



Worthington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **Worthington Parish Council** on Wednesday 5th of August 2026 held at 6pm,
at Newbold Church of England Primary School, Newbold.

Present: Cllr. S Haggart (Chair) · Cllr. J Stewart · Cllr. B Storer
Clerk: Callum Bryant

363/2026 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Stafford and Fountain

364/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

365/2026 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No local policing report was provided.

366/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present during the public session.

367/2026 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No members of the district or county council were present.

368/2026 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

No exclusion of the public or press was required.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

369/2026 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of July as accurate.

370/2026 ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

The ongoing matters spreadsheet was reviewed by the council.

371/2026 COUNCILLOR AND CLERK REPORTS

Cllr. Storer gave a report regarding trees in the School Lane Play Area, Cllr. Haggart gave a report on the last Parish Liaison Meeting, highlighting planning procedure information, prompting councillors to ask the clerk to write to NWLDC for clarification.

372/2026

ALLOTMENT WATER CONNECTION

In light of an application being made to Severn Trent for a water connection (DSW4622074) without the council's consent, it was resolved to:

- Note that application DSW4622074 was submitted without the council's knowledge or authority.
- Confirm that the applicant was not authorised to act as a representative of the council, nor does the council accept any commitment made through this or any other unauthorised applications.
- Instruct the clerk to contact Severn Trent immediately that the applicant is not authorised to represent the council and that no proposed work or binding agreement is to be treated as authorised by the landowner unless confirmed in writing by the clerk following a resolution of the council.
- Decline to reimburse any fees incurred as part of an unauthorised application.
- Confirm that, should a water project be approved, all contact with water companies, contractors and funding bodies will be conducted by the clerk or another person formally authorised by the council.
- Confirm that allotment holders may participate in their ordinary capacity as an allotment tenant but will not be given any representative, managerial, financial, supervisory, enforcement or access-control role.
- Confirm that any key, access code, accounts and records will remain under the control of the parish council.

The question of whether to further investigate a water supply at the allotments was left to a later date, should sufficient interest be shown by allotment holders.

373/2026

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH DROPPED-KERB DONATION

It was resolved to support this project in principle, with the amount to be decided at the next meeting.

374/2026

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Noting advice from the borough council, it was resolved to contact Leicestershire Police for next steps and to write to the landowner from where the knotweed likely originated.

375/2026

SPEEDING ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

Cllr. Stewart gave a report regarding the speeding within the parish and the council discussed the issue. It was resolved to discuss the issue with local police and request help and advice.

376/2026

CHURCH STREET PLAY AREA WORKS

Outstanding invoices for the play area upgrade were approved, clerk to contact contractors regarding final quotes and snagging.

377/2026

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

It was resolved to allow mileage reimbursement for councillors on council business.

378/2026 COMPLAINTS POLICY

It was resolved to approve the draft complaints policy.

379/2026 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Councillors noted overgrowth on Melbourne Road between School Lane and Rempstone Road presented a hazard, resolved to report the issue, along with blocked gullies, to Leicestershire County Council.

380/2026 MAINTENANCE

The council discussed maintenance of the parish.

381/2026 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

- a) It was resolved to note accounts presented and expenditure against budget.
- b) It was resolved to sign the transaction list, statements and bank reconciliation.

382/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **To consider applications received in advance of the agenda publication.**
No applications were received in advance of the meeting.
- b) **To discuss planning applications received since the agenda was published.**
Two applications were delegated to the clerk, having been received late:
26/00956/AGP and 26/00895/FUL.
- c) **To receive updates on enforcement and delegated decisions from the clerk.**
The clerk gave an update on enforcement and delegated decisions.

383/2026 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

Correspondence received was presented to council.

384/2026 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The date of the next meeting will be September 9th 2026 at 6pm. Items for inclusion on the agenda were relayed to the clerk.

-- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 19:45 --