



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllr Robbins (Chair), Cllrs J and S Mather, Cllr W Saunders, Cllr J Saunders (6.35pm)

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Cllr Topping, ESC Cllr Rumble, ESC Cllr Plummer arrived 6.45pm.

Minutes

1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr Summerfield, and SCC Ward Cllr Lever.

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 January 2026 were approved by all.

3. Co option for councillor vacancy – including Declaration of acceptance of office

Mr J Saunders had attended the meeting last month and expressed an interest in the vacancy. There have been no other expressions of interest. On the recommendation of Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr J Mather, it was agreed by all to accept Mr J Saunders as a councillor with immediate effect. Mr Saunders signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

4. *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.*

Discussion about the verge opposite the shops which has now been badly churned up by builders working at a house on Hillside Ave, as well as customers of the shops. No one wishes to

deter people parking for the businesses as this is superb for the local community. Options discussed – maybe grasscrete/ metalcrete could be laid? SCC to be asked for a quote.

c) *Public* - Nil

5 Planning

a) *To consider new planning applications including*

Outline application for Beccles/ Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood

Cllr Robbins had attended a meeting with Beccles Town Council and her notes from the meeting had been circulated.

All the concerns noted will need to be dealt with before planners should be able to approve the submission.

Sewage is at full capacity already for the village

Water supply is a concern.

Community facilities are not required as there is a new community facility being provided by the Badger Building housing scheme.

A garden village needs to be submitted in its entirety not at 2 different times – needs to be a complete plan and all delivered at the same time.

School is in the wrong place – needs to be better positioned.

Temp speed limit could be requested on the bypass for the period when the build takes place.

It was Agreed by all to request that ESC Refuse the application on the basis of all concerns noted.

New detached garage – Briardale Kempton Cross Dc/26/0247/FUL - Agreed by all.

Construction of a front extension – 34 Rowan Way Dc/25/4837/FUL – Agreed by all

b) *To receive ESC decisions* - 38 Park Drive – approved.

c) *Other planning matters*

- ESC Call for Sites – Now waiting to see what sites have been put forward.
- Wood view Project – woods on Marsh Lane – See notes from recent discussions with planning enforcement officer.
Traffic monitors are in place – will be coming out on 17th Feb.
- Public consultation on draft Major Energy Projects Workers' Accommodation Planning Position Statement – respond by 26th Feb.
- E. Suffolk Town & Parish Councils Energy Projects Meeting - Thursday 26th February, 6-6.30 Pm, Yoxford Village Hall. Cllr Robbins will attend.

6. Chairs Report and update including;

- ESC Planning forum invite – 9th Feb 2026. Cllr Robbins and the parish clerk attended. The notes will be circulated.
- Emergency Plan for Worlingham – Cllr Robbins and Cllr S Mather will attend the online training on 27th Feb. Council will then need to set up a working group to draft an emergency plan. Cllr

Robbins offered to do the risk assessment. Rest Centre training to be arranged through ESC. Once complete, the community centre ought to be approached to see if they would be a rest centre.

- Councillor .gov.uk e mails – these are all now operational.
- ESC Cycle parking fund – this was noted. Possible places for new cycle racks could be All Saints Green open space.

7. Play area updates

All Saints Green – new swings are being used. Vertas to look at the grass in the Spring to see what needs to be done to tidy it up following the installation.

Werels Loke – repairs/new equipment – update on procurement.
The new equipment has been commissioned.

Woodfield Park Spinner – has been vandalised but is being replaced free of charge by Kompan.

Play area inspections – ESS have now recruited 2 new play inspectors, and it is hoped that this will mean that the service is restored to the agreed levels. Clerk has sought reassurance that this will be the case and that reports will be sent in a timely manner to the council – reply awaited.

Rust on slide needs maintenance – agreed by all to go ahead at a cost of £300.

Snake Seat for Cedar Drive – Hags to be asked whether they could source this and put in at Cedar Drive whilst they are doing the equipment at Werels Loke.

Waveney Odd Jobs play areas and Fence panel – closed footpath Holly Close. Cost awaited.

8. Finance and governance Matters including:

a) Authorisation of invoices for payment and approval of accounts reconciliation.

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) Standing Orders – These have been updated and a draft has been circulated in advance of the meeting. Agreed by all to adopt the draft standing orders.

c) Lloyds/Barclays Mandate. These both seem to be fully operational. Cllr Holman and Cllr Robbins to be added to the BACS system for Lloyds.

9. Village matters and feedback from councillors on meetings attended.

- Overhanging trees from the school – school advise that they believe that none of the trees are in their boundary. Cllr Saunders advised that the tree branches need to be higher than 2.4m above the path – otherwise they do need to be cut back. The trees on the public side of the school fence will be the responsibility of either SCC or the parish council. Cllr W Saunders will go and look at the trees and report back.

- Community Self Help – update on training, equipment store/ storage container, and work required.

Cllr Saunders advised that it is hoped that the school would store the items – but this would mean that access out of hours of the school might be difficult.

It was suggested that a cost be obtained for a unit sized 3m x 4m – which would then need a base to stand. This could then be installed at All Saints open space.

- Fence panel – closed footpath Holly Close. Waveney Odd Jobs/ ESS have been asked to quote for the fence panel which needs to go back in. NB After the last meeting, it was noted that the long vehicle is still parking in the space.
- Newsletter – is being designed and printed.
- Community partnership Beccles/ Worlingham – Cllr Kersey attended. Grants were given to 3 organisations.

10. Date of future meetings. Tuesday at 6.30pm

10th March 2026

14th April 2026

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