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Minutes of the meeting of Worlaby Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October2026, commencing at 7pm in Worlaby Village Hall

Present: Chair - Cllr Ian Fowler
Cllr Tom Cave, Cllr Mike Speakman, Cllr Matt Moran, Cllr Holly Truelove
Minute Taker – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors Cllr's Carl and Nigel Sherwood

Sgt, Will Harrison and PC Steve Parsons – Brigg and Wolds Neighbourhood Policing Team

7 members of the public attended.

26/27 –1001 **Apologies**

Reasons for apologies were accepted from Cllr Richard Bowles

26/27 –1002 **Public Participation**

A member of the public spoke to request that the wildflower area around the fruit trees on the Rec Ground be routinely cut at the same time as the rest of the Rec Ground.
A member of the public spoke to raise the issue of speeding traffic on Middlegate which is a danger to horses and cyclists who use the route – Clerk to investigate 'Pass Wide and Slow Signs'
A member of the public spoke to raise concerns about parking outside the school – Cllr Fowler to raise this with the school.
Officers from Brigg and Wolds Policing team, took questions from Councillors and members of the public, and raised that there is a rise in poaching incidents on the Carrs, and advised residents that any incidents witnessed should be reported to Police citing Operation Galileo.

26/27 – 1003 **Declaration of Interest**

a) Cllr Holly Truelove declared an interest in the following agenda item 26/27 – 1010 e) Community and Open Space Management
b) No dispensations granted

26/27 – 1004 **Minutes of Previous meeting**

a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on Tuesday 1st September 2026; were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

26/27 - 1005 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Ward councillors updated Council on changes to the planning system from the 31 October 2026. The Government's new National Scheme of Delegation which will affect the way planning applications are determined will be implemented. The changes arise from the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 and associated statutory guidance.
The Government's objective is to create greater consistency in planning decision-making across England, reduce delays and ensure planning committees focus on applications of genuine strategic significance, with more routine and technical decisions taken by professional planning officers.

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The new arrangements create two categories of planning applications: Schedule 1 Applications (these applications must be determined by planning officers and cannot be referred to Planning Committee) and Schedule 2 Applications (these are generally larger or more complex applications. They are still presumed to be determined by officers unless they satisfy a referral process known as the Gateway Test). There will be no amendments to Statutory Consultees, such as Parish Councils.
Ward Councillors reminded Council of the Community Safety Roadshows taking place at the Angel, and South Ferriby Village Hall.
NLC is providing cleaning kits for village street signs and bus stops – One was requested for Worlaby.
There is to be a new Banking Hub in Brigg at the Buttercross, and it is hoped that a replacement Post Office provision for Brigg will be open by Christmas.

26/27 - 1006 **Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues**

a) Councillors discussed the following ongoing issues:
   i) Reinstatement of the verge on New Road after the installation of new Street Lamps – Verge remains in poor condition, and is impossible to maintain when verge cutting – Clerk awaiting response from Highways.
   ii) Road signs associated with these works remain at the triangle at the top of New Road – As above
   iii) The Clerk raised that she had reported the Weed encroachment and poor surface Ancholme Path from Saxby to the railway bridge with Colin Wilkinson at NLC, who responded that NLC are still mid-period in terms of public rights of way remedial works for 2026/27, which include making good stretches of the Ancholme Valley Way so as to keep it up to scratch.
b) Cllr Cave raised that the wooden fingerpost directional village name sign on the B1206 at the junction with Wold Road has rotted and collapsed – Clerk to raise with Highways.

26/27 – 1007 **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

a) There were no further updates on Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs.

26/27 – 1008 **Planning**

a) No Planning Applications received
b) Councillors received the following planning decisions:
   i) Application No: PA/2026/353
   Proposal: Planning permission for first-floor extension above garage, rear dormer conversion and window adjustment
   Location: Sherwood House, The Hill, Worlaby, DN20 0NP
   Decision - Permission Granted
c) There were no planning applications received after the agenda was posted.
d) Councillors received the response from Planning Enforcement regarding the works taking place at Wayside, 53 Low Road, confirming that there had been no planning breach.
e) There were no other planning matters raised

26/27 - 1009 **Risk Assessments and Safety Reports**

a) Councillors received the following risk assessments and safety reports for play and public areas owned or managed by Worlaby Parish Council and resolve any action:

i) BT Kiosk, Top Road	Monthly inspection	Cllr Tom Cave
ii) War Memorial, Top Road	Monthly inspection	Cllr Tom Cave
iii) Flagpole, Main Street	Monthly inspection	Cllr Tom Cave
iv) Bus Stop, Low Road	Monthly inspection	Cllr Ian Fowler
v) Pleasure Ground and Play Area, Top Road	Monthly inspection	Cllr Tom Cave

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vi) Fountain	Monthly inspection	Cllr Ian Fowler
vii) Recreation Ground	Weekly inspection	Cllr Holly Truelove
viii)Woodland Clade and Hollows, The Hill	Monthly inspection	decision over responsibility going forward deferred to the November meeting.
ix) CCTV System	Monthly inspection	Cllr Richard Bowles

b) Responsibilities for risk assessments and safety reports for play and public areas owned or managed by Worlaby Parish Council have been updated above.

