WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Kersey, Cllr Robbins, Cllr W Saunders, Cllr Summerfield.

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. SCC Ward Cllr Lever, ESC Cllr Plummer 6.40pm, ESC Cllr Topping, SCC Ward Cllr Cox and ESC Cllr Rumble. 2 members of the public.

Minutes

1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence*. Apologies were received from; Cllrs J and S Mather, Cllr J Saunders.

b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda. Cllr Robbins re Community Hall. Cllr Summerfield has been contacted regarding trees at Werels Loke.
c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest*. Cllr W Saunders and Cllr W Summerfield re Community Hall.

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 July 2026 were approved by all.
Cllr Robbins advised that she had attended the SALC AGM online.

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.

Beccles quay will host Armed Forces Day for Suffolk in 2027.
M and H fire occurred on site yesterday. Unit 19 was destroyed and unit 18 was partially destroyed. Beccles T C made contact with ESC in case a rest centre was required.

Cllr Topping advised that ESC was told that LGR would be withdrawn. 2027 elections will go ahead as usual. Staff at ESC have been pulled off LGR back onto normal duties.

Emergency Plan was ready to be put in force for the M and H fire, and Westleton enacted theirs for the Dunwich fires.

b) *SCC* – monthly report had been circulated.

Cadent works programme seems to have been updated.
There will be resurfacing on A 146. This will divert traffic onto Lowestoft Road so the Lowestoft Road works will be suspended.

SCC advised that the Connexion utility monitors do not need planning permissions. These are multipurpose Wi fi for all service connections.

SCC Cllr Cox advised that Devolution may go ahead with a joint Mayor for Norfolk/ Suffolk.
SCC is saving money as the LGR work is not going ahead.
SCC Cllr Cox advised that Kessingland p c have paid a planning consultant to guide them on a planning issue. Clerk to ask Kessingland p c for details of who they used.

c) *Public*
A member of public spoke about an engineer's survey they have had carried out at their property. Within the report there is reference to planting at the rear of the property – undertaken by Persimmon Homes and planted by ESC at Werels Loke open space.

4. Planning

a) To consider new planning applications including
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After discussion it was agreed by all that there was no objection in principle but was noted that it had originally been stated that all visitors would need to park at Beccles and walk to the site – is this still to be the case. It is not appropriate to drive along Marsh Lane and over the railway line.

DC/26/3072/FUL – 125 Ellough Rd – no objection

DC/26/3146/TPO – no objection

DC/26/2814/TPO – no objection

b) To receive ESC decisions;
Discharge of condition – land to the west of Marsh Lane – noted.

c) *Other planning matters*

East Suffolk New local plan – timetable and consultation dates. Noted.

Garden Village – it was noted that the consultants are suggesting a meeting after Xmas.

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Suffolk Water Recycling Project – see personal responses to be sent by 2nd Oct.

5. Chairs Report and update including;

Mobile Climbing Wall – 109 people attended which was the best supported event so far. Age range was 4 – 45.

Catch up with Jess Asato MP – Thursday 10th September 2026. MP spoke about LGR.
Members also spoke about the littering caused by McDonalds customers, school parking on residential roads, Garden Village, and the numbers of children needed to justify a new primary school – is this needed? The Chair advised that there is now no masterplan for the garden village as the separate pieces of land are now not all coming forward.

Re school parking – SCC Cllr Lever advised that he would take this up when he meets highways about parking around all schools.

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.
KIV to see if matting is mentioned in next inspection report.

Cedar Drive – open space management. Cllr W Sauders to consider adding to the self-help list of things to do. A cycle route has already ben created by the children who use the area.

Werels loke – missing Hand grip £161.25 ESS – Cost agreed by all.

Trees – Cedar Drive – Tree report suggest 7 trees to be dealt with. Quote to be requested as well as recommendation for new trees as mentioned in the report.
Trees – Werels Loke – Chair referred to the various quotes for work / guidance about work for the pc/ residents.
It was suggested that the pc could try and contact ESC/ Persimmon about the tree planting to ascertain what was planted and why.
Member of public asked if a tree surveyor could have access to some of the information provided to the pc – clerk to be the point of contact.

All Saints Green – Check with ESS that hedge will be cut back before fete.
Fencing – there have been complaints about safety now that the fencing around the community centre has been taken down. The area has always been fenced off as the fencing previously surrounded the school. Been there for over 20 years. The open space now leads directly to the community hall/ its car park and surrounding road.
Parish council needs to consider this matter from a safety perspective.
Members were advised that North Cove is having fencing installed at the cost of £2k in one of their areas.
Discussion about the cycle path and access to the housing estate.
It was suggested that the p c consider the fencing of the open space and discuss the fencing options with the community centre.

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

c) Donation requests – Nil
d) Insurance – Premium and renewal agreed as above.
e) Poppy wreath has been ordered.
f) ESC – CYCLE RACK GRANTS – consider applying for a cycle rack at All Saints Green.

Cllr Summerfield and Cllr W Saunders left the meeting.

g) Consider costs/ t and c for using school vs community hall for future room hire. Discussion about costs and t and c. After full discussion it was agreed to meet at Community Hall wef 1st Jan 2027 – Room to be fully set up ready for use. P C meetings to start at 7pm and finish by 9pm.

Cllr Summerfield and Cllr W Saunders returned to the meeting.

8. Councillor Updates

- Litter Pick – third Thursday of month at 10.30am by side of school.
- Comm Ptnership – annual forum to be held at Woodbridge in October 2026. Cllr Kersey will attend.
- Emergency Plan – Cllr Anderson will attend the webinar and offered to lead on the Emergency Plan.
- ESC Planning forum held last week – clerk attended. This explained the changes to the NPPF.
- Community self-help – to be carried out on 4th October – to meet at school at 9am. Worls will include; bus stops, trees at walkway by school, footpath by church, junction of Grden Lane, vegetation overhanging the SID.
- SALC super forum will be held on 17th September 2026.
- Community partnership – Cllr Kersey attended and advised that there is a new coffee caravan called Vanessa which will include CAB advisory services and flu vaccinations. The small grants scheme is active, and details can be viewed on ESC social media. Thirsk Youth are active and are increasing opportunities for young people.
- Christmas trees – 2 trees from ESS will cost £1652 plus vat – agreed by all. Cozens to be contacted for lights. It was suggested that the school could be asked to design 2 or 3 banners for around the trees. Closing date 25th Nov.
- Christmas Lights competition will not go ahead this year.

9. For next meeting

Caravan has been dumped on Sandpit Lane – this to be noted on SCC Highways reporting tool.
Worlingham roundabout – piece of a car is still on the roundabout – report on SCC tool.
Advise 2027 council dates when available.

10 . Date of next meeting. Tuesday 13th October 2026.

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