Worldham Parish Council
Minutes Meeting 5th November 2025 at 7.30pm
East Worldham Village Hall

Present Cllr W Brock (Chair), Cllr S Butler, Cllr B Bagnell
Also present Pamela Hibbins, Clerk to Parish Council, Dstr Cllr D Ashcroft
4 members of the public

31.93 **Chair's Announcements** –
The Chair reported the sad passing of Cllr Roger Fletcher, a valued member and former Chair of Kingsley Parish Council, and a long-standing friend to Worldham Parish Council. Members recognised Roger's strong record of public service, his dedication to the local community, and his many contributions over the years. Worldham Parish Council extends its sincere condolences to Roger's family and to everyone at Kingsley Parish Council at this difficult time.

On a different note, Worldham Parish Council is delighted to share that our Parish Clerk has been awarded Highly Commended in the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Clerk of the Year awards. The Council congratulated our Clerk on this well-deserved recognition for her hard work and commitment.

31.94 **Apologies for absence -** Cllr R Twining, Cllr T Godbert, Cllr C Sole

31.95 **Declarations of Interests –** None

31.96 **Approval of Minutes**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st October 2025.
Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

31.97 **District Councillor's Report:**
District Councillor David Ashcroft was in attendance and reported the following;-

Hampshire County Council (HCC) are still waiting for a decision reference if they will move to a unitary authority model. Should this proceed, elections are likely to take place next year for a directly elected mayor and unitary councillors, replacing current district-level representation.

The District Plan is continuing to progress and is now approaching its final consultation stage. It focuses on housing and industrial development to meet national government targets. East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) has an allocation of 900 dwellings per annum, As EHDC is currently behind on its housing delivery targets, there is currently a bias towards approving appropriate development sites.

From January 2026, food waste will be collected weekly from households by Veolia. The food waste will be put into anaerobic digesters which break down the food and generate biogas (an environmentally friendly, renewable energy source) and nutrient-rich soil improver for farmers.

District Councillor grants are currently available.

31.98 **Public questions: –** the Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear public questions

A member of the public raised concerns regarding planning application ref. SDNP/25/04268/APNB The Oast House, Wick Hill Farm Lane, Hartley Mauditt, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3FB, noting a lack of clarity about the proposed roof details and requesting greater transparency about the overall proposal. It was also suggested that the application should not proceed under the pre-application process, so that it can be considered in its entirety.

Meeting reconvened

31.99 **Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported the Quarter 2 Receipts and Payments Summary (Appendix 1).

Bank Balance as below

Current Account as 30/09/2025: £18,408.06

Instant Access Account (quarterly statements as 29/09/2025) : £23,814.89

Worldham Community Benefit Fund (quarterly statements as 01/10/2025): £30,031.54

TOTAL £72,254.49

Receipts ledger balance **£72,254.49**

32.00 **Draft Budget 2026/2027:**

The Clerk and working party presented a first draft budget for the next financial year. Options were presented for 0%, 3% & 5% increase in the and what this meant financially in terms of committed expenditure, future parish council projects and for residents. EDHC have not yet notified the precept setting date to the parish council but it is believed that it will be end of December or early January. Parish Clerk to finalise numbers ahead of December meeting.

It was **AGREED** to present updated figures at the next meeting to be signed off at the December/January meeting ready for the precept deadline.

Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.01 **Planning Applications**

Update on previous applications noted in Appendix 2

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

Deadline 5th November 2025

It was **AGREED** full planning permission is not required in this instance, on the basis that the prior approval pertains exclusively to the roof covering and that no modifications to the structural elements or ridge height are proposed.

Proposed: Cllr B Bagnell, Seconded : Cllr W Brock **Action: Clerk**

32.02 **Community Events**

Remembrance Day

It was **AGREED** that Cllr T Godbert would present a wreath on behalf of Worldham Parish Council with a donation of £20 being made to The Poppy Appeal.

Proposed: Cllr B Bagnell, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

Christmas Carols

It was **AGREED** to host Christmas drinks at East Worldham Village Hall after the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd December. It was **AGREED** a budget of up to £150+VAT for refreshments and musician.

Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.03 **East Worldham CFI Works**

It was **AGREED** to implement Phase 1 of the SDNPA CFI application with Hampshire Highways of the following works;-

- Provide new dragons teeth markings on approaches to both 30mph gateway entrance points.
- Provide new 30mph roundel markings on existing carriageway (to be located adjacent to existing 30mph repeater signing)
- Provide new 'SLOW' markings on approaches to 30mph.

- Take down and dispose of existing 3 no black/white verge bollard and replace with 3 x new Glasdon vergemaster (light oak colour) polymer bollards with red reflective band, at corner of junction with Blanket Street (by new wooden bench).

To note that the cost is £6,388.00 and will be paid out of the SDNPA CIL funding, held by Hampshire Highwyas. There are no further costs to the parish council, other than the previous £850 paid to submit the application. It was noted that there is approximately £18.5k of the original £25k funds available and the parish council to work with Highways for a potential Phase 2 as already identified.
Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

32.04 **PCC Funding network – To consider and agree an application**
An application to the Commissioner's Emerging Needs Fund, funding for road safety was considered.
It was **AGREED** to support SpeedWatch's application for a SpeedWatch kit at a cost of up to £8k +VAT.

