



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 after the annual town meeting at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, J and S Mather, Cllr W Summerfield (Chair) Cllr W Saunders.

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Ward Cllr Lever, and ESC Cllr Plummer, Topping and Rumble.

Minutes

1. To elect a Chair of the Parish Council for 2026.27.

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Summerfield be Chair for 2026 -2027. There were no other nominations. It was AGREED BY All to elect Cllr Summerfield as Chair for 2026 – 2027.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair signed.

2. a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr Robbins and Cllr J Saunders

- a. *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda – Nil
- b. *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest.* Worlingham Fete – Cllrs J and S Mather.
- c. *To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest* regarding the agenda. Nil
- d. *To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda* Nil
- e. *To remind councillors to update the Register of Interests* online. Noted

3. To elect a Vice Chair of the Parish Council for 2026.27.

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Robbins be Vice Chair for 2026 -2027. There were no other nominations. It was AGREED BY All to elect Cllr Robbins as Vice Chair for 2026 – 2027.

4. *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) *To receive comments from any members of the public on matters on the agenda*

ESC Cllr Topping advised that the ESC App was now live and that this gives excellent reminders regarding bin collections. Cllr Topping advised that the colour of the bins is whatever the bin lid colour is – not the bin itself.

Discussion about food waste and where it is being taken – members were advised that the site at Adnams is not now going ahead and that at present the food waste is being transported to a facility in Essex.

Cllr Topping advised that the Thriving Places fund was now open. The call for sites consultation will have a 2-month consultation window which should start soon.

Police support for Beccles / Worlingham – Rob Dakin is now the community officer.

SCC Lever advised that he has paid from his highways budget for the path alongside the school to be resurfaced. This should be completed by 31st July.

It is hoped that the Community Self Help team could clear the branches overhanging the lights.

5. Planning

- a) *applications received prior to the meeting including;*
NIL
- b) *ESC/ SCC Decisions received; Micro Energy Plant – Refused.*
- c) *Any other planning matters;*
Planning appeal - AP/26/0029/REFUSE
Call for Sites – see update as above.

6. Play area capital projects – Werels Loke. Site meeting to be held to sign off the works – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Anderson will attend.

Waveney Odd Jobs should be undertaking their works very soon.

Formal opening will take place once Waveney Odd Jobs have completed their works.

7. Finance matters – authorisation of payments.

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.**

8. Other matters

- SCC – Election Result – Mr Cox and Mr Lever have been elected as the 2 ward councillors.
- Village Fete – 5th September 2026. Agreed by all that permission be given for the fete to use All Saints Green open space for the village fete. Risk assessments/ insurance/ confirmation of stalls etc to be provided to the parish council.
- Litter Picking – next date is 21st May 2026.
- Community Self Help team – work date will be arranged.
It was suggested that additional items be requested including 1 ton bags, sign cleaner, signs and cones. Graffiti cleaner also to be added – contact Beccles T C to ask what they use.
- Local Auth school governor – Cllr Anderson offered to be the LA school governor – school to be advised.
- Query from a resident about trees along footpath by Rectory Close – who has cut these down? Members to see if they can find out.

- Boundary fence from All Saints Green to Hall – members to consider this.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 16th June at 6.30pm

Signed Dated.....

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