26/27 – 1010 **Community Matters and Open Space Management**

a) Councillors received an update report regarding the Woodland Glade and Hollows, a date has been requested from NLC for the Autumn cut of the Hollows – Clerk to follow up.

b) Councillors received an update from Worlaby Recreation Committee who raised that they are very short on Trustees, and that the duties of managing the Village Hall have become too much for the current Trustees to manage long term. A Working Group to be formed between the Parish Council and the WRC, to work towards a more manageable solution going forwards.

c) There was no update on the Jubilee Dell.

d) There was no update on the Village Flower Beds

e) Councillors discussed Community and Open Space Management matters

i) The Clerk updated on works to trees on Parish Council land, stating that works would commence in the coming month.

ii) Councillors discussed and reviewed the two quotes for works to extend the Village Hall Car Park.

Resolved – To accept Quote A – HR Property Group

f) There was no update from the Playing Field Development Working Group

i) Further discussions on how to spend the remainder of the Grant Monies was deferred to the November meeting.

ii) Councillors received the Quarterly Inspection of play equipment conducted by NLC

g) Councillors discussed purchasing a replacement bench for Top Road

Resolved – That a replacement bench was not required.

h) Councillors discussed plans for Christmas

i) Christmas card – Cllr Cave to manage submissions for the front image, and Cllr Speakman to arrange printing of the cards.

Resolved – A budget of £100 was resolved for printing costs.

ii) Dickensian Christmas Market on the Pleasure Ground

i) Councillors raised the following Community and Open Space Management matters:

i) Flags – It had been resolved earlier in the year that 2 new flags be purchased for the flagpole, 1 x Lincolnshire Flag, and 1 x Union Jack. This resolution had not been actioned. – Clerk to purchase the 2 flags, ensuring that the Flag Pole be appropriately dressed for Remembrance Events.

ii) Councillors raised that Poppy Wreaths were required for Remembrance events – Clerk to order 2 x wreaths. Cllr Richard Bowles to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

iii) Councillors discussed the Volunteer Party at the end of November.

Resolved – A budget of £250 was resolved for food and sundries.

26/27 – 1011 **Village Hall**

a) There was no update from the Village Hall Improvements sub-group.

26/27 – 1012 **2027/28 Budget and Precept Demand**

a) Councillors reviewed and discussed the draft budget for the 2027/28 year, resolution was deferred to the November meeting.

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b) Councillors reviewed and discussed the proposed Precept Demand, resolution was deferred to the November meeting.

26/27 - 1013 **Clerk's Report**

a) The Clerk updated Members on any items requiring attention since the September meeting on any subject not separately on the Agenda

26/27 – 1014 **Accounts**

a) Councillors noted and agreed the current financial position which was signed by Cllr Fowler.
b) Councillors reviewed and noted the bank statements which were signed by Cllr Fowler.

Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:

c) 2nd September 2026 – NEST – Clerk Pension – £10.13 (Local Government Act 1972, s112)
d) 9th September 2026 – Gardening by John and Laura – Village Gardening - £980.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
e) 9th September 2026 – Chestnut Mowing – Open Space Mowing - £555.00 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
f) 9th September 2026 – Hire of Village Hall - £6.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s133)
g) 16th September 2026 – Gardening by John and Laura – Plants - £200.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
h) 28th September 2026 – PKF Littlejohn – external audit - £252.00 (Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014)

Councillors approved the following payments:

i) Hazel Hare – Plants and compost for Carr Lane Planters - £57.85 (Public Health Act, s164)
j) No other payments were presented.

26/27 – 1015 **Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting**

a) There was no updates or progress on items not requiring decision and resolution, not otherwise detailed on the agenda.
b) Councillors discussed relocation or removal of the PC post box.
Resolved – Not to relocate the PC post box, and to mothball it.
c) To receive the following items of correspondence and resolve any action:
   - Councillors noted correspondence from a resident re wildflowers
   - Councillors noted correspondence from a resident re trees – Clerk to respond citing the Arboricultural Report which assessed the tree as being safe and in good condition.
d) There were no matters of correspondence arrived since agenda was posted.
e) Councillors raised wildflowers and NLC Library Buss as agenda items for the next meeting

26/27 – 1016 **Date and time of forthcoming meetings**

a) The next meeting of Worlaby Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, commencing at 7pm in Worlaby Village Hall.

26/27 – 1017 **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

a) Councillors discussed employment matters.

Resolved – That in interim internal audit be performed by a suitably qualified Auditor as soon as possible.

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