It was **AGREED** that if the SpeedWatch application is successful that funds may be received and managed through the Worldham Parish Council bank account on behalf of SpeedWatch, as per the guidance from the funder.

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would explore submitting an application for both a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and CCTV in the layby by the B3006, within the same application, subject to confirmation from the funding body that CCTV is an eligible option and that both can be accommodated within the £20,000 budget. If this is not possible, the Parish Council will submit an application for the SID only, at a cost of up to £5,000 + VAT.
Proposed: Cllr B Bagnell, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

32.05 **Lengthsman –**
It was **AGREED** to continue with the current lengthsman scheme for the next two financial years.
Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

It was **RESOLVED** to prioritise the lengthsman tasks as follows;

a) Leaves around bus shelter

Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr S Butler **Action: Clerk**

32.06 **To note any reports or updates from Councillors or the Clerk regarding meetings attended or issues raised** None

32.07 **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 **at 7pm** 3rd December 2025.

32.08 **Items for next agenda**

32.09 The Chair closed the meeting at **9.30pm.**

Signed: ……

Date: …….

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Appendix 1

SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT
2nd QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget					
				Figures shown exclusive of VAT			
			RECEIPTS	£		£	
				Q2			
[##########] 100%	18004	18004	Precept	9,002.00			
[#######] 71%	250	178	Bank Interest	89.22			
#VALUE!	4000	6702	VAT repayment	-			Higher due to Village Hall floor and additional works
[##] 23%	1500	338	Village Hall	30.00			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%	4	0	Wayleave	-			
	0	0	S106	-			
#VALUE!	5616	6070	Worldham Community Benefit Fund	6,070.32			
#REF!	1000	0	Other income	-			
[##########] 103%	30374	31292					
			TOTAL RECEIPTS			**15,191.54**	
			PAYMENTS				
[#####] 49%	8400	4129	Net Salaries & Allowances (July-Sept 2025)	2,072.70			
[####] 37%	510	187	Employee NI Contributions	112.44			
#REF!	120	27	Travel costs	7.40			
[###] 31%	50	16	Chair's Allowance	-			MKG gift
[##] 15%	160	25	Stamps & Stationery	-			
	0		Section 137 Payments				
	0		Banking Charges				*Included in subscriptions total*
	0	0	Equipment Purchase	-			Village Hall repairs - completed by Kish
[#] 10%	1000	102	Repairs & maintenance	101.77			
[#] 7%	1500	109	Village Hall Electricity	77.98			
#REF!	100	32	Village Hall Water Rates	19.53			
[ ] 0%	255	0	Inspections/Septic tank	-			
[#####] 48%	1288	617	Subscriptions & Fees	152.67			

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#VALUE!	410	515	Audit fees	315.00			Over budget as External Auditor increased their costs this year
	0	120	Event	120.00			
	0		Professional Fees				
#VALUE!	750	950	Grant allocation	-			Increased WW&HM to £400 instead of budgeted £200
[####] 39%	800	310	Grass cutting	-			
#REF!	2100	0	Playground maintenance	-			
[#####] 45%	1000	450	Tree Maintenance	-			
[ ] 0%	100	0	Training	-			
[ ] 0%	100	0	Election costs	-			
[ ] 0%	1200	0	Insurance &ICO	1,080.00			A little below budget set - LTA agreement
[##########] 97%	1000	970	Other (Grants)	850.00			
[###] 30%	1000	296	VAT on payments	111.98			
[ ] 5%	4000	198	Worldham Community Benefit Fund	-			
#REF!	25,843	9052					
			TOTAL PAYMENTS			**5,021.47**	

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 30/06/2025			62,084.42
ADD Total Receipts (as above)			15,191.54
LESS Total payments (as above)			5,021.47
Balance Carried forward 30/09/2025			**72,254.49**

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Instant Account Balance	18,408.06
Treasurers Account Balance	23,814.89
Worldham Community Benefit Fund Balance	30,031.54
Less: Cheques drawn but not debited as at 30.06.2025	-

72,254.49

Signed: *P Hibbins*
Responsible Finance Officer to Worldham Parish Council Date: 22/10/2025

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-25-0177-FUL	Worldham Park Golf Club Cakers Lane, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3BF	The construction of canopy over courts two and three and lighting on court two.	13th June	No objection	Approval
SDNP/25/01042/FUL	Willow Cottage , Rookery Farm Lane, Kingsley, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 9NN	Two dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling	8th May	No objection	Approved

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	
SDNP/24/04650/HOUS	Three Candovers , Wick Hill Hanger, Hartley Mauditt, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3BP	New woven fence to replace existing unauthorised fence and retrospective permission for two sheds (amended description) (amended plans uploaded 12/03/2025)		No objection to the woven fence but need a separate application for the sheds	Approved (29 Aug 25)
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.			
SDNP/24/02870/FUL	Land at Meadow Farm Green Street East Worldham Bordon Hampshire	Retention of a temporary compound to assist essential infrastructure works within the wider Alton/Bordon area.	26/08/2024		Case withdrawn
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	