Worldham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd July 2025 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church, West Worldham

Present Cllr R Twining (Chair), Cllr B Bagnell. Cllr C Sole
Also present Pamela Hibbins, Clerk to Parish Council. 0 members of the public,

31.53 **Chair's Announcement –** The Chair welcomed everyone to St Nicholas Church.

31.54 **Apologies for absence –** Cllr W Brock, Cllr S Butler, Cllr T Godbert, Cllr D Ashcroft

31.55 **Declarations of Interest –** none.

31.56 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th June 2025
Proposed: Cllr B Bagnell, Seconded: Cllr R Twining **Action: Clerk**
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31.57 **District Councillor's Report**
None were in attendance and no report received.

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

None

Meeting reconvened

31.59 **Financial Report:** The Clerk advised that the bank balances are as follows:
Bank Balance as below
Current Account as 30/06/2025: £14,397.53
Instant Access Account (quarterly statements as 31/03/2025) : £23,636.79
Worldham Community Benefit Fund (quarterly statements as 31/03/2025): £24,159.22
Less transfer/s £198
TOTAL £62,001.54

Receipts ledger balance **£62,001.54**

Payment Schedule July 2025

	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
02/07/25	P Hibbins - Clerk	Salary June 2025 (NEW £666.90 (£15.39 an hour) SALARY + WAH £24 - TAX £30.20	£660.50	£0.00	£660.50
02/07/25	HMRC	Tax June 2025 and Employer NIC (£37.48)	£67.88	£0.00	£67.88
02/07/25	Castle Water	V.hall water - For the period 01 May 2025 - 31 May 2025	£6.58	£0.00	£6.58
02/07/25	SSEN	V.Hall Elec 08/03/2025- 07/06/2025	£44.10	£0.00	£44.10
02/07/25	Hampshire County Council	CIF scoping fees - traffic calming measures	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00
			£1,629.06	**£0.00**	**£1,629.06**

Payments received

	Payor	Description	Net	VAT	Total
09/06/25	Friends of Selborne	Marquee hire - FOSestival	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
27/06/25	Sue Tupper	V.hall hire - Yoga	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00

27/06/2025	Copper Consultancy (SSEN)	Hall hire - SSEN meeting	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
			£224.00	**£0.00**	**£224.00**

It was **AGREED** that the payment for the hall hire for the SSEN meeting should go to West Worldham and Hartely Mauditt PCC as the meeting took place at the church as the village hall was unavailable for hire.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr R Twining **Action: Clerk**

31.60 **Planning Applications**
Update on previous applications noted in **Appendix 1**

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
Deadline 11th July

It was **AGREED** to submit an objection to the application, citing concerns regarding the height of the proposed panels, the overall density and cumulative impact of this and similar developments in the area, the loss of open space and nature's corridors, soil degradation, and the adverse effect on the intrinsic character of the rural landscape.
Proposed: Cllr C Sole, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

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%.
Deadline 23rd July
It was **AGREED** no objection
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

31.61 **Jalsa Salana**
A reminder that the dates for this year's Jalsa Salana have been confirmed as Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July 2025. Building on the positive outcomes of last year's traffic arrangements, this year's traffic management plan will include five designated entry points to manage the flow of vehicles more efficiently, improved signage, route coordination, and increased stewarding will be implemented. All staff and volunteers will receive updated traffic protocols in due course. The event is expected to welcome approximately 50,000 visitors including staff.

It has been requested that the AMA post the peak travel times on the local social media community sites.

31.62 **Lengthsman** – To consider tasks for the Lenthsman visit on the 14th July 2025
It was **RESOLVED** to prioritise the lengthsman tasks as follows;

a) Edging of road and curbstone of pavement by keystone –from Church lane down Worldham Hill to Old School House
b) Weeding paving slabs by village hall – full of weeds
c) Square off bank/clear parking area – cut back , make clear
d) If safe – bottom of hill left handside village gateway- cut vegetation back so you see gateways both sides and washed and cleaned.

