

Worlebury Residents Association (WRA) Annual General Meeting
Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7-00pm at Worlebury Golf Club

DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Lesley Pattenden (LP) welcomed everyone.

2. PRESENT

(After the meeting the Supporter's Secretary reported 18 supporters present). Supporters were able to make their donations for the year in cash at the meeting,. The recommended donation for 2026 is £10 per household.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Vivien Adlam, Peter Avery, Hilary Chapman, Sue and John Chinnick and Steve and Kate Poland.

4. CONFIRMATION OF 2025 MINUTES

These were approved, proposed Kevin Early, seconded Jane Sands and carried nem con.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

Chair's Report. LP summarised the WRA's activities through the past year. It had been a quiet year but activities included the monthly Coffee Mornings, the Open Garden at 1, The Crescent, the Glade maintenance, the planters outside the Golf Club and the defibrillator. The full Report is attached. Jackie Early asked about the use of the Glade for marriages. LP responded that WRA were not against this but had no authority as we were not the landowners.

Treasurer's Report. John Chapman (JC) presented his report. Summary sheets had been handed round at the meeting and he had the full accounts available for inspection if required. He thanked Liam McDermott for examining the Accounts. He reported a balance of £2790 at the end of 2025 (up from £2496 in 2024), but with £660 ring-fenced for the Defibrillator fund and £823 for the Glade, this left £1306 in general funds. Two significant sources of income were the Coffee Mornings and the Sands' Open Garden. Expenditure planned for 2026 included a replacement planter for the area outside the Golf Club. There were no questions. The Report with Accounts is attached. The report and accounts were approved, proposed Roy Godwin, seconded Jane Sands and carried nem con.

Secretary's Report. Stephen Sands (SS) reported that he was Supporter's Secretary but again Acting Secretary as that position was vacant. The Secretary role is not onerous and we are looking for a volunteer. As Supporters Secretary he reported that we have around 200 households on our supporters list with around 150 on our email circulation list, a significant proportion of the 550 or so households in Worlebury. We need to somehow reach households not on our email list including new residents. He continued that we have thought about an advertising banner on the planters and we used to regularly circulate flyers to every household. Several supporters indicated that they would be willing to help with distribution of flyers. Chris Nelson raised the idea of a litter picking group with the dual benefits of helping to tidy the neighbourhood and providing a visible presence for the Residents Association. LP agreed that the Committee would consider these ideas.

6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 2026 COMMITTEE

Nominations were Chair Lesley Pattenden, Treasurer John Chapman, Secretary Vacant, Supporter's Secretary Stephen Sands, Committee member Martin Williams. All re-elected, proposed Patricia Nelson, seconded Roy Godwin, carried nem con. Chris Nelson (proposed Stephen Sands, seconded Lesley Pattenden) and Ruth Exley (proposed Lesley Pattenden, seconded Jane Sands) were both elected on to the Committee.

7. FUTURE EVENTS

LP outlined the events in the WRA calender for 2026. These include the monthly Coffee Mornings

and the Open Garden at 1, The Crescent. SS thanked supporters who had last year at short notice stepped in to help on the gate. LP continued we also had plans for the maintenance and improvements to the Glade. There was also the prospect of a Quiz Night and the litter picking group suggested earlier in the meeting.

8. VOLUNTEERS

VETS LP said that our defibrillator was checked regularly and was available for use. She outlined developments with the defibrillator arrangements as she understood them. There was now a national organisation with a web site of defibrillator locations and access by phoning 999. However it was thought that our current defibrillator access and VETS arrangements should stay in place for now.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LP noted that the police speed cameras had not been seen on Milton Hill for a while. It was thought that the increased parking may be acting as traffic calming.

Kevin Early noted that the barrier to the woods was broken and the barrier was not therefore closed and locked at night. It was felt this could put the Glade at extra risk from vandalism and the Committee will write to the Council expressing our concerns.

The meeting closed at 7-30pm and was followed by tea / coffee and an excellent talk by local resident Liam McDermott on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in Weston-super-Mare. He covered its history, the lifeboat stations (past, present and future), the boats, the procedures and the 'shouts', all accompanied by images and videos and interlaced with his own experiences. Our thanks to Liam.

S.W.Sands
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