield chicken poultry farm was refused by ESC but is likely to go to appeal.

Ellough chicken poultry farm is going to be coming forward as an application – scoping report has already been submitted.

Woodview Project – Marsh Lane – it has been confirmed that there are 2 schools now operating on the land. ESC SP advised that many are frustrated with the situation re this project and the use of the land. Cllr WS was asked to find out when the last traffic survey was carried out along Marsh Lane.

#### 5. Chairs Report and update including;

- SALC Area forum – Cllr Summerfield attended the forum.
- One Suffolk online briefing Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7pm to 8pm – noted.
- Next meeting with Beccles T C re BWGN – date is being arranged. ESC SP will attend if possible.
- Remembrance Service – details awaited. Wreath has been received.
- Local Government Review – asset mapping. Discussion about any land which the pc might to ask for prior to LGR. It was suggested that the land behind the grit bin/notice board on Pepys

Ave be requested.

- Emergency Preparedness and Building Community Resilience Webinar - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Online link has been circulated. The parish does not have an Emergency Plan. Beccles does have one – copy to be requested. Barnby is looking at doing an E Plan – Clerk to make contact to see if it would be worth doing a joint plan.
- Energy Projects meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew. Noted.

6. Play area updates

All Saints Green – new swings – being installed 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Werels Loke – new equipment. 4 play area providers are likely to quote for the equipment. Quotes and designs awaited.

It was noted that the seats/ benches need maintenance and signs need updating – either the agreed supplier to be asked to complete these jobs, or Waveney Odd Jobs to be asked to quote.

Rospa inspections 2025 – No high-risk issues. Other recommendations to be considered.

Cllr Anderson will do an update for the Grapevine.

7. Finance and governance Matters including:

a) Authorisation of cheques for payment. A full financial summary of the Council balances, and the 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) Budget setting 2026 – 2027 – date to be arranged for initial discussions.

c) To receive conclusion of audit 2024.2025. The audit has been returned, and no issues have been noted. No action plan required. No recommendations to consider. **It was agreed by all to note and approve the audit conclusion 2024.2025.**

Thanks were extended to the parish clerk for the work on the finances and audit.

8. Village matters

Community Self Help – consider whether to order equipment and where to store. See discussion and agreement as above.

Cllr DA will ask the school whether they would be able to provide an area for storage of equipment.

Trees at of rear of properties on Fairmile Close – a resident has contacted the pc with concerns about the trees at the rear of their property. ESC SP will take photos and make contact with the ESC tree inspector.

Trees overhanging the footpath from the school – School has been asked to have the trees cut back – school to be asked again as no action taken to date.

Christmas Trees – have been arranged through ESC as per previous minutes.

Sheridan Walk – Bin has been reported to ESC who have been asked to replace with a new one. It was mentioned that the lighting in this area is not very good.

9. Date of next meetings. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December – at 6.30pm

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