31.63 **Community Funded Initiative Application for Worldhams Phase 1 Traffic Calming Measures – To discuss and agree next steps and costs**

It was **AGREED** to approve the CFI Grant request and to ask Highways to submit the application on the Council's behalf, subject to the following amendment:

- The item currently listed as the second bullet point in Phase 2 — *to investigate and consider the suitability of providing a new central traffic island crossing point on the B3004 near the junction with Shelleys Lane, and to advise on likely cost* — is to be prioritised and moved into Phase 1.

The Council considered this the most impactful use of the available funds and requested that it be treated as the primary task. Highways are asked to advise which of the originally proposed Phase 1 elements can still be delivered within the remaining budget alongside this revised priority.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

It was **AGREED** to pay the fee of £850 and add to the payment schedule for this month.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining, Seconded: Cllr C Sole **Action: Clerk**

31.64 **Three Horseshoes Community Asset Application** –
The Parish Council considered the re-application for the Three Horseshoes Public House as an Asset of Community Value as it is due to be removed from the list on the 14th November 2025 (end of the five year agreement).
It was **AGREED** to reapply for Three Horseshoes Public to be an Asset of Community Value.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining. Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

31.65 **South Downs National Park – Partnership Management Plan Consultation**
It was **AGREED** to support the overall objectives outlined in the SDNPA PMP but to highlight that the Plan lacked sufficient ambitious targets, in particular, for numbers of stiles and improvements to accessibility across the Park; work experience opportunities, clear numerical targets for housing.
It was also highlighted that the Plan should explicitly acknowledge the pressures that limited housing numbers within the Park place on the surrounding areas and address how this will be managed.
Finally, concerns were raised about the feasibility of achieving the sustainable travel aims outlined in the Plan, given that responsibility currently lies with County Highways. The Plan should clarify how these ambitions will be realised, especially in light of potential changes under devolution.
Proposed: Cllr C Sole. Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

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

It was **AGREED** to write to SDNPA to raise concerns about works on the Common Land CL239.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining. Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

. The Chair has been approached by Clancy reference an informal conversation regarding social value and support for the village during potential future SSEN works. It was **AGREED** that Cllr R Twining have an initial meeting with them and will report back to the full council.
Proposed: Cllr R Twining. Seconded: Cllr B Bagnell **Action: Clerk**

31.67 **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 6th August 2025.

31.68 **Items for next agenda**

31.69 The Chair closed the meeting at **9.00 pm.**

Signed: ……

Date: …….

Appendix 1 – Planning applications Last updated 11th June 2025						
Planning App. Ref No	**Address**	**Proposal**	**Consultation Expiry Date**	**Case Officer**	**Parish Council Comments**	**Decision**
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	
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/25/00763/HOUS	Smiths Farm, Worldham Hill, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3AT	Single storey side extension			No objection	Approved
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	
60393	Blanket Street, East Worldham, Alton, Hampshire	New Electricity Substation & Access Road				
SDNP/24/04510/TEL	Oaklands Farm, Green Street, East Worldham, Bordon, Hampshire	Proposed Installation of telecoms apparatus (14 day notice)	26th November 2024		Strongly object	Application Withdrawn
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.				

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		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	South Downs Roastery Ltd Unit 1 Manor Farm, Little Wood Lane, West Worldham, Alton, Hampshire GU34 3BD	New premises licence	26/08/2024		No objection	
SDNP/24/00956/HOUS	Three Candovers , Wick Hill Hanger, Hartley Mauditt, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3BP	Retrospective permission for the following works: 1. The fence. This work was done five years ago. Our fence was erected exactly on the boundary of the old broken fence that was there when we moved in five years ago. It is not attached to any wall; it is attached to a post. We have replaced a broken fence. (images attached showing how it was rebuilt.) 2.This work was done over a year ago. We erected a shed for or tools at the end of our garden where there used to be a broken old shed when we moved here (the house was empty for three years and this shed was rotten). It has no concrete base or anything we stood it on wood. 3.We replaced the old broken dangerous green house with a plastic safe greenhouse last year, again there is no concrete foundation.	18/04/2024		Objection	Refused
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	
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