



WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Welcome – Wortwell Parish Council

MINUTES

Parish Councillors attended the Wortwell Parish Council meeting on
Monday 30th March 2026 7.00pm at the Waveney Room of the Wortwell Community
Centre

Attendance: Cllrs: Aylett [CA], Eddy [BE], Hadingham [RH], Randall [PR] and Worley [JW].

County Councillor Stone and District Councillor Graham was also in attendance.
Tina Newby (Clerk) also in attendance.

26.181 Welcome by the Chairman

26.182 To receive and accept apologies. Apologies were received from Cllrs Goldie and Carter.

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

26.184 Public Forum (suspend standing orders). Public to permit participation for 10 minutes.

26.185 Reports: District Councillors and County Councillor.

County Councillor Stone reported on the following:

- The Government has decided (mindful decision) to go for three unitary authorities for Norfolk; Greater Norwich, West and East.
- There will be County Council elections in May 2026 with the new Waveney Valley Constituency.
- There will be an interim council elected in May 2027.

District Councillor Graham reported on the following:

- 'Our' centre would be based in Great Yarmouth.
- Mayor will be elected in May 2028
- District Council elections will be held in May 2028

Funding availability was discussed for 2026-2027.

Resume standing orders

26.186 Minutes: Council to approve the Minutes of 23rd February 2026 meeting. **RESOLVED:**
To approve the minutes unanimously agreed.

26.187 Matters arising

26.187.1 To receive an update on the state of the pavements and footpaths. Ongoing

26.187.2 To discuss yellow lining request. Ongoing

The Parish Council noted that the hedges in Low Road and the Laurel Hedge in High Road had been cut.

There are pot holes by Redenhall Church and some at the entrance to Sandcroft Way.

26.188 Update and new items on village matters, and agree any action:

26.188.1 Grit bin for Tunbeck Road. This is being processed.

Grit bin in Willow Close is empty and in need of refilling.

26.189 To receive an update on the street lighting and report any issues. (standing item). No issues. Npower contract was mentioned. **Action Clerk** to check the date and length of the contract.

26.190 Parish Council Matters, to discuss and agree.

26.190.1 Nature Recovery. [RH] the Bio-diversity Policy states that we should have a no mow May. **Action Clerk** to check with Top Garden Services. Lefthand side of the New field. Bird boxes and bug houses, wild flowers all could be part of the 'In Bloom'

26.190.2 Excite end of contract. Barry told us to go to tender, which what we did.

Precept has been reduced due to the change in contractors. Clerk had sent numerous requests for a copy of the full contract, never received this. **Action Clerk** to communicate with Excite and state that their contract is terminated at 31/3/26.

26.190.3 CORE meeting update. There was a discussion at the meeting about revamping the Waveney Room to be 'non bowling' related. Await until we have received the CORE minutes. Date of next meeting 21st April 2026, [RH] has agreed to attend.

26.191 Parish Councillor reports, including inspection reports.

[CA] mentioned that we need to update the councillors ID Badges. This was proposed by [CA] and seconded by (JW) all in agreement.

[JW] went on a chairman networking, it was mentioned that the play inspections period of checking should mirror what is on the insurance policy. **Action Clerk** to check into this.

Action Clerk to make sure the flag pole is on the Asset register and covered by insurance.

26.192 Financials

26.192.1 To approve payments for this meeting and in between meetings.

26.192.2 To note bank account balances.

26.192.3 To note the budget statement.

Wortwell Parish Council Statement of Account 30th March 2026

Balances	30/03/2026	Community Acc	£9,308.19
		Reserves Acc	£19,557.88
			£28,866.07

Receipts received included in above

New Playing field	
HYFC	£48.79
Parish Lands water	£178.37
OPF car park fund	£1,000.00
	£1,227.16
	£28,866.07

Payments between meetings

2025-2026

February included in total

Npower	£532.72
Nest	£74.39
Clerk Wages (Feb)	£815.05
Service charge	£4.25
Npower	£423.42

Clerk Wages (Mar)	£815.05
	£2,664.88

Payments to approve

James Shore	Domain and emails	£95.00
Clerk	Expenses	£3.79
		-£98.79

Working balance	£28,767.28
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	30/03/2026	
	Fence Repairs	£9,000.00
	Precept 50%	£19,788.00
	Play equipment repair	£1,700.00
	CIL	£8.34
	Total Reserves	£30,496.34
Reserves	Working Balance	-£1,729.06
		£28,767.28

VAT reclaim in 26-27	£1,785.92
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Payments totalling £98.79 were approved for payment as well as the payments between meetings. Proposed by (PR) and Seconded by (CA), unanimously agreed. The Clerk pointed out there will be a deficit of £1,729.06 due to the additional car park repairs that were not budgeted for. However there will be a VAT reclaim for £1785.92, which would make an overall positive balance.

26.193 Planning applications received for consultation.

26.193.1 To discuss planning applications received for consultation.

26.193.2 To review [2025/3609|Outline application for 4 No dwellings with all matters reserved except for access, layout and scale | Land To The West Of High Road Wortwell Norfolk](#) Recommend for the Clerk to notify planning of the rare protected slow worms.

26.193.2 To discuss any new planning applications received since agenda. None

26.193.3 To receive an update on previous application decisions: None

26.194 To review the Enforcements. No change

26.195 Correspondence to note: None

26.196 To note Councillor comments/Issues.

There are a pile of glass doors at the allotments. **Cllr [RH] to provide the photos and [JW] to put on next door.**

The tree in the allotment orchard has died. **Action Clerk to contact UK Power Networks for a replacement.**

Future meetings: Next meeting. 27th April 2026, Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting closed at 8:42pm