



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllr Robbins, Cllrs J and S Mather, Cllr Summerfield, Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Ward Cllr Lever.

Minutes

1. a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr W Saunders, ESC Ward Cllr Topping, Plummer 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 October 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.*

SCC Highways - Walk round had taken place after last meeting. Some pavements have been resurfaced, and the skirting does seem to have been done first. However, the material used for the resurfacing does not appear to be high quality. Some of the residents got letters in advance and some didn't know about the traffic restrictions around their properties.

Cycle path at back of school – Cllr Lever has reported some of the holes on the SCC reporting tool. Al will also report about the lights along that path not being bright enough.

Pedestrian crossing had been suggested for Lowestoft Rd by Worlingham Hall/ Church – but does not seem that that area would be eligible.

Members noted that there were now more vans parking on the grass verges by the One Stop now that the bakery has opened. It was suggested that ESC parking wardens be asked to visit the area at lunchtimes to see the issues for themselves. It was suggested that a note could be placed in the notice boards in the area asking people to park appropriately. And it was suggested that that SCC could be asked to cost the creation of more pull ins in the verges rather than people parking on the grass and churning it up.

Railings at Kempton Cross should be completed next week.

AL encouraged members to respond to the SCC budget consultation.

AL advised that there will be 2 new police officers in Beccles – and PCSO will work on a Saturday now. Police are aware of the shop lifting issues in Beccles. AL will ask the police to do some community hours outside the shops in Worlingham.

Greater Anglia will be run cheaper services to the local Xmas Lights switch ons.

c) *Public* - Nil

4 Planning

a) *To consider new planning applications including*

Dc/25/4193/VOC – Musk Cottage – new application. There were no objections to the application.

Outline application for Beccles/ Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood – has been submitted to ESC.

b) *To receive ESC decisions*

Dc/25/3776/AME – Musk cottages – Refused.

c) *Other planning matters*

Call for Sites – will end January 2026. Beccles T C is suggesting that, in view of the Garden Village, they will not support any pieces of land in Beccles being approved.

It is anticipated that a few pieces of land in Worlingham might come forward. Members will wait to see what comes forward before making any decision.

Woodview Project – Marsh Lane – Members suggested that the MP ought to be brought up to date with the concerns about the site.

It was suggested that a meeting be requested with Ben Woolnough of ESC Planning, to discuss the concerns of residents and to also ask about the Master Plan for the Garden Village. There are presently concerns about the plans for the sports facilities – who will be building/ who will own/ what will it be? It is understood that there will be a residential service charge for the play areas.

5. Chairs Report and update including;

Meeting with Beccles T C re BWGN – see above.

Remembrance Service – approx. 20 people attended. It was felt that the service had not been well advertised.

There are 3 people on the Beccles War memorial who are not on the Worlingham War memorial but who might have had connections with Worlingham. Cllr Summerfield will do some more research.

Emergency Plan – Members suggested that a modest Emergency Plan could be created, and could consider such matters as Air crash at airfield, Factory Fire from business Park, A12 traffic incident, Issues from incinerator etc. Barnby and North Cove are at early stage of preparing a Plan, and Beccles is at the same stage.

SALC – meeting 2nd December to explain the devolution process.

6. Play area updates

All Saints Green – new swings – new frames are in.

Werels Loke – new equipment. 4 play area providers have sent in submissions – hard copies of plans to be requested.

Rospa inspections 2025 – Check All Saints slide.

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 – to be discussed at council meeting 9th Dec. Precept to be decided by 26th Jan.

c) Policies – Nil

8. Village matters

Community Self Help – Storage of tools discussed. Suggestion that a container be placed in All Saints Green. Costs to be researched. Cllrs Lever, Saunders, Mather are now qualified. Cllr Holman will do the next course. John Stevens is also qualified.

Trees at of rear of properties on Fairmile Close – Tree inspector has replied and said that the height is not an issue at present, and that the owners of the property could cut back any overhanging branches. The inspector did also provide an indication of cost of having this done.

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. Xmas Lights competition to be revived in 2027.

It was noted that the Beccles surgery will receive some ESC Cil to extend the site.

9. Date of next meetings. 9th December – at 6.30pm