Worldham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 4th February 2026, 7.30pm
East Worldham Village Hall

Present Cllr R Twining (Chair), Cllr R Bagnell, Cllr S Butler, Cllr W Brock, Cllr C Sole, Cllr T Godbert
Also present Pamela Hibbins, Clerk to Parish Council. Dstr Cllr David Ashcroft, 0 members of the public

32.26 **Chairs Announcements-**

32.27 **Apologies for absence** – None

32.28 **Declarations of Interests –** None

32.29 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd December 2025.
Proposed: Cllr S Butler, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

32.30 **District Councilor's Report**
District Councillor David Ashcroft was in attendance and gave the following report.

East Hampshire District Council intends to submit its Local Plan before the transition to a unitary authority, with the plan expected to be submitted by the end of the year and launched at the turn of the year. He advised that there will be no District Council elections this year, although County Council elections will take place, and that the move to a unitary authority may occur next year, potentially replacing District Councils.

Cllr Ashcroft also reported that the introduction of the green waste and food waste collection service has been delayed by approximately three months.

A councillor raised ongoing concerns regarding the fly-tipping in the layby on the B3006, members were encouraged to continue reporting incidents with photographic evidence to EHDC and it was agreed that Hampshire Highways should be asked to consider closing the layby due to safety concerns, with correspondence to be sent to EHDC, Hampshire Highways, Robert Moccatta, and the South Downs National Park Authority. **Action: Clerk**

Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of progress on repairs to the bridge in Farringdon, where the current barriers create a blind turning on Gaston Lane and present a safety risk; the issue has previously been referred to the engineering department on three occasions, Cllr Ashcroft agreed to escalate the matter. It was **AGREED** a formal letter will be sent by Worldham Parish Council requesting that the issue be treated as a priority, and the Parish Clerk will check with the Farringdon Clerk for any updates. **Action: Clerk**

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

None

Meeting reconvened

32.32 **Financial Report:** The Clerk advised that the bank balances are as follows:
3rd Quarter Receipts & Payments Reconciliation Final (Appendix 1)
Bank Balance as below
Current Account as 31/12/2025: £13,529.58
Instant Access Account (quarterly statements as 29/12/2025) : £23,903.47
Worldham Community Benefit Fund (quarterly statements as 01/01/2025): £29,531.54
TOTAL £66,964.59

Receipts ledger balance **£66,964.59**

32.33 Payment Schedule:

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

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

Payment Schedule February 2026

	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
02/02/26	P Hibbins - Clerk	Salary January 2026 (666.90 (£15.39 an hour) SALARY + WAH £24 - TAX £30.20	£660.50	£0.00	£660.50
02/02/26	HMRC	Tax January 2026 and Employer NIC (£37.48)	£67.88	£0.00	£67.88
02/02/26	P Hibbins - Clerk	Mileage -Agenda and Defib	£7.40	£0.00	£7.40
02/02/26	Castle Water	V. Hall water monthly	£6.58	£0.00	£6.58
02/02/26	SSE Energy Solutions	V.Hall Electricity	£112.11	£5.61	£117.72
DD	Communications South	Monthly Broadband Rental (increase from £34.90 to 49.89)	£49.89	£9.98	£59.87
			£904.36	**£15.59**	**£919.95**

To note the following payments were made in January.

Payment Schedule January 2026

	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
07/01/26	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
07/01/26	HMRC	Tax December 2025 and Employer NIC (£37.48)	£67.88	£0.00	£67.88
07/01/26	P Hibbins - Clerk	Expenses - Christmas drinks reception	£67.82	£0.00	£67.82
07/01/26	Paul Grace	Annual grounds maintenance	£1,725.00	£345.00	£2,070.00
07/01/26	Ian Clark Electrical	PAT Testing	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
07/01/26	Castle Water	V. Hall water monthly	£6.37	£0.00	£6.37
			£2,602.57	**£345.00**	**£2,947.57**

32.34 Planning Applications

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

EHDC-26-0021-EIA - Land At Lymington Bottom Road, Four Marks, GU34 5EP

Request for Screening Opinion - Residential development for up to around 900 dwellings in total, plus a new 2-form entry primary school, supporting infrastructure, access, drainage, public open space and landscaping. The total site area is approximately 45.48ha

Deadline 18th February 2026

It was **AGREED** in principal that the WPC does not comment on applications outside the parish unless it has a material effect on the Worldham parishioners. It was **AGREED no comment.**

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

To note the following comments were submitted last month under delegated powers as no meeting took place

SDNP/25/04461/FUL 1 New Cottages , Blanket Street, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3AG
To demolish existing 1-2 New Cottages and build 3 no. new 1.5 storey dwellings, with associated carport parking and landscaping
Deadline 1st January 2026

It was **AGREED to object.** Worldham Parish Council has no objection in principle to the redevelopment of this garden infill site but objects to the application as the proposed three three-bedroom dwellings conflict with August 2024 pre-application advice recommending three two-bedroom units; the scale, massing and roof heights; the design and materials are not in keeping with the listed buildings; the proposal would exasperate flooding and drainage issues in this area; and the turning arrangements onto the road are constrained.

