

Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 7th April 2025 in Worton Village Hall at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr Richard Slack (RS), Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Patricia Goodenough (PG), Cllr Chris Collins (CC), Cllr Dickie Parsons (DP), Cllr Anthony Higgins (AH), Cllr Rob Goss (RG)

Also present: Cllr Tamara Reay, Bob Mitchell, Chris & David Johnson, Sam Gaiger, Nick Church (Gaiger)

001/25/26	Apologies for absence: , Cllr Barry Devine (BD Chair), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS), Cllr Chris Collins (CC)	
002/25/26	Declaration of members interests RS declared an interest in the Clerk's salary and maintains his position of not participating on discussions and approvals of payments to the Clerk.	
003/25/26	Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd March , proposed by MP seconded by AH, and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were signed.	
	The Chairman declared that the meeting was temporarily suspended to allow for an open session for 15 minutes where members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda.	
004/25/26	Wiltshire Councillor's Report – TR Thanked the outgoing Chair and PC members for their service.	
005/25/26	Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP) N/A – Reminder that work is due to start on new priority traffic scheme June/July. Black Dog change of speed limits proposed by WC.	
006/25/26	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC) Best Kept Village (BKV) application form has been reviewed. Map to be completed and final paperwork to be submitted by 17/04. NS / Clerk - Working groups 26/27 th April and 10/11 th May and possibly one after depending on when judging takes place.	
007/25/26	Planning (DP/NS)	
	App number	Address
		Description
	PL/2025/02379	Land at High Street and Mill Lane, Worton
		Full planning permission. Erection of 7 dwellings (including 2 low cost market rent dwellings for local residents), vehicular access and associated works NO OBJECTION with agreed comments on access and environmental observations.
	PL/2025/03040	Rose Cottage, 124 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE
		Full planning permission. Alterations to existing garage including raising roof and garage extension. NO OBJECTION

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	PL/2025/02649	Hurst Farm, Cheverell Road	Full planning permission. Associated operational development to facilitate the change of use from agricultural building to E(g)((i) as permitted under PL/2024/11193, and associated works. OBJECTION based on a lack of detail of future commercial use and concerns over road safety.
	PL/2025/02800	Hurst Farm, Cheverell Road	Class R Permitted Development application to change the use of the agricultural building to flexible commercial use, namely Class B8 (Storage and Distribution). Application to be assessed alongside full application for associated operational development to facilitate change of use. OBJECTION based on a lack of detail of future commercial use and concerns over road safety.
	PL/2025/02801	Hurst Farm, Cheverell Road	Full Planning Permission. Associated operational development to facilitate the change of use from agricultural building to B8 (Concurrent Class R application to be assessed alongside application) OBJECTION based on a lack of detail of future commercial use and concerns over road safety.
008/25/26	Community and Learning		
009/25/26	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Johnston presented updated WW2 VE VJ event details. Payment from the Community Fund had been previously approved. Account details to be provided for payment. - Tracy Joyce concerned about tilting gate and EA update. TR to continue to try and contact EA. - Tim Coupland & Stephen Cooke concerned about condition of footpaths from Poulshot/Worton. No further need for immediate action. - Fence posts opposite village hall – Clerk to email Wiltshire Council. - Church Wall funding – application received for Community Funding. The figure requested (£5,000) exceeds the £2,200 maximum amount for individual grants, and therefore cannot be approved. Formal response to be sent to Gerry Lynch to state that the PC would need to see a clearer strategy for fund raising before committing funds to the rebuild of the wall. - AGM date confirmed at 12th May 2025. 		
010/25/26	Finance		

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	a) Monthly bank reconciliation signed and agreed MP b) Finance: MP proposed, PG seconded the following payments:				
	<i>Payable to</i>		<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
	J Slack	Salary			£397.00
	J Slack	Admin Allowance			£26.00
	HMRC	PAYE			£99.25
	Charlton Baker	Preparation of payroll annual fee of £259.20; paid via monthly DD	£18	£3.60	£21.60
	WVMH	Village hire Jan-Mar			£40.00
	WALC	Walc & Nalc Subs	£229.87	£45.97	£275.84
	TOTAL				£859.69
	Inter account transfer:				
	Date:	n/a	Amount:		
011/25/26	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council (a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given).				
012/25/26	Key messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Church Wall Community Fund- Update on traffic priority scheme timings, estimated to take place June/July. Specify location for benefit of villagers.- Thank you notes about councillors who are stepping down for The Bridge.- Thank you to Anthony & Maddy Higgins for tidying pavements- Thank you to Michael Stokes for painting bus stops at the age of 89!- Dates of AGM				
	Date of next meeting: 7:00pm for APM Monday 12 th May 2025 in Worton Village Hall. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Councillors will take place at 6pm – acceptance of office and election of Chair and Vice-Chair, followed by the monthly meeting at 6:30pm.				

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