Worldham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd December 2025, 7.00pm
East Worldham Village Hall

Present Cllr R Twining (Chair), Cllr R Bagnell, Cllr S Butler, Cllr W Brock, Cllr C Sole
Also present Pamela Hibbins, Clerk to Parish Council. Dstr Cllr David Ashcroft, 1 member of the public

32.10 **Chairs Announcements-** The Chair thanked the Worldham Enhancement Group and all the volunteers who helped set up the Christmas lights in the village. The display looks fantastic, and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

32.11 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr T Godbert

32.12 **Declarations of Interests –** None

32.13 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th November 2025.
Proposed: Cllr B Bagnell Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

32.14 **District Councilor's Report**
District Councillor David Ashcroft was in attendance and reported that work on the District Plan continues and this will go out to a public consultation in the summer. There will be a significant emphasis on housing provision due to the current shortfall in the five-year land supply.

The Chair asked about the local elections which are expected to take place in May 2026. This will be for both County Councillors and Mayor. District Councillors will be expected to remain in office for at least another year. To note the suggested number of councillors for the proposed unitary authority is 90, which would result in reduced representation for smaller areas. Consequently, Parish Councils are likely to have even less influence under the new arrangements. It subsequently has been announced that the Mayor's elections have been postponed.

Lorries from Food waste are being procured and food waste collections will run in 2026. Start date to be announced.

Cllr Ashcroft also expressed his thanks to the councillors and the clerk of Worldham Parish Council for their hard work throughout the year, both for their local residents and for their valuable input into wider EHDC and HCC consultations. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

32.15 **Public Questions** – the Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear public questions.

None

Meeting reconvened

32.16 **Financial Report:** The Clerk advised that the bank balances are as follows:
The Clerk reported the Receipts and Payments Summary

Current Account as 30/11/2025: £13,874.41
Instant Access Account (quarterly statements as 31/03/2025) : £23,814.89
Worldham Community Benefit Fund (quarterly statements as 31/03/2025): £30,031.54
Less transfer/s £0
TOTAL £67,720.84

Receipts ledger balance **£67,720.84**

32.17 Payment Schedule:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following for payment.

Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
03/12/25	P Hibbins - Clerk	Salary December 2025 (NEW £666.90 (£15.39 an hour) SALARY + WAH £24 - TAX £30.20	£660.50	£0.00	£660.50
03/12/25	HMRC	Tax December 2025 and Employer NIC (£37.48)	£67.88	£0.00	£67.88
03/12/25	Castle Water	V.Hall - Water - October 2025	£6.58	£0.00	£6.58
03/12/25	Ramblers Maintenance Team	Donation for voluntary works (Chair)	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
			£784.96	**£0.00**	**£784.96**

32.18 Draft Budget 2026/2027:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2026/2027 **(Appendix 1).**

Proposed: Cllr R Bagnell, Seconded: Cllr R Twining **Action: Clerk**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree a precept of £18,904, a 5% rise for 2026/2027. The cost per band D household using the EHDC tax base figures of 201.61 is an increase per a band D household from £90.82 to £93.77 per annum. In setting this precept the Council recognized that the precept would need to be increased to cover on-going running costs.

Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

32.19 Planning Applications

Update on previous applications noted in **Appendix 2**

SDNP/25/04215/LDE - 5 Hartleywood Farm, Surrey Auto Services

Lawful Development Certificate Existing- General-purpose car and vehicle workshop

Deadline 5th December 2025

It was **AGREED no comment.** Worldham Parish Council would like it to be noted however, that it is difficult to provide informed feedback as the supporting evidence referenced in the submission has not yet been uploaded to the planning portal.

Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

32.20 Village Hall

It was **AGREED** to postpone this item until the costs for other identified works currently being quoted for, such as guttering, windows, and locks are received. It was also **AGREED** that these items, together with the painting and the costs of heaters, will be brought to the next meeting to be reviewed as a whole.

Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

It was also **AGREED** that a maximum budget of £10,000 will be allocated over the next two years for improvements and maintenance of the village hall.

Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

32.21 Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire and the Solent area Consultation – To discuss and agree any comments

It was **AGREED** to respond to this consultation and raise our serious concerns over the significant risk to local representation and the voice of rural communities under the plans currently being considered.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

32.22 **To note any reports or updates from Councillors or the Clerk regarding meetings attended or issues raised**

To note flooding at Shelleys Lane and Clays Lane has been reported. A member of the public has asked for help to clear the ditches.

The Clerk was asked to contact Linford Parish Council to see if they have received any update regarding the SSEN works between Alton and Bordon. The Clerk and Chair to chase SSEN for a response to the Chairs request for an update in the early summer.

The Clerk was asked to contact Hampshire Highways as a matter of priority regarding the continuing deterioration of the B3004 between East Worldham and Lode Farm. The B3004 is cracking up in places and it is likely that there will be a serious accident unless remedial work is quickly undertaken.

32.23 **Date of next meeting**
Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, at East Worldham Village. The next meeting to take place 7th January 2026.

32.24 **Items for next agenda**

32.25 The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed: ……

Date: …….

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Appendix 1 – Budget 2026/2027

Opening balance current account 01/04/25 £ 3,178.56
Opening balance savings (Treasurer's) account 01/04/25 £ 23,636.79

TOTAL £26,815.35

2023/2024	2024/2025		2025/2026 (up to 01/12/2025)				2026/2027
			Budget	Actual (up to 01/12/2025)	Under/Over Spent	Forecast	FINAL BUDGET
		INCOME					
16,648	17,480	**Precept**	18,004	18,004	-	18,004	18,904
342	535	Bank Interest	250	178	(72)	278	250
1,208	823	VAT repayment	4,000	6,702	2,702	6,702	1,000
1,823	1,030	Village Hall/Hire equipment	1,500	388	(1,112)	600	1,000
4	4	Wayleave	4	4	-	4	4
-		Grants	-	-	-		-
		S106	-	-	-	-	-
3,669	16,583	Other income (see below for Covid Grant)	1,000		(1,000)	1,000	1,000
				-	-		
23,694	36,455	**TOTAL INCOME**	24,758	25,276	518	26,588	22,158
		EXPENDITURE					
		ADMINSTRATION					
7,497	7,929	Net salaries & allowances	8,400	5,585	(2,815)	8,258	8,608
-		Pension Contributions (employer's & employee's) NI	510	187	(323)	374	498
57	69	Travel costs	120	43	(77)	50	70
20	20	Chair's Allowance	50	36	(15)	50	100
294	67	Stamps & Stationery	160	61	(99)	55	80
-		Banking charges	-	-	-	-	-
67	999	Equipment purchase	-	-	-		-
-	602	GrantsReceived	-	-	-	-	-
-	24,151	Project costs (2024/2025project-V.HallFloor)		-	-	-	-
		IT support					200
		VILLAGE HALL					
195	13	Repairs & maintenance	1,000	102	(898)	5,000	2,000
2,212	858	Village Hall electricity & testing	1,500	1,936	436	600	1,000

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134	78	Village Hall water rates	100	43	(57)	64	100
		Business rates		-		-	
605	915	Grass cutting (village hall)	800	310	-	1,000	1,000
-		Renumeration (cleaners £372, £150 bookings)	-			-	-
1,532	5,000	Events		120	120		
62	252	Inspections/septic tank	255	154	(101)	100	300
457	894	Subscriptions & fees	1,288	804	(484)	1,288	572
410	410	Internal & External Audit fees	410	515	105	515	410
		Professional fees		-	-	-	
600	600	Grant allocation (churchyard maintenance)	600	800	200	800	800
		Planters etc	150	150		150	150
		PLAYGROUND					
		Playground inspection (Inspection £67.50)				100	100
763	770	Playground maintenace & Inspection	2,100		(2,100)	2,000	2,000
		Playground update project - bamboo, exercise equipment, extra gate (potential use of CIL??)					
380		Tree Survey				-	500
	500	Tree Maintenance Works	1,000	650	(350)	1,450	1,000
98		Training	100	-	(100)	-	100
95		Election costs	100	-	(100)	-	100
1,164	1,189	Insurance	1,200	1,080	(120)	1,080	1,200
		S106			-		
654	-	Other (grant)	1,000	1,350		850	-
823	6,669	VAT on payments	1,000	476	(524)	1,000	1,000
18,119	**52,183**	**Total Expenditure**	**21,843**	**14,402**	**(7,441)**	**24,784**	**21,888**
		Excess/Shortfall of Income over Expenditure	**2,915**	**10,874**	**7,959**	**1,804**	**270**