The Parish Council also notes, although not a material planning consideration, that the existing accommodation houses a protected tenant
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

32.35 **Village Hall**
It was **AGREED** a budget of £8,000 for improvements to the village will be set aside, this is formed by £2,000 worth of potential grant applications at district councillor level, a bid of £3,000 to the Solar Fund and £3,000 earmarked from the precept.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to submit applications to the District Councillor Community Fund to both Cllr D Ashcroft and Cllr P Davies of up to £1,000 each.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to submit an application to the Worldham Community Benefit (Solar) Fund of up to £3,000 each.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** a budget of up to £2,000 for the installation of new wall, energy efficient heaters. It was **AGREED** to get a detailed quote to be agreed at a parish council meeting ahead of works taking place.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to get break down of paints cost ahead of agreeing start date for the contractor to paint the interior of the village hall. To be **AGREED** as a parish council meeting ahead of works taking place.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to appoint Contractor A, Cottrells Window Services to supply and install new windows and remove waste at the cost of £1885.00 plus VAT.
Proposed: Cllr T Godbert, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to appoint Contractor A, P J Grace, Commercial & Domestic Garden Maintenance to cut Holly Tree to the ground and to remove the waste at the cost of £200 plus VAT.
Proposed: Cllr T Godbert, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.36 **Woodland Trust – Community Tree Pack –** To consider an application and discuss next steps

It was **AGREED** to apply for to The Woodland Trust Community Tree Pack for a urban pack of 15 trees to be planted at the playground. To note if successful trees will be delivered November 2026.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.37 **EHDC Strategic CIL Bidding Window & SDNPA's Community Infrastructure Levy call for projects 2025/26 -** To consider applications and discuss next steps

It was **AGREED** to apply for EHDC Strategic CIL Funding for a new bus shelter on the B3004. Clerk to draft an application and to be agreed ahead of submission deadline of 1st May 2026.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to apply for SDNPAs CIL Funding for a new bus shelter on the B3004. Clerk to draft an application and to be agreed ahead of submission deadline of 31st March 2026.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.38 **Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Main Modifications Consultation 4 December 2025 to 12 February 2026**– To discuss and agree any comments
It was **AGREED** to submit a comment highlighting that Kingsley is not the only source of silica sand in Hampshire, and the Plan places disproportionate emphasis on Kingsley Quarry and Frith End Quarry.
It was also **AGREED** to submit a comment on waste sites, citing no further expansion of Williams of Bordon and the need to waste sites to be properly monitored and enforced to prevent illegal tipping and accumulation of spoil and waste materials.

32.39 **Annual Parish Assembly** - To agree a date for the Annual Parish Assembly (must be between 1st March and 1st June).
It was **AGREED** for the Annual Parish Assembly to take place on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm. It was **AGREED** a working party to draft an agenda and agree speakers and a budget of £100 was approved.
Proposed: Cllr C Sole, Seconded: Cllr W Brock **Action: Cllr R Twining/Clerk**

32.40 **Asset Register –** To review the inventory of land and assets owned by the Parish Council
The register was reviewed and the duplication of clerks laptop was taken off. It was **AGREED** for this register to be adopted.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

32.41 **EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**
The Motion "In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

The Exempt Session is being held to discuss a salary review of the Clerk with related terms of employment.

It was **AGREED** for an increase of 3.9% to the parish clerk's salary (£16.00 an hour) with the WAH allowance remaining at £24.00 a month.
This was in recognition of the clerks performance and the increase in the costs of living and the cost of running the office of the Parish Council from home. The new rate is to start from the payment of April 2026 monthly salary.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

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

Surface water and flooding on Clays and Shelleys Lane has been noted. The Parish Council has escalated the matter to Hampshire Highways and the County Councillor. Particular concern was raised regarding a vulnerable couple residing in the affected area who require regular carer assistance and support. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and await further updates.

32.43 **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 4th March 2026.

32.44 **Items for next agenda**

Tree for outside the village hall.
EHDC & SDNPA CIL – bus shelter B3004 – grant application

32.45 The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed: ……

Date: ……..

