



Minutes of the Worlingworth Annual Parish Meeting

held on

Wednesday 15th April 2026

At the Community Centre at 7pm

19 in attendance, including 5 Parish Councillors.

Apologies – Tom Royall (Parish Councillor)
Chloe Cross (Community Centre Committee Chair)
Diana Totten (Worlingworth & Tannington Women's Institute President)
Alan Nette-Thomas (High Suffolk Community Bus Chair)
Rosemary Ingate (Social Club Chair)
Pat Corston (Keep Fit Club)

1. Welcome by Chair of Worlingworth Parish Council

Andrew Nunn, Chair of Worlingworth Parish Council welcomed all present and thanked them for coming to hear about what has been going on in the village over the past year.

2. Agreement of Minutes of Previous Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2025 as a true and accurate record, were proposed by Councillor Mike Howard, seconded by Cathy Connelly, all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED**. The Minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk

3. Matters Arising from Previous Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16th April 2025

None

4. Report from Chairman of Parish Council

A summary was provided, the full report is available on the village website.

5. Report from County and District Councillor Matthew Hicks

The latest report from the County & District Councillor is available on the Worlingworth website, a summary was given to the meeting.

6. Reports from Worlingworth Village Organisations:

The following offered reports on their activities in the past twelve months, those that offered short reports are included below, longer reports can all be viewed on the village website <https://worlingworthparishcouncil.gov.uk> on the Homepage under the Annual Parish Meeting tab.

- a. Tree Warden – report on website – presented by the Clerk
- b. Footpath Warden – report on website – presented by James Connelly (Footpath Warden)
- c. Worlingworth Social Club – report on website – presented by the Clerk
- d. High Suffolk Community Bus – report on website - presented by Val Swallow, who also requested that the Parish Council provide a link on the new website to the new Community Bus website.
- e. Worlingworth Community Centre Committee – report on website - presented by Rupert Precious
- f. French's Nursing Charity – report on website – presented by Bert Stanford
- g. St Mary's Parochial Church Council – report on website – presented by Bert Stanford (Churchwarden)

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- h. Rummikub – report on website – presented by Sandra Gooderham.
- i. Cricket Club – report on website – presented by Chris Watson.
- j. Worlingworth Charities – report on website – presented by Chris Watson. The Charities were publicly thanked for the donations to the Community Bus and Newsletter. AN informed Chris Watson that work had been carried out on a strip of land alongside the school playing field by school contractors. Due to concerns raised about trees growing on the land ownership had been queried, with Worlingworth Charities stating it was not in their control and County Council also denying responsibility. AN was pleased that the work had been done to make the trees of concern safe.
- k. Worlingworth & Tannington Women's Institute – report on website – presented by Cathy Connelly
- l. Keep Fit Club – Val Swallow gave a brief outline of the club, explaining that it had now been running for nearly 25 years, meeting every Thursday and with coffee and cake at the end for all participants – so a social event too. Members pay a small fee each week and if there is a bit of money left in the pot at the end of the year once costs have been taken out, then it goes to charity.
- m. Worlingworth Primary School – no report received
- n. St Mary's Guild – report on website – presented by Veronica Plowman
- o. Worlingworth Local History Group – report on website – presented by Geoff Robinson
- p. Village Recorder – report on website – summary given by Geoff Robinson and explanation of what a Village Recorder is – to record what is happening in the village today, so that the historians of tomorrow will have material to work with. The Suffolk Recorder Scheme has been running since the 1950's and aim to have a volunteer recorder in every parish. Currently there are about 225 recorders across the county, who write an annual report each year summarising what has happened in their parish, they are then taken to The Hold in Ipswich for the Suffolk Archives. In addition an annual conference is also held for all the recorders to meet up and share tips and information.
- q. Any other village organisations –
 - Worlingworth Oil Syndicate – report on website – presented by James Connelly

8. Open Forum for Questions & Discussion

A question was raised about the problems of vehicles parking opposite Smiths Close and what could be done to address the issue. AN explained that this is an issue that the Parish Council highlighted as a potential problem when the White Cottage development was first suggested, but unfortunately it was overruled. Unless double yellow lines were put in, which would require a Traffic Regulation Order from Suffolk County Council, there is nothing to legally stop people from parking on the bend, other than common sense.

A parishioner asked what was being done to address potential future flooding issues. AN confirmed that Anglian Water have undertaken a full review of the drainage system in the village and have identified where there are properties that are draining surface water into the system. Anglian Water are addressing the issue privately with those individuals whose properties are impacted.

The progress of updating the Welcome Pack was queried. AN confirmed that currently quotes for printing are being sought. At the moment the old version of the Welcome Pack is downloadable off the old Parish Council website. The new build properties in the village have all had a pack delivered, not sure about other house changes, this is in someways dependent upon information being shared.

A parishioner asked whether there was any news on what was happening with the land that was supposed to be having houses put up near Tuckwells. AN said that it is understood that Flagship Housing have had some financial difficulties and so no news to report on when this site will be developed at present. A further query was raised about whether this would be Social Housing and how this would be allocated, as there is a site in a nearby village that is currently standing empty. As this site is outside of the Worlingworth area, the Parish Council is unable to comment.

Meeting closed 8.23 pm

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