



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllrs J and S Mather, Cllr Summerfield,

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Ward Cllr Lever 6.35pm, ESC Cllr Plummer 6.40pm, SCC Ward Cllr Cox 7pm and ESC Cllr Rumble 6.35pm.

Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from; Cllr W Saunders, Cllr J Saunders, Cllr Robbins and ESC Cllr Topping.

b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda. Cllr Summerfield re planning application for Copplestone Close.
c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest.* Cllr J and S Mather re Worlingham Fete.

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 June 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.

Members advised that the grass cutting has not been good – i.e. around the Kempton Cross area at rear of bus stop – half of the grass has been cut but no strimming has been done. Complaint to be sent to ESS.

Bin update – The system seems to be improving and some of the routes are being reworked. The percentage of rounds covered properly has improved from 76% to 86%. Cedar Drive was missed for a week. Pepys Ave is also not being done consistently.

Re customer service – is this being resourced properly to take all the complaints about the bins – what about other issues? Some reports of people being 50 in the queue.

ESC Cllr Plummer advised that the Marsh Lane planning application did not go to Cttee. On the part of the site where a forest school has been agreed – there is no forest school.
But on the part of the site where there is no planning approval there is a forest school operating – Woodview School. Is Woodview School registered with SCC as an authorised supplier of school care? SCC Cllrs to find out.

Re the Garden Village – see the strategic planning paper. Why does the village still need a primary school? Or a Community Hub? Beccles High School still has space. Suggest another meeting with planners asap.

See also the ESC Tree and Hedgerow survey – could a community orchard be grown? – For discussion at a future meeting.

b) SCC – monthly report had been circulated.

SCC Cllr Lever advised that the judicial review of LGR has started.
SCC Cabinet has met today – discussed Eye solar farm project.
SCC Highways have done patching works have taken place along the pathway at rear of school.
Cadent works are going to be taking place by Ingate in August / September 2026.

Query from SCC Cllr Cox re tennis/ bowls etc – there is a tennis court available at the Common and there is Lawn Bowls in Beccles.

SCC Cllr Cox advised that the people at Worlingham Manor have a paddock and they have advised that some for of recreation could go there i.e. tennis/ bowls etc – depending on what the village might need. The owner would rent the land to the PC to establish such a facility.

SCC Cllr Cox advised that the SEND budget has been increased.

Water recycling project – Cllr Cox would like to attend the webinar.
Cllr Cox will attend the community facility opening. All Parish councillors also invited on 28th July 2026 from 5pm – 7pm.

c) *Public*
Nil

4. Planning

a) *To consider new planning applications including*
TPO – 4 Holm Close – no objection

TPO – 38 Copplestone Close - no objection

b) *To receive ESC decisions;*
Change of Use – land to the west of Marsh Lane – Permitted.
9 Pine Tree Close – Permitted.
22 Hillside Avenue -Permitted.

c) *Other planning matters*

East Suffolk New local plan – timetable and consultation dates. Noted. Members to reply individually.

Garden Village – See above.

Suffolk Water Recycling Project – see meeting links as already sent.

5. Chairs Report and update including;

Mobile Climbing Wall – 23rd July 10am – 4pm. SCC CLLR Lever will try and attend.

Catch up with Jess Asato MP – Thursday 10th September 2026 offered for a Teams meeting. Members noted that they would want to discuss Forest School and Garden Village plus other matters.

6. Play area updates

Werels Loke - roundabout pedals and seats – HAGS has ordered the seats. Pedals are to be organised locally by the council by purchasing from a cycle outlet. Cllrs J and W Saunders had offered to sort

Woodfield Park – damage to car equip. ESS will look at the seat. Parish council will look at obtaining new tyres. Cllr W Saunders will arrange.

Cedar Drive – open space management. Cllr W Saunders to consider adding to the self help list of things to do.

Werels loke – missing Hand grip £161.25 ESS – Cost AGREED BY ALL.

Trees – The Chair had met with a tree surgeon re the trees in the newt belt which overlook rear of Janet Haddenham Close. Surgeon has suggested that he could lower height of maples/ willows – day rate quoted. Full quote to be requested and others to be asked to consider as well. These costs being requested without prejudice and without any decision on whether any work will be requested. P C Policy to be considered as part of any deliberations as would not want to set any precedent as there are other residential properties throughout the village with trees just as large/ close to boundary.

All Saints Green – Check with ESS that hedge will be cut back before fete.

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) Donation requests – Nil

c) Audit 2025-2026 – this has been submitted for external audit.

d) Any quotes to approve – see above.

8. Councillor Updates

- SALC AGM – no one attended
- Litter Pick – next date 16th July.
- Comm Ptnership – next meeting 12th August
- Emergency Plan – Barnby and North Cove have advised that they do not wish to join their N Plan with that of Worlingham. Ruby at SCC to be asked to assess the new community facility as a rest centre.
- Village Fete – is using the p c land at All Sants Green – all docs to be forwarded to the clerk. Hedge has been asked to be cut. No issues yet with grass length.
- Cedar Drive double gate – new padlock required – subsequently installed.
- Trees overhanging Lowestoft Rd from Worlingham Hall to be reported on SCC online system.
- Complaints have been received about fence being removed between All Saints Green and the community hall. Now considered by residents to be health and safety concern for those using the play area and open space. Council to obtain quotes for replacing fencing to consider at a later date.
Discussion about the path which runs through the open space – is this a designated cycle path?

9. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 15th September 2026.

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