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

Present: Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Chris Collins (CC), Brian Badge (BB)

Also present: Bob Mitchell, Kevin Morris, Clive Burt, Simon Weeks-Smith

203/26/27	**To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Nick Stokes, Cllr Tamara Reay
204/26/27	**Declaration of Members Interests** Richard Slack regarding clerk payment discussions.
205/26/27	**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026** Proposed by CC. Seconded by BB. Agreed.
206/26/27	**Co-option of new members – all agreed** Kevin Morris Clive Burt Simon Weeks-Smith **Declaration of acceptance of office forms signed by all candidates.**
207/26/27	**Open session on the matters set out below**
208/26/27	**Wiltshire Councillor's Report** See attached.
209/26/27	**Transport and Road Safety** 1. Update on metro counts. MP updated on comments from local residents. Highways/James Mundy to visit Worton to consider next steps.
210/26/27	**Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment** 1. Sandleaze Park – fully installed, will be handed over once it has passed a safety inspection. SWS to chase removal of skip. 2. Dedication of bench for David Johnson, bench to be unveiled once delivered and fitted. 3. Payment of £62,913.44 due to Wicksteed. Proposed BB, seconded CC 4. LHFIG – dropped curb update after next meeting on 05/11 5. New pathway upgrade in Sandleaze possible future project 6. New community group – Worton Ecology and Conservation Group run by Alison Parker. Looking at wildlife habitats in the village. Whatley's Field cleared at the back. Idea for a community orchard in Whatley's Field. 7. Defibrillator training costs - £120. Villagers to be invited to participate. Proposed: CC Seconded: KM

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211/26/27 **Planning**

PL/2026/05790 Hurst Farm – extension of agricultural track.
PL/2026/06761 Mawes Cottage – variation of conditions. WPC to respond with preference for brick wall to be kept rather than fencing.
PL/2026/05912 Cedar Close – replace all windows and doors with black windows and doors. In a conservation area so permission required.

PL/2026/05469 Mill Stream Cottage – walnut tree reduction of 30%.

Response to local Planning sent in by MP, next response required in April.

Arbo-cultural officer coming to have a look at trees opposite Primrose View to see if any of them require TPOs.

212/26/27 **Finance**

a) Report on six month financial position and CIL Expenditure presented.
b) Monthly financial accounts as at 30th September 2026 proposed by CC and seconded by RS.
c) Payments proposed by MP and seconded by BB.
d) Auditing Solutions Ltd are independent to WPC and a letter of understanding to be signed and returned.

Payable to	**Description**	**Amount**	Budget Category
J Slack	Salary	£416.91	Salary
J Slack	Admin Allowance	£26	Admin
HMRC	PAYE Tax	£104.22	Salary
J Slack	Salary back pay	£338.46	
Charlton Baker	Preparation of payroll annual fee. Paid monthly via DD	£24	Admin
Roadware Bins		£476.88	Admin
Scribe Accounts	Accounting system	£30	Admin
TOTAL		**£1,416.47**	

213/26/27 **Communications**
Thanks to Marston Parish Council for updates on Norney Bridge situation.

Letter from Alan Midgeley regarding breach of Mill Leat. Situation to be monitored and updated accordingly.

214/26/27 **Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council:**

- Invoices for allotments
- Update insurance to include new play equipment and added to asset register
- Budget for 2027/28 to be started
- Roles and responsibilities for new council members

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd November 2026, 7:00pm Worton Village Hall.

Key Messages:

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