

Minutes of Worton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th January 2026 in Worton Village Hall at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Richard Slack (RS), Cllr Chris Collins (CC), Ed Marks (partial attendance) (EM), Brian Badge (BB), Cllr David Johnson (DJ), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Paul Ganuszko

109/25/26	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Dickie Parsons, Cllr Anthony Higgins, Cllr Tamara Reay
110/25/26	Declaration of Members Interests NA
111/25/26	Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 Proposed by DJ. Seconded by EM. Agreed.
112/25/26	Open session on the matters set out below
113/25/26	Wiltshire Councillor's Report 1. Waste Service changes at Wiltshire Council As residents may be aware Wiltshire Council is planning a number of changes to Waste Services in the coming months. Household waste will become 3 weekly, a slot booking system will be implemented at household recycling centres and 2 centres will be closed (Calne and Purton). I am concerned about these changes which in my view are poorly thought through and I have made these points to the Cabinet. I would urge others who share my concerns to email Ian Thorn (Leader of the Council) ian.thorn@wiltshire.gov.uk 2. Financial Implications I am waiting to understand the detail of the proposed Lib Dem budget for 26/27 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (3 year budget). It is understood that the current in year overspend is c£10m. Additionally an Extraordinary Full Council is scheduled for Wednesday 7 January when a number of financial matters are on the agenda. £2.5m for the flawed St Stephen's Car Park "deal" and increases to fees and charges including Council Tax premiums for 2nd homes and Empty Homes. I will update further in February. 3. Community Governance Review. Please let me know if you have any questions about this and the emails received from Democratic Services.
114/25/26	Transport and Road Safety Speedwatch – technology to download the monthly stats needs updating. A suggestion was made to provide the team with a new laptop to enable this. CC to investigate costs and feasibility.

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115/25/26	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment Best Kept Village – NS to progress with revised map and copy. Work around the village will commence again in Springtime. Newland Homes – NS to arrange a meeting with Chris Parker regarding BKV and landscaping around Sandlease area. Newcomers meeting – taking place on 6 th February, PC members to attend if possible. Defibrillator – box needs changing. CC to produce report and progress next steps. Dog waste bin by church – install new bin. MP to get quote for bin and fitting.																								
116/25/26	Planning NA																								
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118/25/26	Parish Plan Paul Ganuszko to contact local Mum’s groups and arrange meet-ups to garner information on what would be useful to the village. Landscaping ideas: remove kissing gate at Sandlease and redo entrance to make it more user friendly. Newlands to be asked to participate.																								
119/25/26	Village Organisations Leaflet Drop Initial leaflet drop done via The Bridge magazine. Second drop to be done for residents who do not receive The Bridge magazine once membership numbers have been confirmed.																								
120/25/26	Finance a) Precept agreed at £12,545 per annum. Proposed RS, seconded DJ b) To review and approve the Parish Accounts as at 31 st December 2025 Proposed NS Seconded CC c) External audit requirements – RS to provide details. d) To authorise the following payments. Proposed CC, seconded DJ <table><tr><th><i>Payable to</i></th><th><i>Description</i></th><th><i>Amount</i></th><th><i>Budget Category</i></th></tr><tr><td>J Slack</td><td>Salary</td><td>£397.00</td><td>Salary</td></tr><tr><td>J Slack</td><td>Admin Allowance</td><td>£26.00</td><td>Administration</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE</td><td>£99.25</td><td>Salary</td></tr><tr><td>Charlton Baker</td><td>Preparation of payroll annual fee of £259.20; paid via monthly DD</td><td>£21.60</td><td>Administration</td></tr><tr><td>Springfords & Rose</td><td>Printing of x500 leaflets for volunteering</td><td>£70</td><td>Administration</td></tr></table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget Category</i>	J Slack	Salary	£397.00	Salary	J Slack	Admin Allowance	£26.00	Administration	HMRC	PAYE	£99.25	Salary	Charlton Baker	Preparation of payroll annual fee of £259.20; paid via monthly DD	£21.60	Administration	Springfords & Rose	Printing of x500 leaflets for volunteering	£70	Administration
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	TOTAL		£613.85		
121/25/26	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: - Defibrillator - Parish Plan - BKV schedule - Second leaflet drop				
	Date of next meeting: Monday 2 nd February 7:00pm Worton Village Hall.				
	Key Messages:				

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