



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), D Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, S Robbins,
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. ESC Ward Cllrs Plummer and Topping.*

Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; SCC Ward Cllr Lever. Cllr S Mather, Cllr J Mather. Noted.
 - 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 March 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) *SCC and ESC Ward Cllr Topping* – monthly reports have been sent to all.
the ESC and SCC written reports had been received and circulated.
- SCC Cllr Topping advised that libraries would go back inhouse. All branches will stay open and will be protected.
- Cllr Topping advised that some work is due to go ahead from the North Cove roundabout to the Carlton Colville roundabout – this will cost approx. £20k and is to be paid from SCC ward Cllrs. But some of the work is deemed a hazard so will be carried out within the ordinary Highways budget.
- Discussion about the consultation about the walk in surgery at Beccles Health Centre – why was it cancelled? Discussion. See also Beccles Town Council agenda for this. See the consultation docs. Need to find out when the new drop in will be and how this is going to be notified to people.

b) Public - Nil

4 Planning

Applications received prior to the meeting including;

a) To consider new planning applications including;

DC/25/1148/FUL - Construction of a two-storey rear extension - Musk Cottages, Lowestoft Road. No Objection

DC/25/1291/FUL – Loft conversion including dormer to rear elevation and Velux to front elevation – 15 Mirbecks Close.

There are 2 parking spaces at front of house. According to N PLAN it should have 3 spaces for 4 beds. So, it does not comply with N PLAN. Sect WORL8 Parking standards. Agreed by all to object on the above grounds. (Note that the map seems wrong as the garage belongs to the neighbour).

b) To receive planning decisions

Replacement of 7 timber angling platforms with recycled composite plastic platforms Land At, Marsh Lane, Worlingham - Approved

Outline Application - Custom & Self-Build Outline Planning Permission for Some Matters Reserved Except Access & Layout. Demolition of Double Garage & Construction of New Dwelling. Provision of a shared access – Refused.

c) other planning matters.

Appeal APP/V3500/W/24/3354097 – Digester Land at Copeland Way, Ellough -Feedback from appeal hearing for digester. Letter today received by Cllr Topping that the appeal has been dismissed. Members expressed thanks to all who had attended the hearing – with special thanks to airport/ CAA.

Parish Preplanning – Boasts Site. The agent seems to be putting forward the Boasts site for housing for when ESC needs to build additional houses to fulfil government numbers.

Discussion;

Reasons to object include, Area is not in present local plan, college Lane is 60 mph, it is close to the Grade II listed property at the Manor House. A member asked whether any of the places on the site are mentioned as Beccles airfield. Where would existing businesses go?

Reasons to consider, could get a 30 mph in the area, there would need to be a cycle and footpath, would probably look nicer than what is there at present.

Beccles have considered the pre planning and would prefer it to be an employment site.

The parish council to ask the LPA for a discussion.

ESC Cllr Topping has visited the VC Cooke incinerator – the pots for the chimney should go in May and then it could be trialled for 1 month before going live by June 2025.

5) Chairs Report and update

ESC consultation on increasing/ decreasing number of councillors – see letter. No changes for Worlingham.

6. Local government reorganisation and devolution – consultation on Mayoral authority – open to 13th April 2025
[Norfolk and Suffolk devolution consultation - GOV.UK](#)

13/ 4/ 2025 is the consultation deadline. Feedback will be given to the Districts around 21st April. 3 Unitaries are being put forward. Need to ask for local planning cttees to continue.

SALC – East Suffolk Forum – online 27th March 2025. WS and SR attended. Devolution was the main subject being considered.

8. Finance Matters including;

a) Authorisation of cheques/ Bacs 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 – Nil

c) Barclays account/ signatures – This issue continues to take many hours of clerk's time – and is still not resolved.

d) Quotes to consider – nil

Discussion about using an outside contractor on more occasions as Waveney Odd Jobs now seem keen to be involved in assisting the parish.

e) Audit 2024 – 2025- arrangements are in place for year end.

9. Play area improvements – update on;

Woodfield Park new equipment / improvements to existing / locality grants.

The new construction is going well – just need to wait for the grass to grow through the safety matting.

Snake seat – chase.

Zip wire has been done.

ESC/SCC Funded seat – welcomed by all.

Formal opening to be arranged once the site is open – this may be in May half term. 28th May is a possibility – invite all school children, SCC, ESC etc.

All other play areas – these do not seem to have any issues. Bluebell Way – parking on the grass remains a concern. Additional signage to be tried.

Grounds / trees - see tree reports.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust re Woodfield Park project – volunteers for community work parties have been requested in the newsletter.

10. Policies to approve.

NALC Financial standing Orders – revised limits for procurement amendments – already circulated. **Agreed by all.**

11. Clerk and Councillors

Matters from around parish now requiring attention.

- Work on bus shelters – see above. These works are being carried out.
- Volunteer Works carried out in village / Community Self Help update/ Litter picking continues on a monthly basis.

- Newsletter has been distributed with one round remaining.
- ESC Nature at Work sites – update provided to members.

12.Date of next meeting. Annual Parish Meeting and annual meeting of council - Tuesday 20th May agreed by all.

*** Some items may be moved to a confidential section if required.

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