



Worthington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **Worthington Parish Council** on Wednesday 11th of March 2026 held at 6pm, at Griffydam Primary School.

Present: Cllr. S Haggart (Chair) · Cllr. A Stafford · Cllr. B Storer · Cllr. C Fountain · Cllr. J Stewart
Clerk: Callum Bryant · 1 Member of the Public

260/2026 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

261/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

262/2026 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No policing report was received.

263/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident brought a deeply worrying report to the council regarding a near miss outside Griffydam Primary School, where a child was almost hit by a car. This sparked a broader conversation about the persistent danger of speeding traffic in the village and the frustrating lack of funding for basic safety measures like crossings.

The parish council offered further support and will write to the Member of Parliament for North West Leicestershire.

264/2026 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No district / county council update was received.

265/2026 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

No exclusion of the public and press was necessary.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

266/2026 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of February as accurate.

267/2026

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Storer reported on highways matters within the parish, reporting of potholes, a trip hazard at the junction of School Lane and Ashby Road, which requires further attention, and also flagged safety concerns regarding protruding tree branches on Melbourne Road near the A42 bridge which are currently obstructing the highway and sightlines.

Cllr. Fountain provided an update on activity within the woodland area near the quarry, noting that a local community group has been undertaking informal maintenance. Concerns were raised regarding land ownership, understood to be Breedon, and the potential implications of unauthorised work on the site. It was noted that a request for funding support may be brought forward in due course.

Cllr. Stewart raised concerns regarding the Cloud Trail car park, where the lack of a dog waste bin has been identified as an issue. The clerk will explore the provision of a suitable bin, subject to agreement with the relevant landowner and district council.

268/2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Discussion took place regarding improving engagement with residents. It was noted that engagement has improved significantly in recent years, although attendance at meetings remains low. Suggestions included increased use of social media, wider circulation of agenda and minutes links, and the use of informational posts to explain the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council.

269/2026

CHURCH LANE PLAY AREA CONSULTATION

The results of the consultation were reviewed, noting a mixed response to the proposed MUGA and stronger support for CCTV. Concerns were raised regarding the scale of development, the potential loss of green space and the risk of anti-social behaviour. In light of the lack of support, it was resolved not to proceed with the MUGA project. It was further agreed that funding applications will be withdrawn or redirected where possible and that the clerk will prepare a communication to explain the decision. The council will explore alternative, smaller-scale improvements to the play area.

270/2026

HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Flooding on Breedon Lane was discussed, along with the presence of mud and debris on roads following recent weather and HGV activity. It was agreed that the clerk will report the need for road cleaning, and councillors will continue to log issues through the highways reporting system.

271/2026

PARISH PLANTERS

It was noted that the current planting scheme, summer and winter at £2615 per season, had been approved in a previous year: it was resolved that the council confirms and reauthorises this expenditure. It was also resolved to proceed with summer planting with a budget of up to £4,000. The clerk will obtain quotes for both purchase and rental options, as well as associated planting and maintenance costs.

272/2026

WORTHINGTON ROUND HOUSE INSPECTION

It was resolved to approve expenditure of £1,200 from reserves for a specialist survey of

the Round House.

273/2026 MAINTENANCE

The Council discussed general maintenance matters, including the defibrillator, playground and parish works. It was resolved to approve a budget of £1,000 for the defibrillator. The retention of a new parish contractor, Jon Phipp, was noted, and the Clerk will manage arrangements and the schedule of works.

274/2026 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

The accounts were reviewed, the bank reconciliation signed and payments authorised for the month. A contribution of £75 towards the clerk's SLCC membership was agreed.

275/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider planning applications received in advance of the agenda publication.

- 1) [Permission in principle for the erection of a self-build dwelling and landscaping](#)

Land North Of Aqueduct Road, Coleorton | Ref: 26/00162/PIP

It was resolved to object to this planning application.

- 2) [Permission In principle for the erection of a self build dwelling and associated garage](#)

Land Adjacent To Brand Farm Lower Brand, Griffydham | Ref: 26/00273/PIP

It was resolved to object to this planning application.

276/2026 ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

The ongoing issues spreadsheet was reviewed and updates were noted, including matters relating to the nature reserve, defibrillator training, and hedge maintenance.

277/2026 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items were relayed to the clerk for inclusion on the next agenda.

- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 20:30 -