

WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th May 2026 @ 7:00pm Worlestone Village Hall

Present:, Andy Hudson (**Chair**) Gary Vernon (**GV**), John Thomasson (**JT**), Gary Basford (**GB**) Joe Foster (**JF**), Jon Reade (**JR**) Tommy Adams (**TA**), Malcolm Holman (**MH**), Peter Jones (**PJ**) Fred Percival (**FP**)

Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

Parish members: present

Point	Agenda point	Raised By	Action	Due Date
1.	Apologies:- John Schofield (JS)	Clerk	N/A	07/05/26
2.	Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct: - None declared by councillors' present. TA – previous Planning application	Chair	All Cllrs	07/05/26
3.	Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:- Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters Minutes from 12/03/26 quarterly meeting approved by JF and 2nded by JR All councillors present, were in agreement.	Vice Chair	All Cllrs	07/05/26
4.	Public Forum:- Discussion about the prospective car park by the church. Owner of the land is happy to revisit the possibility of an application to be resubmitted, alongside an application for a house at the far end of the land. Owner is reluctant to spend additional money on the application if this is not a possibility. Chair/PJ agreed to have a meeting with Cllr Becky Posnett to progress a possible application. Ownership of the land can be determined, and this could assist the application – Church/School/Parish Council. The key is how the application is dealt with. Mention of the number of houses that have been built on the opposite side of the road, which is ongoing. Discussion about whether CIL money could be spent on this project if the land becomes Parish Council owned.	Public	Chair/PJ	ongoing
5.	Representation from United Utilities Water Treatment, Worlestone:- Michael Clare (MC) & Shannen Davidson from Costains, construction partners with UU and part of the enterprise programme which delivers big schemes across the North West. They have been on site since November and are making improvements to the water treatment process on site to improve quality of wastewater that is discharged into the river Douglas. Work isn't being expanded – just improving what is already there. 2 Kiosks need to be installed – September/October 2026 but will be onsite until March 2027. They will not be visible from the road. The Chair bought up the subject of increase of traffic through the village. Will this project bring in more traffic. Unable to answer this question – it is all about demand in the area. MC stated that he would get some data to look at the impact on traffic. MC clarified that project traffic is only moving during working hours, Mon- Fri. Question raised by JF about the tripper trucks accessing the site – these are not for UU use. Follow up needed regarding this. Will there be increased noise & light with the new project. MC to investigate.			07/05/26

	MH asked whether UU have considered building a bridge that would take the traffic out of the site towards Leighton – much better access to better roads. This could tie in with the new builds in the area and land that is owned by CEC. This would take all the traffic away from Worleston & Church Minshull. With the recent increase in housing in the area, there will be huge increase in usage. JF raised the point regarding the weight limits for the Canal bridge & railway bridge. Both are overdue for inspection. MC will take this back to UU for discussion. The Clerk raised the issue of financial support from UU as a contribution to the community for the inconvenience of the traffic, smell noise etc. She also stated that another Parish Council has just received a healthy contribution from UU for the recent pipework across the Parish. MC said that he would discuss with UU. The Clerk said she would send through the funding figure from Beeston Parish Council. JF stated that the tankers are moving through the night, at speed, which are shaking the houses, when hitting potholes. Requested that a speed limit request be imposed on all tankers. The Chair confirmed that there has been no recent engagement from UU. Requested that a current contact number be supplied.			
6.	Borough Councillor Report:- Not present at the meeting – at the cluster meeting. Notes sent:- <i>I was in Worleston last week and logged a road sweep for main road and reported the potholes again. I am going to speak with Highways about the poor roads around the school as they are in an awful state.</i>	Chair	BP	07/05/26
7.	Councillor Vacancy update:- This is now with the Elections team. No applicants so far.	Chair	Clerk	07/05/26
8.	Planning matters:- Pending applications 26/0829/FUL- Aston Lower Hall Dairy Lane, Erection of an extension to existing agricultural buildings and all associated works. 26/0943/FUL-United Utilities, CREWE WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, Erection of 1no. Supplementary RAS PS MCC Kiosk and 1.no Air Blowers VSD Panels Kiosk. 26/0995/FUL – Jodrell Room Reaseheath College, New lift shaft enclosure to the rear of Jodrell building 26/1205/TPO – Rookery Hall, Urgent tree removal, Large tree in a high use area with a significant change in decay Past Planning 26/0733/TPO – Rookery Hall, Proposed works to multiple TPO trees on site - Approved 26/0539/CLEUD-Ash Villa, Main Road, Aston Juxta Mondrum Certificate of lawful existing use of Annexe (approved 12/4423N) as standalone dwelling independent of the farmhouse. 5/4838/HOUS -Rosefield House Dairy Lane, Aston Juxta Mondrum, First Floor extension to detached Garage for ancillary accommodation. undecided 25/3274/VOC - Variation of condition 2 - appd plans on appl 23/1414N. Poole House Farm Pool, Poole, CW5 6AH 23/4566N – Aston Lower Hall, AJM.- Erection of Rural enterprise unit & associated works- undecided 23/3507N – Aston Lower Hall Farm, Dairy Lane - Erection of covered silage store - undecided 25/3114/PIP- Permission in Principle for the erection of 5 dwellings, The Grange Main Road, Worleston, CW5 6DN Appeal in Progress	Chair	Chair	ongoing

