

WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th January 2026 @ 7:00pm Worleston Village Hall

Present:, Andy Hudson (**Chair**) John Schofield (**JS**) (**Vice Chair**) Gary Basford (**GB**) Joe Foster (**JF**), Jon Reade (**JR**) Tommy Adams (**TA**), Malcolm Holman, Gary Vernon (**GV**), John Thomasson (**JT**), Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

Parish members: none present

Point	Agenda point	Raised By	Action	Due Date
1.	Apologies:- (MH) Peter Jones (PJ) Richard Heaton (RH), Fred Percival (FP)	Clerk	N/A	15/01/26
2.	Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct: - Non declared by councillors' present.	Chair	All Cllrs	15/01/26
3.	Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:- Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters Minutes from 20/11/25 quarterly meeting approved by JF and 2nded by GB All councillors present, were in agreement.	Chair	All Cllrs	15/01/26
4.	Public Forum:- No members of the public present. Items submitted via councillors:- - Flooding by crescent - Potholes & road dip on Main Road which is causing vibration when the lorries hit this. This has been reported. JF to send reference number so it can be followed up. - Blocked drain by the shop on Main Rd. - Unsafe tree on lane that connects Station Road to Dairy Lane – Landowner needs to be contacted. JT to send in photo All the above to be reported to BP so that it can be followed up with Highways.	Public	Chair	15/01/26
5.	Mark Astbury – Worleston Village Hall update:- Gave an update on the Village Hall. Currently there are 4 Trustees and MA is looking for more Trustees to join. The Village Hall is financially sound, and he is looking for members to join the Trustees committee to help with financial planning and spending of the income. There are 13 members of the Hall committee which is run successfully. Hoping that there are local residents who maybe interested in joining. AH to put the details on the local What's App group.	MA	Chair	15/01/26
6.	Borough Councillor Report:- - Next full council is the Budget meeting - Peak Cluster letters have been sent out regarding upcoming meetings explaining about the pipeline and where it will be. BP hasn't been told anything about it. Clerk explained that PC have sent out notifications and the proposed pipelines. Is it compulsory purchase? What is proposed route etc. Clerk to forward on information to councillors. - CEC Accounts dept v quiet due to Chief Exec is off sick. - Bin collections have been missed due to weather. No warnings about this re extra collections. Issues with lack of waste collection. - Gritting issues in bad weather – not planned properly and there were a lot of complaints. It meant that a lot of schools couldn't open.	Chair	BP	15/01/26

	• CEC still moving towards devolution and towards a cabinet system rather than committee and a mayoral system. Cheshire & Warrington combined. • Planning is progressing now. New planning laws passed in Dec. • Road onto Kingsbourne- CEC still waiting for Section 38 before it can be opened. Traffic safety mitigation measures through Acton still to be done, which needs to be completed before Kingsbourne is opened. Concerns about only 1 exit from the development for residents – BP has raised this as a H&S issue. Probable opening is now May 2026. • Government are now no longer giving grants to Young Farmers.			
7.	Planning matters:- Pending applications 25/4838/HOUS -Rosefield House Dairy Lane, Aston Juxta Mondrum, First Floor extension to detached Garage for ancillary accommodation. No comment 25/4468/LBC -Rookery Hall, Listed building consent proposed EV chargers (4no) No Comment 25/4614/FUL – Reaseheath College, New temporary workshop and storage building. comment to be raised re clarification of the building on behalf of PC Past Planning 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. 25/3211/HOUS -Aston Lower Hall Dairy Lane, Aston Juxta Mondrum, - Retrospective planning application for a replacement orangery extension and all associated works. Refused 25/3343/LBC - Aston Lower Hall Dairy Lane, Aston Juxta Mondrum, Listed Building Consent for a replacement orangery and all associated works (retrospective) Refused 25/3751/HOUS - Poolwich Poole Hill Road, Poole, Single storey side extension. Approved with conds 25/3575/HOUS-Faldice Cottage Wettenhall Road, Poole, Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and outrigger. Proposed construction of Single Storey rear extension and alterations to elevations. Appd with Conds 25/3683/VOC - Variation of condition 2 on approved application 25/1090/HOUS: Proposed rear extension and porch removal -116 Main Road, Worleston, Appd with conditions silage store - undecided 22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided 25/3274/VOC - Variation of condition 2 - appd plans on appl 23/1414N. Poole House Farm Pool, Poole, CW5 6AH 25/3114/PIP- Permission in Principle for the erection of 5 dwellings, The Grange Main Road, Worleston, CW5 6DN Refused 25/2049/HOUS -extensions to house - Worleston Lodge Main Road, Worleston, 25/1928/FUL- Single story extension to existing sports centre to create new gym space. Reaseheath College Main Road, Worleston, - undecided 25/2049/HOUS - Worleston Lodge Main Road, Worleston, Extensions to property - undecided 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 - Undecided	Chair	Chair	ongoing

