



**Minutes of the Worlingworth Annual
Parish Meeting
held on
Wednesday 17th April 2024
At the Community Centre at 7.30pm**

17 in attendance, including 6 Parish Councillors.

Apologies – Kevin Love, Tom Royall, Andrew Luton (Parish Councillors)
Matthew Hicks (District & County Councillor)
Victoria Gascoigne-Cecil (Head of Worlingworth Primary School)
Chris Watson (Worlingworth Charities & Worlingworth Cricket Club)
Carol Garrett & Derek Jones (Parishioners)
Christine Stanford (Benefice Choir)
Pat Corston (Keep Fit)

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 12th April 2023.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2023 as a true and accurate record, were proposed by Mike Howard, seconded by Val Swallow, 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 12th April 2023

None

4. Report from Chairman of Parish Council

A brief summary was provided, the full report is available on the village website. Thanks were expressed to Councillors who had stepped down and warm welcomes extended to new Councillors. Thanks were also given to the various volunteers who have helped the Council during the course of the year with running events, in particular the Tree Warden & Footpath Warden.

5. Report from County and District Councillor Matthew Hicks

The current monthly report from the County & District Councillor is available on the Worlingworth website, a full Annual Report will be issued shortly and published on the website when available.

6. Report from PC Amy Yeldham, Community Engagement Officer for Suffolk Constabulary

PC Amy Yeldham had advised that she was now linked to Halesworth & Southwold. A request had been put in for the local officers PC Stordy & PC Fall to either attend or provide a report, but nothing had been received to date. Should a report be received, it will be published on the village website.

Mike Howard reported that he had been to a police liaison meeting at The Hub in Bedingfield and met face to face with some local officers, who had expressed an interest in visiting Worlingworth more frequently in light of some recent anti-social behaviour issues.

Signed (Chair) Signed (Clerk)

7. 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 www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net under Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting tab.

- a. Tree Warden – report on website – presented by Sarah Clare (Parish Clerk)
- b. Footpath Warden – report on website – presented by Sarah Clare (Parish Clerk)
- c. Benefice Choir – report on website – presented by Bert Stanford
- d. Worlingworth Social Club – report on website – presented by Val Ariss
- e. High Suffolk Community Bus – report on website - presented by Val Swallow
- f. Worlingworth Community Centre Committee – report on website, presented by Rosemary Ingate
- g. French's Nursing Charity – report on website – presented by Bert Stanford. Much the same as last year, just a new Trustee, the Rev Enid Powell
- h. St Mary's Parochial Church Council – report on website – presented by Bert Stanford (Churchwarden)
- i. Games for Guys 'n' Girls – Val Swallow reported that this group has changed name to the Rummikub Club, as this is the sole game now played. There are about 12 members who attend regularly, with others sometimes joining in. There is a new organiser, which the Clerk had been unaware of, and unfortunately the request for a report had not been passed on, but it is hoped that a fuller report can be given next year.
- j. Cricket Club – report on website – presented by Val Swallow
- k. Worlingworth Charities – report on website – presented by Sarah Clare (Parish Clerk)
- l. Worlingworth & Tannington Women's Institute – report on website – presented by Diana Totten
- m. Keep Fit Club – Val Swallow gave a short verbal report, as unfortunately the organiser, Pat Corston, was unable to attend. The club has been running since 2002. Numbers have fallen a bit over the years, but those that still attend thoroughly enjoy themselves. After exercising there is usually an opportunity for chat and a tea or coffee (and sometimes cake!), some former members who are no longer able to partake fully in the keep fit part pop in just to join in with the post-exercise refreshments and social aspect, but this is just as important to help keep the mind healthy and the group is very much valued.
- n. Worlingworth Primary School – report on website – summary given by Andrew Nunn
- o. St Mary's Guild – report on website – presented by Veronica Plowman
- p. Worlingworth Local History Group – report on website, presented by Geoff Robinson
- q. Village Recorder – Geoff Robinson gave a short verbal report, apologising for not having a formal written report properly compiled ready for publication, but promised this will follow soon. Geoff not only acts as Worlingworth's Village Recorder, but also administers the Village Recorder scheme for the whole of Suffolk – a total of 240 Recorders in total to keep track of. The Annual Conference for the Village Recorders is being organised for 11th May, which is taking up lots of time at the moment, but Geoff said that although he is very busy in the role he thoroughly enjoys the task of keeping the history of Worlingworth Recorded. Finally, thanks were expressed to Meg Mitchell, who helps in the recording process by actively searching for newspaper cuttings for anything related to Worlingworth, which she then passes onto Geoff for the records.
- r. Any other village organisations - None

8. Open Forum for Questions & Discussion

None

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

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