

Minutes of Worton Annual Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2025 in Worton Village Hall at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Richard Slack (RS), Ed Marks (EM), Brian Badge (BB), Cllr David Johnson (DJ), Cllr Anthony Higgins (AH), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Bob Mitchell, Alun Newman, Simon Napper, Joe Kidd, Cllr Tamara Reay

084/25/26	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Chris Collins, Cllr Dickie Parsons
085/25/26	Declaration of Members Interests RS reiterated his standing declaration relating to the Parish Clerk.
086/25/26	Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025 Website – minutes and agendas resolved. Proposed by AH. Seconded by DJ. Agreed.
087/25/26	Open session on the matters set out below Stile on Mill Road needs fixing – Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council Post box in Worton – Clerk to ask when it will be back in use.
088/25/26	Wiltshire Councillor's Report Blue Badge holders – update on implementation of parking revenue. Our Wiltshire business plan – adopted by council. Proposal to award a contract for a destination plan – overturned and amended on basis of procurement process. Black Dog Junction – update on progress, drainage works included. Any further tactical issues to be forwarded to TR for response. Solar Farm at Poulshot update – planning portal to be monitored for final decisions. To be added to next agenda.
089/25/26	Transport and Road Safety Update on High Street Traffic Calming Scheme: RS to talk to Wiltshire Council over metro counts in the centre of the village. Overall speed reduction – to reduce speed limit to 20mph outside school the average speed limit needs to 24mph or less. Parish Steward – to clear drains outside The Grange to prevent further flooding. Simon Napper – commented about the speeds in the village increasing and the white lines outside his house prevent him from parking there. Standing water issue outside his house has not been addressed. RS to report to Jamie Mundy / My Wilts. Also to note solar panel lighting over signage does not work when leaves cover it.

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090/25/26	<p>Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment</p> <p>Mark Goddard quote of £300 to cut hedges, check if he has required equipment. Waiting for quote from Paul Hams. Cutting needs to take place as soon as possible.</p> <p>Best Kept Village – working group to be set up and led by Nick Stokes. Leaflet drop to be next promotional activity.</p>												
091/25/26	<p>Planning</p> <p>PL/2025/07964 Hurst Farm, Cheverell Road, Worton – conversion of redundant agricultural barn to a self-contained dwelling. NO COMMENT PL/2025/08058 Hurst Farm, Cheverell Road, Worton – relocate existing commercial building and associated works. COMMENT: Drilling rigs, where are they being cleaned? Is this to enable larger vehicles to come in; concern about further large vehicles passing through village. What is the fall back development that is discussed.</p> <p>Land adjacent to Hornby House. Application for full planning permission to build 4 bedroom detached house. Councillors to send comments to Clerk for final submission.</p> <p>Gaigers to be invited to a future meeting to discuss plans for Charities land.</p>												
092/25/26	<p>Communications</p> <p>Newland Homes: affordable homes are all occupied. Of the remaining houses 6 are occupied and 9 are still unsold. Newland Homes will hand management of land to an outside company managed by owners. Request for a dog bin and noticeboard to be located on site. Lighting levels an issue for a rural community. PC to approach Newland Homes.</p> <p>Noted that Cedar Close land up for sale.</p> <p>Inflatable sandbags from Rob Goss – clerk to ask him to hold them for now</p>												
093/25/26	<p>Village Organisations Leaflet Drop</p> <p>Document to be produced outlining each village group. Malcolm Powell to lead initiative.</p>												
082/25/26	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To review and approve the Parish Accounts as at 30th September 2025 b) VAT Return for 24/25 to be completed. c) To authorise the following payments. Proposed MP, seconded EM.</p> <table><tr><th><i>Payable to</i></th><th><i>Description</i></th><th><i>Amount</i></th><th><i>Budget Category</i></th></tr><tr><td>J Slack</td><td>Salary</td><td>£397.00</td><td>Salary</td></tr><tr><td>J Slack</td><td>Admin Allowance</td><td>£26.00</td><td>Administration</td></tr></table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget Category</i>	J Slack	Salary	£397.00	Salary	J Slack	Admin Allowance	£26.00	Administration
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	HMRC	PAYE	£99.25	Salary	
	Charlton Baker	Preparation of payroll annual fee of £259.20; paid via monthly DD	£21.60	Administration	
	ROSPA Playsafety	Annual Inspection	£100.80	Grounds	
	TOTAL		£644.65		
083/25/26	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: Best kept village. Parish plan – Sandlease. Discuss External Audit requirements for IT compliance in 2026 AGAR (new requirement). Defibrillator update to be discussed. -				
	Date of next meeting: Monday 8 th December 7:00pm Worton Village Hall.				
	Key Messages: -				

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