



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 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.

*Also, Present -* Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Ward Cllr Lever, and ESC Cllr Plummer arrived 6.40pm

#### Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr Summerfield, and ESC Ward Cllr 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 February 2026 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.

#### *Questions to ESC Cllr Plummer*

Re the energy box as detailed in the planning application below – why has this location been chosen?  
Cllr Plummer advised that she would try and find out more information.

Member asked about the V C Cooke extraction – Cllr Topping to be asked for an update.

Marsh Lane – no update yet from ESC about the size of the banner in the fence along the A146. Also, no update about the planning application.

The Marsh Lane traffic survey did not show any speeding – and the volumes of traffic seem to be as expected.

b) SCC – monthly report had been circulated.

Members were advised that the SCC elections were now scheduled to be held in May 2026. The moratorium will start on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

SCC has announced that it will now remove cars if they are parked on street, and will prevent highway repairs from being completed.

*Questions to SCC Cllr Lever*

A member asked about verge opposite the shops getting churned up by cars parking on there. SCC advise that ESC could enforce this area as there are double yellow lines on the road, and the parked cars are therefore parking illegally. ESC to be asked to patrol the area and patrol around the primary school. Community self-help group could re seed the verge if the parish wish them to.

c) *Public* - Nil

4. Planning

a) *To consider new planning applications including*

**Non-Material Amendment of DC/25/1518/FUL - Change of use from garage / storage to form 1 dwelling annex (holiday use)** - External door to be added to bedroom 3 for fire escape purposes as advised by Building Control. Two high level windows in the proposed living room replaced with a single window. Ashtree Cottage School Lane Worlingham Beccles Suffolk NR34 7RH Ref. No: DC/26/0687/AME

**There were no objections to this application.**

**Construction and operation of a micro energy storage project**

*Verge At A145 And Ellough Road Junction Ellough Beccles Suffolk NR34 7TQ Ref. No: DC/26/0669/FUL*

**Location was considered to be an issue – better for it to be located on the business park.**

**TPO 305 B&C 2no. Thorn (Crataegus) (CR5 & CR1 on submitted plan) - Fell 9no. Hazel (Corylus) (CO1-CO9) - Coppice old growth.**

24 Copplestone Close Worlingham Beccles Suffolk NR34 7SF Ref. No: DC/26/0605/TPO

b) *To receive ESC decisions;*  
34 Rowan Way permitted.

c) *Other planning matters*

ESC Call for Sites – Awaiting publication of the information and the start of the consultation.

Woodview Project – woods on Marsh Lane – Cllr Plummer advised that she would ensure that all at ESC are replying to correspondence from residents.

5. Chairs Report and update including;

Emergency Plan for Worlingham - Cllr Robbins attended the webinar and found it very informative. There are a number of practical steps to be carried out to get a plan started including identifying rest centres. If these are certified by ESC as appropriate to use, ESC would cover the costs should they be used in any future emergency.

Volunteers are needed to get an Emergency Plan in operation – templates are available from both ESC and SCC.

The next workshop is on 29<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm – 4.30pm and both Cllr Robbins and Cllr S Mather will attend.

**It was agreed by all to form a working group to get the Plan underway – Cllrs Holman, Anderson, Robbins and S and J Mather agreed to go onto the working group.**

Councillor e mails – Councillors confirmed that they were now all using the Cllr e mail address.

E. Suffolk Town & Parish Councils Energy Projects Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Yoxford – Cllr Robbins advised that she had not been able to attend.

Four Rivers community workshop for River Waveney- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9am-4.00pm. Bungay Community Centre, Old Grammar Lane, Bungay. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

No Cllrs are able to attend.

SALC East Suffolk area forum - 26th March 2026 online – Cllr Robbins is registered to attend.

One day routine play inspection course 30th June 2026 – no Cllr is able to attend.

Cllr Anderson has already attended this course and will check that his certification is still valid.

SALC – New Cllr Course – Cllr W Saunders and Cllr J Saunders to be booked onto courses.

6. Play area updates

Werels Loke – repairs/new equipment timescales – next site visit will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Woodfield Park – spinner - installation date is expected to be 10<sup>th</sup> April depending on weather conditions.

Play area inspections – these are being carried out by ESS – Clerk has asked for more information about their system and how quickly they will advise of any concerns.

Tree inspections – are taking place this month.

Bluebell Way – collapsible bollards – await quote.

7. 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 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) Policies 1) Financial Standing orders, 2) Model Publication Scheme – to consider and if agreed approve.

**It was agreed by all to approve the Standing Orders and Model Publication Scheme as above.**

c) Bank accounts – Cllr Robbins is awaiting a link for the Lloyds Account. Cllr Holman has been registered for Bacs on Lloyds.

d) Quotes to consider – Quote is awaited from Waveney Odd Jobs for the fencing along Holly Close. Resident to be advised that council will be replacing the panel.

Waveney Odd Jobs to be asked to quote for the fencing in the play areas which have been mentioned in the recent inspections.

**Quote from Waveney Odd Jobs for the other items requiring attention – Pepys Ave playground benches £673.75, Benches and mapboards along Lowestoft Road £1137.50, All Saints Green play area fence £3456.40. Quote agreed by all**

8. Village matters and feedback from councillors on meetings attended  
Community Self Help – update on training, equipment, storage, work required including overhanging trees at side of school.

Cllr Holman has attended and passed the course. Cllr W Saunders will provide all with PPE.  
Trees along footpath to be cut back as an initial job – Cllr W Saunders has the equipment.  
A new Whats App group to be created for Community Self Help as residents could also be included.

Graffiti remover to be obtained and ask SCC for reimbursement. Community group will also then check village for any graffiti which needs removing. BT / Virgin to be asked if they clean their own boxes.

Container costs to be obtained for equipment to be stored in.  
Sign cleaner kit to be sourced and ordered through the self-help scheme.

Graffiti around village – see above.

Wildflower seeds – to be spread around village areas.

Verge along Hillside Ave – see above.

PCSO's – there are now 3 operating out of Beccles and so there should be more cover in Worlingham.

Complaints have been received regarding the trees which have been removed as part of Church car park new builds. Question was raised as to what the money raised from these new builds was going to be put towards. Ministry to be asked about this. Ministry also to be asked about parking for the disabled who wished to visit the churchyard/ church.

20's plenty for Garden Lane – or 'slow' roundels – SCC CLE to be asked about this.

Anti-social behaviour of motorists waiting for school finish time – police and school to encourage people to walk in the better weather.

Newsletter will be ready for distribution next week.

Annual Parish meeting – ESC to be invited to attend to discuss Emergency Planning. Police/ school/ Church / MP and Community Hall to be invited to attend.

9. Date of next meeting. Tuesday at 6.30pm - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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