9.	Clerks Report:- <i>Solar Grant – Update on anticipated expenditure.</i> There is c£8k on reserve - £3k is CIL payments, £5k is solar payments over previous years. The Clerk stressed that if the CIL payment is not spent it will have to be returned to CEC. The Clerk will look into what the CIL can be spent on. <i>Webhosting issues – update</i> Explained the recent challenging issues with the .gov.uk email. Orangutan have failed in their provision of the service. We have now moved the email across to Parish councils online. The website is no longer compliant and not secure. £749 cost to rebuild a compliant website with the new email provider. Ongoing costs will remain the same. AH to write to Orangutan to state that they have been in breach of contract and that the contract is being terminated with immediate effect and we will not pay outstanding bill. It was proposed by GV and 2nded by JF that Parish Council online be instructed to manage the website moving forward.	Clerk	Clerk	07/05/26
10.	Playground Matters:- PJ stated that there were lots of small issues that need to be sorted. It might be advisable to employ Alan Ackerley for a day to finish the jobs.	Chair	PJ	ongoing
11.	Car Park provision for the school:- Covered under point 4	Chair/PJ	PJ	ongoing
12.	Parish Compacts:- Nothing reported from Peter Wilson.	Clerk	Chair	Ongoing
13.	Road Safety Matters:- <i>Road conditions</i> – ongoing pothole challenges. Keep reporting to BP <i>Kingsbourne new Rd</i> – ongoing – no new date for opening. <i>Speed Limit update</i> – . Question asked where the speed gun is? GB to check if it is at the shop or with the Green residents. <i>Road Safety – Street lighting costs update</i> – as above <i>Signage</i> – exits signs on the Reaseheath roundabout – all junctions have been signed but not to Worleston. AH has reported this to CEC.	Chair	Chair	Ongoing
14.	Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :- Signing off the annual audit 2025/26 by Clerk & Chair. Payment of accounts:- Current bank balance 28/04/26 £3,909.33 & Saver Account £8,113.70 Outstanding payments:- <i>WVH meeting room fees £36.00</i> <i>CHALC subscription annual Fees £186.90</i> <i>Huljardy -payroll services (costs M9-12) £24.00</i> <i>Zurich insurance – annual policy costs</i> Proposed by FP & GB that we move to a 3 year deal which will reduce costs by £25. <i>H Exley - Annual Microsoft 365 licence £104.99</i> <i>Clerk's annual expenses - £180.99</i> <i>Audit Fees - £110.00</i>	Clerk	Clerk	07/05/26
15.	Dates of meetings for 2026 2nd July, 10th September, 19th November	Clerk	Clerk	07/05/26
16.	Items for next agenda:- Continue discussion regarding CIL money.	clerk	Clerk	

Meeting closed at 20:25 hrs

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Action list from 07/05/26 minutes

Poin t	Agenda item	Who to complete	Actioned by
4.	Meeting with BP regarding car park planning application	PJ/AH	July
5.	Community contribution figure from UU for Beeston Parish council to be sent to Michael Clare.	Clerk	June
9.	CIL payments criteria to be investigated by Clerk and sent to Cllrs. Instruct new webhost to takeover the hosting. Terminate Orangutan contract	Clerk Chair	July ASAP
10.	Instruct Alan Ackerley to do repairs on playground.	PJ	July
13.	Speed gun – check whereabouts	GB	July