

Minutes of Worton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026 in Worton Village Hall at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Nick Stokes, Cllr Chris Collins (CC), (EM), Brian Badge (BB), Cllr David Johnson (DJ)

Also present: Bob Mitchell

133/25/26	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Dickie Parsons, Cllr Anthony Higgins, Cllr Richard Slack, Cllr Ed Marks, Cllr Tamara Reay
134/25/26	Declaration of Members Interests NA
135/25/26	Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 Proposed by CC. Seconded by DJ. Agreed.
136/25/26	Open session on the matters set out below Potterne road closure – nothing has happened yet to repair the leak. Seend Road -TR to clarify if road will be entirely closed for w/c 9 th March.
137/25/26	Wiltshire Councillor's Report Budget Update for Residents The Liberal Democrat administration, supported by Independent and Labour councillors, approved a budget to increase Council Tax by 4.99% that introduces several significant changes. These include moving to: • three-weekly household waste collections • slot booking at Household Recycling Centres • plans to demolish and rebuild St Stephen's Car Park in Trowbridge, • increases to parking charges – including extending chargeable hours from 7am-7pm and aligning Sunday parking charges with Monday-Saturday charges • and taking on £20 million of additional borrowing, largely for road repairs. This borrowing is expected to cost more than £76 million to repay over the coming decades. Potholes Road maintenance - report highways defects using My Wilts. Reports are then assessed using the Highways Inspection Manual – and potholes graded P1, P2, P3. The service level for P1s – is to be made good by midnight the following day. Black Dog Please send any feedback on traffic flow, or any other concerns. The other major safety scheme funded is at Caen Hill (Poulshot Road/Marsh Lane junctions). More details about the proposed plans will be available in the next few weeks.
138/25/26	Transport and Road Safety SIDS – no further action required. Sandlease parking – no further action required.

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139/25/26	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment BKV – Newland Homes have agreed to give £300 towards costs. Invoice to be sent asap. Map to be redone with additions showing suggested route. Sandleaze Park – action following hedge destruction by Newlands. Conservation Contractors to be contacted to quote for work required to move kissing gate and put new fences in. New signage – wording and changes agreed. Defibrillator update: Cabinet needs replacing, battery expires 03/26. Options: two new ones, or one new one and use old one in village hall until it expires and then replace it. MP to discuss placement and fitting of new unit with pub owners. BB to discuss with Village Hall Committee on 11/03. Cost: £2,100 for two units plus heated cabinet, or £1,400 for one. Village training day suggested for new units.																												
140/25/26	Planning PL/2026/00753, Mill Ground, 30 Mill Road, Worton First floor extension over existing room with removal of veranda and erection of front porch. NO OBJECTION																												
141/25/26	Parish Plan MP and DJ met with Paul Ganuszko and Greta and Sarah Hillier. Suggested equipment: zipwire, football goal, additional toddler/bucket swings and an adventure trail. Next steps: get quotes for equipment plus delivery and installation.																												
142/25/26	Finance a) External audit requirements – RS to advise on changes. b) Request from the Gardening Club for £242 from the Community Fund. Proposed BB Seconded DJ. c) To review and approve the Parish Accounts as at 31st January and 28th February 2026. Proposed NS, seconded CC. d) To authorise the following payments. Proposed DJ, seconded CC. <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>Roadware</td><td>Dog Bins</td><td>£604.68</td><td>Parish Plan</td></tr><tr><td>Oak Apple</td><td>Oak signposts</td><td>£294.00</td><td>Parish Plan</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	Roadware	Dog Bins	£604.68	Parish Plan	Oak Apple	Oak signposts	£294.00	Parish Plan
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	Wiltshire Council	Contribution to traffic calming scheme	£5,114.25		
	TOTAL		£6,556.78		
143/25/26	Administration IT provider for website and email service review. CC to prepare proposal for next meeting.				
144/25/26	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: - Policies to be reviewed - Debrillator location update - BKV/map update - Date of APM / Annual Parish Council Meeting				
	Date of next meeting: Monday 13 th April 7:00pm Worton Village Hall.				
	Key Messages:				

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