8.	Clerks Report:- - Solar Grant spend – Update on anticipated expenditure. Solar grant company are questioning what the money is being spent on. Still under consideration for the streetlight expenditure, but this is very costly. JS to check on the possible source of electricity to the site (previous lights were sited there) with a CAT scanner. - School – what projects need to be done? AH to contact them. - Carpark land – revisit planning for this now that the planning laws have changed and whether the plans could be resubmitted. AH to send BP an email with past planning. - Charity payment of £200 funded by Solar Grant still to be spent in this financial year. Councillors to make recommendations for local charities by the next meeting.	Clerk	JS/Clerk	15/01/26
9.	Playground Matters:- Update to be reported at next meeting by PJ	Chair	PJ/ Clerk	ongoing
10.	Parish Compacts:- Nothing reported from Peter Wilson.	Clerk	Chair	Ongoing
11.	Road Safety Matters:- <i>Road conditions</i> – JF stated that all Main Road potholes have been reported with the issues with HGV's hitting them. He has registered all potholes with CEC. This has highlighted how many HGV's are travelling through the village during the night. Delphic Transport are coming through on a very regular basis. Questions raised over their operator's licence and whether they are operating within it and are they are in breach of their original planning for the business. JF to check on this. Planning enforcement enquiry to be submitted. Concerns about the amount of HGV's going over the railway bridge by Station Road and the canal bridge and the weights of vehicles. <i>Kingsbourne new Rd</i> – see point 6 <i>Speed Limit update</i> – no update <i>Road Safety – Street lighting costs update</i> – see point 8	Vice Chair	Vice Chair	Ongoing
12.	Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :- It was agreed to increase the Precept for 2026/27 by 15% to £5,470. This will allow a build-up of reserve (recommendation that there is a 6-month reserve) Proposed by GV and 2nded by TA . Payment of accounts: Current bank balance 05/01/26 £3,559.33 & saver account £ (£8,072.07 in saver account) Outstanding payments:- <i>WVH meeting room fees</i> £36.00 <i>Hilljardy payroll fees</i> £24 <i>1/4ly Payroll cost paid 29/12/25</i> - £815 Clerk's pay review next meeting.	Clerk	Clerk	15/01/26
13.	Dates of meetings for 2026 12 th March, 7 th May, 2 nd July, 10 th September, 19 th November	Clerk	Clerk	15/01/26
14.	Items for next agenda:-	clerk	Clerk	

Meeting closed at 20:20 hrs

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Action list from 15/01/26 minutes

Point	Agenda item	Who to complete	Actioned by
4.	Photo to be sent to clerk of unsafe tree near Station Rd	JT	ASAP
5.	Details of village hall trustee vacancy to be added to local Whats App group	AH	ASAP
7.	Comment to be sent to planning regarding RHC application	AH	January
8.	- Electrical source to be investigated to see if it is still in place for possible connection to new streetlights on Main Road. - School to be contacted regarding upcoming projects that may need funds.	JS AH	January March
9.	Outstanding playground repairs to be completed.	PJ	January
11.	Planning application to be checked for Delphic Transport & also operators licence - breach of the licence?	JF	March

