

WORLABY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025** at **Worlabby Village Hall**, Grange Field, Worlabby, Brigg DN20 0LZ, at **7pm**.

Present: Cllr M Speakman (Chair), Cllrs T Cave, R Bowles, I Cave, M Moran

Clerk to the Council: Hannah Hepworth

Ward Cllrs: Ward Councillors N Sherwood and C Sherwood

4 members of the public

Minutes

2509/01 Apologies

No apologies

2509/02 Public Participation

The President of Worlabby WI was in attendance as the WI in Worlabby is going to celebrate 100 years and is asking the Parish Council to consider some sort of marker for village in March 2026.

A resident mentioned the planning application PA/2025/974 on the agenda; the planning application has a direct impact on the resident. They believe it is inaccurate information with the reports submitted. The new dwelling will be twice as high as the existing cottage which would compromise privacy and block sunlight. There is a chalk stream not a ditch which rises rapidly. Concerns around drainage and concerns about the impact of surface water. The planning statement has several inaccuracies in the resident's opinion. There is no mention of solar etc to fit in with newbuild requirements. The resident stated there are great crested newts and bats where the dwelling is and this has not been taken into consideration.

2509/03 Declarations of Interest

- a) To note and record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

None

- b) To note any dispensations granted to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below

None

2509/04 Minutes of Previous meeting

Proposed: Cllr Cave, **Seconded:** Cllr Bowles

Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2025 were approved. The Christmas Market will be on the Pleasure Ground – unanimous
The minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on the 17th July 2025 were noted.

2509/05 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

Carr Lane – will be closed for four days for bridge repairs from 15th September, 1 km from Low Road. Top Lane potholes are an issue and this is a main commuting route

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New Road has been patched and the surface is not at an acceptable standard. The Ward Councillors will take this back.

Footpaths – Permissive Footpath. Colin Wilkinson is liaising with Barry Truelove.

2509/06 **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

NATs – NATs meeting was attended. Worlaby is lower than other areas with no crime issues at the moment. Allotments have been raided in Brigg; Brigg Police are committed to visible policing. The latest issue is jet-skis on the River Ancholme. Issues in Horkstow with motorbikes were reported.

2509/07 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Simpler recycling will be implemented from May 2026 when the bins will reduce to three.

Free swimming has had an uptake over 5000 over the summer, although Brigg Swimming Pool has been closed for essential maintenance for 4 weeks.

Energy efficient appliance scheme has just closed with a good uptake.

New development between Wrawby and Brigg has been a concern to residents; Highways have said that it does not necessitate a roundabout. It has been successfully widened.

2509/08 **Planning**

PA/2025/974

Proposed: Cllr Fowler, **Seconded:** Cllr Speakman

Resolved: The following statement will be submitted:

“Proposed New Dwelling off The Hill, Worlaby

The Parish Council does not object to this application in principle despite it being outside of the development boundary; however we have some concerns regarding the impact of the proposed development on the open aspect of the immediate area.

We are supportive of section 6 of the Heritage Assessment submitted with the application, in particular paragraphs 6.4 and 6.6 regarding boundary treatment and the location of the dwelling within the site.

Boundary treatment

Paragraph 6.4 of the Heritage Assessment refers to *‘the openness of the existing north-western site boundary which contributes to the open, rural edge of settlement feel to this part of The Hill.’* and states *‘the site is currently open in nature and the impact of any development on this openness requires some thought particularly in relation to views up The Hill towards the Almshouses and from the immediate setting of the Almshouses looking back down The Hill.’*

Also, we would bring attention to Policy WNP2 paragraph (c) in the Worlaby Neighbourhood Plan which states that a proposal should be *‘in keeping with the character of its surroundings with particular reference to the space and openness between buildings, boundary treatment, and depth of frontage’*

The current application shows the south west and north west boundaries as 1.2m post and rail fence. We wish to strongly support this. Should the Council be minded to approve this application, we ask that they consider including a condition to ensure that this boundary treatment is retained.

Siting of the dwelling

In respect of the siting of the proposed dwelling, paragraph 6.4 of the Heritage Assessment states *‘Siting the new dwelling towards the south-eastern boundary would likely be the least visually intrusive location on the site and would maintain the ‘breathing space’ in front of Bluebell Cottage.’*

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In the Partish Council's view, locating the dwelling as far as possible into the south eastern corner of the site would minimise impact on the open views from The Hill and from Bluebell Cottage. We ask that the Council give significant weight to this aspect when considering the application.

Scale of the dwelling

Paragraph 6.6 of the Heritage Assessment states that the scale of the proposed dwelling should be a continuation of 'the scale of the adjacent dwellings at Bluebell Cottage and Oliver House' 'to ensure any built development did not have negative visual impact on the heritage settings and views along The Hill.'