WORLDHAM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Opening Balance 1st April 2025 ***24,159***

2023/2024	2024/2025		2025/2026 (up to 17/10/2025)			
Actual	**Actual**		**Budget**	**Actual (up to 17/10/2025)**	**Under/Over Spent**	**Forecast**
		INCOME				
5,616	5,870	Wilsom Solar Farm Contribution	5616	6070.32	454.32	5616

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		Transfer from current acct to WCBF Account				
5,616		**TOTAL INCOME**	5,616	6,070	454	5,616
		EXPENDITURE				
		GRANTS				
1,927	198	Grants	3,000	698	(2,302)	3,000
		Total Expenditure	**3,000**	**698**	**(2,302)**	**3,000**
		Excess/Shortfall of Income over Expenditure	**2,616**	**5,372**	**3,454**	**2,616**

	Tax Base	Cost per band D household	Increase to precept
2024/2025 precept			
£17,480	201.88	£86.59	
2025/2026 precept			
£18,004	198.24	£90.82	**3%**
2025/2026 precept			
£18,904	201.61	£93.77	**5%**

Appendix 2

Last 14th October 2025 Planning App. Ref No	Address	Proposal	Consultation Expiry Date	Parish Council Comments	Decision
SDNP/25/02342/FUL	Meadow Farm Fishery Green Street East Worldham Bordon Hampshire GU34 3AU	Demolition of existing temporary agricultural worker dwelling and proposed 3 bedroom, Self-Build, agricultural worker dwelling with car port (amended description).	August 2025	No objection	
SDNP/25/01801/TPO	The Vicarage , Church Lane, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3AS	The horse chestnut tree is very substantial and appears to be overburdened on one side towards the east side. Some of the branches are very thick and if they were to fall cause considerable damage or harm. We would like the tree reduced by 50%.	23rd July	No objection	
EHDC-25-0716-FUL	Land Off Gaston Lane, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3HW	The construction and operation of a 44MW solar PV farm, 2MW BESS and other associated infrastructure	11th July	Objection	
EHDC-25-0455-FUL	Land To The Rear Of, 86 - 90 Wilsom Road, Alton, Hampshire	5 detached dwellings with associated carports, parking and landscaping	19th June	No comment	
EHDC-25-0127-HSE	Barleywood Farm Barleywood Farm Lane, West Worldham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3HW	Conversion of 4No. redundant stables to create 2No. bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms and a study area.	13th May	No objection	
60393	Blanket Street, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire	New Electricity Substation & Access Road			
SDNP/24/00122/OPDEV	Pookles Cottage, Worldham Hill, East Worldham.	A rudimentary timber open sided structure has been constructed which measures approximately 2 x 2 x 2m in scale. The structure includes a timber floor which is virtually at the existing ground level.0020We have been advised that the structure is to be used as a shelter for those working on the land.			

		In planning terms, the structure has been constructed without the benefit of a suitable planning permission and has therefore led to a breach of planning control. Notwithstanding this fact, it is the Council's opinion that it would not be proportionate or in the wider public interest to take any formal enforcement action seeking the structure's removal. We have discussed this matter with the landowner and have suggested that a planning application be submitted in an attempt to regularise the structure in planning terms.			
23/00794/REVPP	Farnborough Airport , Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire	Variation of Condition 2 (aircraft movements) and 6 (aircraft weight), replacement of conditions 7 (1:10,000 risk contour) and 8 (1:100,00 risk contour), of planning permission 20/00871/REVPP determined on the 22/02/2022,	17/12/2023	Strongly Object	