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Appendix 1
SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT
3rd QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT
3rd QUARTER ENDED 31st December 2025

	Annual Budget	Actual -v- Budget		£ Q3	£	
			RECEIPTS			**EXPLANATION**
[##########] 100%	18004	18004	Precept	-		
#VALUE!	250	267	Bank Interest	88.58		Higher
#VALUE!	4000	6702	VAT repayment	-		Higher due to Village Hall floor and additional works
[###] 26%	1500	388	Village Hall	50.00		We currently have no regular users of the hall. The clerk is back in touch with Yoga Instructors to see if they are looking to hold more classes.
	0	0	S106	-		
[##########] 100%	4	4	Wayleave	4.00		
#REF!	5616	6070	Worldham Community Benefit Fund	-		
[#####] 50%	1000	500	Other income	500.00		
#VALUE!	**30374**	**31935**				**Overall we have higher income than budgeted. Due to larger VAT repayment from previous years. BUT to note regular income from V.Hall has not hit its target.**
			TOTAL RECEIPTS		**642.58**	
			PAYMENTS			
[#######] 74%	8400	6201	Net Salaries & Allowances (Oct-Dec 2025)	2,072.70		

#REF!	510	300	Employee NI Contributions	112.44		
[####] 36%	120	43	Travel costs	16.38		
#VALUE!	50	86	Chair's Allowance	70.00		Higher as invcludes gift to County Cllr, Poppy Appeal & donation to Ramblers Ass for work conducted in parish
[####] 38%	160	61	Stamps & Stationery	35.90		
	0		Section 137 Payments			
	0		Banking charges			*Included in subscriptions total*
		0	Equipment Purchase	-		
[#] 10%	1000	102	Repairs & maintenance	-		
#REF!	1500	1936	Village Hall Electricity	1,827.04		*Higher - clerk is querying amount. Appears two accounts have been set up. Clerk in contact with SSEN*
[#####] 50%	100	50	Village Hall Water Rates	17.34		
[######] 60%	255	154	Inspections/Septic tank	153.93		
[#######] 66%	1288	855	Subscriptions & Fees	237.66		
#VALUE!	410	515	Audit fees	-		*Over budget as higher fee as expenditure was at a higher threshold (due to Village Hall Floor works)*
	0		Budget Professional Fees			
#VALUE!	750	950	Grant allocation	-		
		120	Events	-		Room hire - Church for SSEN mtg. SSEN paid WPC who then paid the church
#REF!	800	310	Grass cutting	-		
[ ] 0%	2100	0	Playground maintenance	-		
[#######] 65%	1000	650	Tree	200.00		Urgent works at plygrd
[ ] 0%	100	0	Training	-		
[ ] 0%	100	0	Election costs	-		
[#########] 90%	1200	1080	Insurance	-		

#VALUE!	1000	1350	Other (Grants)	500.00		Worldham Enhancement Group - Christmas lights donation (paid out of current account and cheque paid in from Solar Fund)
[#####] 48%	1000	485	VAT on payments	189.09		
#REF!	4000	698	Worldham Community Benefit Fund	500.00		
	25,843	**15945**				
			TOTAL PAYMENTS		**5,932.48**	**Roughly £10k left in proposed budget which will cover expenses in the last quarter.**

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ON 30/09/2025	**72,254.49**
ADD Total Receipts as above	**642.58**
LESS Total payments (as above)	**5,932.48**
Balance Carried forward 31/12/2025	**66,964.59**

These cumulative funds are represented by:		
Current Account Balance	13,529.58	
Less:Cheques drawn but not debited as at 31.12.2025` (nos.)	-	
Deposit Bank Account Balance	23,903.47	
Worldham Community Benefit Fund	29,531.54	
		66,964.59

Signed: *P Hibbins*
Responsible Finance Officer to Worldham Parish Council Date: 16/01/2026

Appendix 2 – Planning Applications Tracker

Last 15th January 2026					
Planning App. Ref No	**Address**	**Proposal**	**Consultation Expiry Date**	**Parish Council Comments**	**Decision**
SDNP/25/04215/LDE	5 Hartleywood Farm, Surrey Auto Services	Lawful Development Certificate Existing- General-purpose car and vehicle workshop	5th December 2025	No comment	
SDNP/25/04268/APNB	The Oast House , Wick Hill Farm Lane, Hartley Mauditt, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3FB	Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed agricultural barn	5th November 2025	No objection (roof covering only)	No Objection
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	Approved
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	Permission
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	