

WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th March 2026 @ 7:00pm Worleston Village Hall

Present:, John Schofield (**JS**) (**Vice Chair**) Gary Basford (**GB**) Joe Foster (**JF**), Jon Reade (**JR**) Tommy Adams (**TA**), Malcolm Holman (**MH**), (**MH**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Fred Percival (**FP**) Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**) Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),
Parish members: none present

Point	Agenda point	Raised By	Action	Due Date
1.	Apologies:- Andy Hudson (Chair) Gary Vernon (GV), John Thomasson (JT), Meeting Chaired by JS	Clerk	N/A	12/03/26
2.	Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct: - Non declared by councillors' present.	Vice Chair	All Cllrs	12/03/26
3.	Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:- Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters Minutes from 15/01/26 quarterly meeting approved by JF and 2nded by MH All councillors present, were in agreement.	Vice Chair	All Cllrs	12/03/26
4.	Public Forum:- No Members of the public present.	Public	Vice Chair	12/03/26
5.	Borough Councillor Report:- - Full council met recently to approve the Budget. Approach the Government to raise Council tax by 9.9% but as CEC are under Best Value notice-it was not approved. - Food waste update – CEC won't be ready for this until autumn 2026. When this happens, this will move the bin emptying to 3 weekly. - A lot of planning applications still coming through (not in this parish) due to potential housing developments in the area. - Leighton Hospital rebuild/planning– parking issues already for staff. Looking at more remote treatment/clinics to relieve pressure on physical wards. - Flooding in The Crescent – CEC Highways have revisited and are aware of the issues. BP still putting pressure on to get the problem sorted. - Potholes still an issue in the parish – urged Cllrs to register potholes as Highways have to acknowledge them. General feeling that there is no urgency or care regarding the improvement of the road surfaces. - PCSO has been kept on in the ward. Excellent link for local parishes to Cheshire Police.	Vice Chair	BP	12/03/26

6.	Planning matters:- Pending applications *25/3114/PIP- Permission in Principle for the erection of 5 dwellings, The Grange Main Road, Worleston, CW5 6DN* - this has now gone to appeal Past Planning 26/0129/CLPUD- Station Farm, 25 Station Road -Certificate of lawful development for proposed single storey side and rear extensions. 25/4718/CLPUD- Maple House Church Road, Aston Juxta Mondrum,,Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Side and Rear Extensions and Front Porch to Existing Dwellinghouse - Positive Certificate 25/4838/HOUS -Rosefield House Dairy Lane, Aston Juxta Mondrum, First Floor extension to detached Garage for ancillary accommodation. undecided 25/4468/LBC -Rookery Hall, Listed building consent proposed EV chargers (4no) Approved with Conditions 25/4614/FUL - Reaseheath College, New temporary workshop and storage building. Approved with Conditions 25/4002/FUL-47 Station Road, Proposed rooms in the roof to both properties with front and rear dormers. Single storey rear extensions - to both properties. Approved with conditions 25/3274/VOC - Variation of condition 2 - appd plans on appl 23/1414N. Poole House Farm Pool, Poole, CW5 6AH 25/2049/HOUS -extensions to house - Worleston Lodge Main Road, Worleston, Approved with conditions 25/1928/FUL- Single story extension to existing sports centre to create new gym space. Reaseheath College Main Road, Worleston, Approved with Conditions 25/2049/HOUS - Worleston Lodge Main Road, Worleston, Extensions to property - Approved with Conditions 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 22/0557N - New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Finally Disposed Of (Article 40)- BP to investigate this Discussion regarding the carpark for the school and re-opening the application. PJ to speak to the landowner.	Chair	Chair	ongoing
7.	Clerks Report:- - Update on Clerk & Chair email. Webhost/website provider have stopped the hosting the domain name, so no longer have access to the email. Have sourced a new provider (through recommendation). New potential provider has also highlighted that current website (10 years old) is non-compliant. Costs are the same as current provider. Proposed that the host be changed to Parishcouncilwebsite host by JS and 2nded by FP - Current provider has issued an annual invoice - we will check T&C's before we give notice and pro rata the invoice for payment. - A gentleman from Costains who are currently working with United Utilities on improvements for the plant contacted the Clerk to discuss the upcoming planning application for 2 new chambers.	Clerk	Clerk	12/03/26

	- Clerk also explained the issue of lorries during the night at Main Road and the disruption that is being caused. He offered to become involved with the community both voluntarily and monetary. WDPC to go back with proposals of community projects. - Costains would like to come to the May Meeting. - Councillor Vacancy – Richard Heaton has resigned due to personal reasons. The Clerk will contact CEC elections team to advertise the vacancy.			
8.	Playground Matters:- Update to be reported at next meeting by PJ Bird preventer has come away from the swings – it has been disposed of.	Vice Chair	PJ/ Clerk	ongoing
9.	Parish Compacts:- Nothing reported from Peter Wilson.	Clerk	Vice Chair	Ongoing
10.	Road Safety Matters:- <i>Road conditions</i> –Traffic conditions on Main Road. Delphic Transport have evidenced that it is not them using Main Rd in the middle of the night. It seems to be more tankers. JF will log traffic movement so that we can report back. - Bridges –JF reported that both the railway and Canal bridge will be checked for weight limits in the coming months due to the concern of the heavy traffic currently using them. - Potholes along Main Road have been reported again. <i>Kingsbourne new Rd</i> – June is the latest opening date given. <i>Speed Limit update</i> – BP had no update to give. <i>Road Safety – Street lighting costs update</i> – JS has checked if there is any electricity supply to the original pole – there is none.	Vice Chair	Vice Chair	Ongoing
11.	Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :- Current bank balance 22/02/26 £ & saver account £ (£8,072.07 in saver account) Outstanding payments:- <i>WVH meeting room fees £36.00</i> <i>Litter picking costs £900</i> <i>Alan Ackerley – TBC for the end of year.</i>	Clerk	Clerk	12/03/26
12.	Dates of meetings for 2026 7 th May, 2 nd July, 10 th September, 19 th November	Clerk	Clerk	12/03/26
13.	Items for next agenda:- Carparking discussion for the school.	clerk	Clerk	07/05/26

Meeting closed at 20:00 hrs

-----Chairman-----Date

Action list from 12/03/26 minutes

Point	Agenda item	Who to complete	Actioned by
6.	Comment to be sent to planning 22/0557N – New Start Park	BP	March
7.	Costains representative to be invited to the next meeting	Clerk	May
8.	Outstanding playground repairs to be completed.	PJ	May
10.	Traffic monitoring during the night to take place to see which lorries are being used	JF	May