

WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Parish Councillors attended the Wortwell Parish Council meeting on
Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.30pm at the Waveney Room of the Wortwell
Community Centre**

25.118 Welcome by the Chairman Mrs Julie Worley

Present: Cllr Worley (JW) in the Chair. Cllrs: Carter (HC), Copeman (AC), Eddy (WE), Hadingham (RH), and Paul Randall (PR).

Also in attendance Mrs Tina Newby Clerk and RFO, and DC Trevor Graham.

Guest: two members of the public.

25.119 To receive and accept apologies. None.

25.120 To record Declaration of interests, Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary. None.

Public Forum (suspend standing orders).

25.121 Reports: District Councillors and County Councillor.

- The District Council has increased their precept by £5.
- There is consideration for a new Town site in South Norfolk and Broadland.
- HOD's subject is architecture, buildings, bridges.
- 5 small nature recovery projects have been started.
- Devolution/Government Re-organisation was discussed.

The reports will be uploaded to the parish council website.

25.122 To receive an update on maintenance issues. Excite Solutions latest contract was discussed. The reduction of maintenance tasks and the increase to 5 year contract.

Action Clerk to send an official letter stating that we need to see the original contract and they have two weeks to reply.

Allotment: The boundaries between Plot 3 and 4 will need the same fencing as already installed on the perimeter of the plots, with chicken wire.

Kevin: To liaise with HC only. This is to stop any confusion.

25.123 Minutes: Council to approve the Minutes of 27/01/2025 meetings. **Unanimously approved.**

25.124 Matters arising

25.105.1 To receive an update on the Land Registry and Possessory Title. The ID1 has been witnessed and checked by the solicitor, Simper Law. Deeds have been recovered for the old playing field, the remainder of the estate with the exception of the access road has no available deeds.

The deeds for the old playing field have been submitted for first registration and an application for possessory title has been submitted for the remainder of the estate. The only deed registered with HM Land Registry is the access road. Valuations the land

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approximately £860,000 giving a cost for the land registry of £495.00. The Old playing field valuation of land approximately £47,500 giving a cost for the land registry of £30.00. Photocopied the necessary documents and will send these off. **RESOLVED: To approve the above. Proposed by CA and seconded by HC, unanimously approved.**

The deeds will be held by CA, until the land registry is completed.

The Council thanked CA and JW for their time.

25.125 Update on village matters:

25.125.1 To receive an update on the street lighting and report any issues. Kevin informed the council of the flashing street light. He will let the Clerk know the column number, so she can report this.

25.125.2 Chairman's report – There are cherry trees being chopped in Willow Close. **Action Clerk** to see if we can log a enforcement order for this. **Action JW** to provide details of the address.

Cllr JW has received a complaint about scrap metal being left in the front garden in High Road. This will be investigated.

25.125.3 To receive an update on the meeting with Excite Solutions. Mentioned above.

25.125.4 To receive an update on the new noticeboards. These will be the next items for Kevin to install.

25.125.5 To discuss the Knoll noticeboard repair and agree any action. Now that it is warmer, the pin board is not too bad. The frame will still need rubbing and painting.

25.125.6 To receive an update on Devolution. Updated by District Cllr Graham.

25.125.7 To receive an update on the cemetery fees. Clerk and Cllr RH have a meeting booked for 3rd March 2025.

25.126 Parish Councillor reports, including inspection reports.

- Goal nets are holey and will need replacing at some point.
- Dogs on land where there is a 'no dog' byelaw. **Action Cllrs and Clerk** to look into the existing bye-law and what powers do we have to prosecute.

25.127 Clerks Report: The open surgeries were a waste of time. No one attended. Perhaps change the day and run them quarterly.

25.128 Council Matters and Events:

25.128.1 VE Day Event 8th May 2025 and any other events. Run the event in The Knoll, by the war memorial. Purchase VE80 flag and bunting to decorate the area. Extend the congregation to the further field. The Wortwell Bell may be open and this can be used for drink and music. Purchase a RBL wreath. Set up a working party to organise this. Cllr CA, PR and AC volunteered with JW and BE to help if they can.

25.128.2 To agree the opening of the red gate for an event in September 2025. Agreed and will remove the mound of dirt blocking the entrance. Trees are not to be removed or disturbed.

25.128.3 To receive an update on the Norfolk ALC voting paper and agree a reply. Council decided to ignore the voting paper.

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- 25.128.4 To receive an update on the dark skies. The principle is to reduce lighting and suggest awareness. **Action Clerk** to sort out a poster for the new noticeboards. **Action AC** to add to bio-diversity policy and bring to Council for review and adoption.
- 25.128.5 To discuss March 2025 meeting and consider a date change. Keep the same as advertised 31st march 2025.
- 25.128.6 To discuss the date and format for the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be the April meeting. (28th April 2025) 7.30pm. Invite the same as last year. Teas and Coffees afterwards.
- Goodswens, Pub, Schools, Core, Badminton, Bowls Club, Harleston Football Club, Pura Vida, the Dove, Guide Dogs, the Chapel, Allotments and Community centre users, will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

25.129 Financials

- 25.129.1 To approve the payments for this meeting and in between meetings.
- 25.129.2 To note the bank account balances
- 25.129.3 To note the balance of the reserves.

Wortwell Parish Council Statement of Account 24th February 2025

Balances	17/02/2025	Community Acc	£7,761.98
		Reserves Acc	£17,406.12
			£25,168.10

Receipts received None

Payments between meetings

Feb	The Sign Shed	£12.70
	Simper Law ID2	£180.00
	Robinsons Stationers	£13.20
		£205.90

Payments at meeting

Wages (Feb)	£767.24
Huws and Gray	£98.16
Clive Aylett expenses	£35.35
Allsorts maintenance	£148.35
	£1,049.10
Land Registry	£525.00
Total Payments	£1,780.00

Reserves

	24/02/2025	
Fence Repairs		£8,000.00

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Precept 3 months	£10,000.00
CIL	£54.42
Working payments provisional Feb	£1,494.31
Working payments provisional March	£2,331.28
	£21,880.01
working balance in banks	£25,168.10
<i>WIP balance to be c/f</i>	£3,288.09

Payments totalling £1,780.00 were approved unanimously for payment.

- 25.129.4 To discuss and agree the costings for allotment plot signs. The quotes provided were too expensive. Source cheaper quotes.
- 25.129.5 To discuss costings for Beware of snakes sign. The Council decided not to purchase one.

25.130 Planning applications received for consultation. None.

25.131 Correspondence to note:

- 25.131.1 Police surgery; The Knoll 15th February 2025 11-12.30. noted.
25.131.2 Norfolk PTS; Spring Seminar 20th March 2025, £56 Noted.

25.132 Admission to meetings:

ADMISSION TO MEETINGS - PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IT IS PROPOSED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING MATTERS.

25.133 To receive an update on the Allotments:

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25.134 To an update in the Football Club. Robert had some information regarding the football club. As follows:

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Meeting closed 9.30pm

Future meetings: Next meeting 31st March 2025

28th April 2025

19th May 2025

30th June 2025

28th July 2025

No August meeting

29th September 2025

27th October 2025

24th November 2025

No meeting in December 2025