WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at WORLESTON VILLAGE HALL 7.10pm 22nd May 2025

present: John Schofield (Vice Chair), Fred Percival, Tommy Adams, Malcolm Holman, John Thomasson, Gary Basford, Richard Heaton, Joe Foster, Fred Percival, Borough Councillor Becky Posnett, Clerk – Helen Exley

**1.Introduction & Welcome:-**

The Vice Chair welcomed all attendees to the Annual Meeting.

**2.Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Vice Chairman (on behalf of Chair), Worleston & District Parish Council.**

**Roads and Road Safety**

Roads and road safety have been probably the primary concern of residents within the parish.

There has been a continued focus on road conditions due to potholes and blocked gutters and gullies. Speeding and overall traffic volumes remain a concern with Cheshire police running several mobile speed traps throughout the year. Discussions have commenced with highways regarding a 20 mile an hour limit through the village on Main Road and a highways safety review is still underway on the B5074 between Rease Heath roundabout and the south end of the village.

The long awaited opening of the Kingsley Fields spur on the A51 now appears to be imminent after progress by developers.

**Planning**

Applications have progressed at a normal pace with the bulk of applications being for domestic extensions and a few agricultural updates to local farms.

I’d like to thank councillors for their ongoing commitment to the parish and to our Clerk for her diligent efforts in keeping us organised.

**3.Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2025 by the Clerk to the Parish Council.**

The Precept was held at the same level of £4,617 as last year. The expenditure for the financial year has seen a decrease on last year’s figure and so the total payments for the year were £7,833. The closing reserve balance for the year ending 31/03/25 was £8,639 of which £3,082 is held on deposit for the CIL payment. We received the annual community Dairy House Solar Grant of £2,469 which is an £715 increase on the previous year’s contribution.

A Donation of £150 was made to Nantwich Riding for the Disabled from the proceeds of the sale of the excess Coronation mugs.

We continue to receive the Parish Compact Grant at £1,150 which covers 95% the cost of the Lengthsman.

A VAT reclaim of £663.30 was received at the start of the financial year. The sale of the SID devices to Acton Parish Council of £700 final took place in April 2024.

Thank you again to the Chair & Vice Chair for their continuing support and to the Councillors for their help with Parish matters.

**4.To invite the public to raise any matters of interest**.

Member of the public raised his concerns that the village is getting busier with the traffic and speed limits are not being adhered to. Does the PC share a speed gun with other PCs? Police presence needs to be greater. Vice Chair stated that WDPC are trying to get a 20MPH within village.

Meeting closed @ 7.16pm

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