

WORMINGTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes

Monday 12 October 2026

St Katharine's Church, Wormington

Meeting commenced: 7.00 pm

Present

Wormington Parish Meeting

- Neil Piercy - Chairman
- Simon Browning - Clerk
- 26 residents
- Apologies – Councilor Agg; MR & PD.

1. Previous Meetings

The previous meetings minutes of 15th June and 21st September 2026 were approved and signed.

The Clerk then thanked the Chairman for all the briefing notes produced which helped residents in their response to the Planning Department at Tewkesbury Borough Council. He also thanked MR & PD and the National Gas subcommittee.

2. Semi-Permanent Marquee Update

The Chairman gave an update on the Governance regarding the marquee in that WPM owns the land and Wormington Village Society ("WVS") operate the site and the building. A 25-year lease has been signed between WPM & WVS. There is now a working party and MR is now chairing that.

Electricity to the site we have had a quote from National Grid and as WPM is the landlord we have a responsibility to provide power to the site. It was agreed that £2-3k was approved for the work. **NS offered to build a junction box cupboard.**

3. National Gas Update

There has been a delay in the submission to the Planning Committee from October to November. At the Planning Committee meeting (November 17th) two representatives can give a three minute speech each which we intend to do (The Chairman & MR). The meeting meets physically and it is also available online.

We are still trying to establish the scale of construction traffic volumes. It was clarified that the one-way system now starts at the GWR railway bridge. It still prevents all traffic travelling westwards from the B4632 under the railway bridge. WPM is continually pushing for a traffic light or Stop/Go system under the bridge to allow traffic in both directions. The Farmers have agreed to increase the size of laybys on both sides of the bridge.

We need to continue to challenge National Gas but it is really Highways and Councilors.

Isbourne Bridge survey, we have asked Highways for a copy of the recent survey via Councilor Agg.

Our local MP is coming on October 22nd for an hour to visit the village and talk through the issues. There also be a Zoom meeting with Councilor Agg and Highways department.

Work has started on the Compound – Liaise with Planning Department that this is could be in breach of Planning Application?

NG have agreed to a working party with the village to discuss traffic and other operational issues. **The Clerk to set up the first meeting.**

The Chairman advised he had received a request from Councilor Agg regarding who owns the field to allow large vehicles to navigate that bend. KR & HP both raised concern over the Oak tree on that corner and it was agreed that **KR would request a TPO on the Oak Tree with the council.**

4. Development White Paper Update

All work has been suspended as there has been a legal challenge on the Government regarding the legality of the reorganization. We are waiting for a court date.

5. Finance Update

The Clerk gave an update of expenditure since the June meeting – Water testing kit £600 (previously agreed); Hedge Trimming £100; Dog Poo Bags £78, HCRLaw – solicitors fees for the 25 Lease between WPM & WVS £2175; £193 for replacement defibrillator pads; £525 clerk services; £612 for mower service less £245 from St Katharine's PCC contribution); £300 for audit fees and £26 for mower fuel. We currently have £8,414 in the bank and with current commitments the balance is £6,964. SS asked if we had sufficient funds for the £2-3k for electricity supply and still have a reserve balance at the end of the year.

6. AOB

The Clerk was asked if we own the telephone box which was confirmed. A suggestion of putting old prints of the village as a historical record.

MW has made a new bar top made from Oak for the marquee.

A question was raised regarding the early morning (6am) garbage lorries and all lorries reversing into the site. This does not comply with planning application. **The clerk will raise this with Planning Department.**

This does not form part of WPM business meeting:-

WVS – Marquee Update:

In MR's absence the WPM Chairman gave an update -

Deposit has been paid for the marquee. Construction will start on 18th January 2027 and will take two weeks. The marquee will have a log burner and other heating appliances.

12 Portuguese Prunus for screening and will be planted in the spring after the building of the marquee.

Electrical armoured cabling will be put in to the bottom of the marquee. Paul Hopkins will do the first fix with plenty of sockets. Working group is looking at lighting and furnishings. MT has kindly donated a large rug. Hopefully Wifi can go in the same trench. **NS will do the trench.**

No water on site in the first phase. Could be considered later.

Biodiversity – we have to buy units offsite. 2 bat boxes, a bird box and hedgehog house have been ordered.

Bike rack will need to be installed as part of the planning conditions.

Fire extinguishers and CO2 monitors will be bought.

A floor plan will be sent out with the minutes.

SB gave an update on the finances – At present there is a £30k shortfall but we have £15k of grant applications awaiting decisions by the end of October. There are 3 benefactors who have indicated they may make a donation. We will come back to the village once we know more on the grant applications.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.