The Parish Council wishes to point out that the NE-SW orientation of Bluebell Cottage greatly reduces its visual impact on The Hill, whilst Oliver House sits at a lower ground elevation than the application site. The visual impact of the proposed dwelling is therefore likely to be greater than either of these buildings, despite being of a similar scale.

We therefore consider that the scale of the proposed dwelling should be lower than suggested, particularly in terms of height and would ask that the Council give this significant weight when considering the application and any subsequent amendments.

We are awaiting a Conservation Report and believe there are bats in the immediate area and wish this to be taken into consideration. There is also no Biodiversity Net Gain report." – unanimous

2509/9 **Community Matters and Open Space Management**

- a) The Woodland Glade and Hollows – the repair of the gate has been completed
- b) Jubilee Dell – this is looking a lot better
- c) Worlabby Recreation Committee – the "What's On" has been produced and will continue. The information is also on the website. The Village Hall website now has a booking facility which will soon go live. Maintenance – doors in the ladies toilets hinges are wearing and are no longer manufacturing these doors but the company have kindly sent all the replacement parts that they have but this isn't enough to fix the doors. One door has been fixed however the only way to permanently to fix this is to replace all of the doors / panels. 3D printing options for the washers will be looked in to. The hire rates have been reduced – prices are on the website.
- d) Low Villages Forum – next meeting is on 17th September. There is a facility on all websites which link diary dates to all of the Low Villages.
- e) Community Open Spaces - Church Path – Clerk to contact to Land Registry. Tree Survey report / arborist report is needed; Clerk to get three quotes for The Hollows, The Woodland Blade, Pleasure Ground and Recreation Field
The Clerk has received the health and safety reports
- f) Local Government Reorganisation – North Lincs and North East Lincs do not have the numbers and therefore need to join with others. There will be cull in Local Councillors (Ward Councillors) with this likely to be reducing to 25% of the current figure
- g) Trustees for Belayses Cook – the report was received from Belayses Cook in May 2025 and circulated to Councillors.

2509/10 **Village Hall**

To be removed as an agenda item

2509/11 **Finance**

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Fowler

Resolved: the schedule of payments for September were agreed – unanimous
July and August bank statements were noted by all councillors.

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The Financial Reports for July and August were noted

The In Bloom Grant of £740.99 has been spent and the claim submitted, and the Clerk has been reimbursed.

VE and VJ grants have been submitted .

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Bowles

Resolved: the Clerk will open a bank account in the name of Worlabby Parish Council with Cllr Bowles, Cllr Speakman and Hannah Hepworth as signatories – unanimous

2509 / 12 Policies

2509/10 Finance

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Bowles

Resolved: the Financial Regulations were agreed – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Fowler

Resolved: the Internal Controls were agreed – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Cave, Seconded: Cllr Speakman

Resolved: the Data Protection Policy was agreed – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Cave

Resolved: the Data Retention Policy was agreed – unanimous

2509/11 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting

Volunteer Party will be Sunday 23rd November 2pm – 4pm

Proposed: Cllr Bowles, Seconded: Cllr Fowler

Resolved: £150 budget for the food– unanimous

1st Sunday in December for Christmas Market on Pleasure Ground

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Moran

Resolved: The Clerk and Cllr Cave to attend ERNLLCA conference – unanimous

The Clerk will write a letter to Peter Lax

The next agenda to include Health and Safety reports, WI item and remove the Village Hall agenda item

Remove Village Hall item and WI item and boundary issue between Village Hall and Low Road, Standing Orders

Correspondence was raised regarding PA/2024/429 concerns from residents regarding this and the pile of sheets of material that could be asbestos. Cllr Fowler will talk to the occupier and find out more information.

Community Grant – an offer of £30,000 has been received and agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Moran

Resolved: The Clerk was instructed to make applications for £20000 to as many different grants as possible with a maximum 6 hours overtime – unanimous

Dog Bins on the Pleasure Ground are overflowing – the Clerk was instructed to contact the Council regarding the bin being moved.

2509/13 Date and time of forthcoming meetings

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7th October 2025 7pm

2509/14 Exclusion of Press and Public

Proposed: Cllr Speakman, Seconded: Cllr Fowler

Resolved: The public left the meeting

2509/15 Personnel Issues

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- a) The Grievance was closed and view of the Personnel Committee was shared in the form of a report from Cllr Fowler which will be circulated to all councillors.
- b) The Clerk's Appraisal was summarised and recommendations were received.

Meeting closed: 9:22pm