

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

Cllr Summerfield - Chair, Cllr Cossey, Cllr Coulson, Cllr A Culyer, Cllr M Culyer, Cllr Hammond – Fox, Cllr Holman, Cllr Robbins,

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 2 Members of the public WDC Cllr Brooks

Agenda

1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Raybould, police, SCC Cllr Punt and WDC Cllr Bee.

2) Declarations of Interest

a) *Personal Interest* – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr A Culyer declared an interest in the Community Facility.

Cllr A Culyer and Cllr M Culyer declared an interest in the Janet Hadenham Close planning application.

Cllr Robbins declared an interest in the fete

b) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr A Culyer declared a prejudicial interest in the Community Facility.

c) *Requests for Dispensation* – Nil

d) *Grants for dispensation* – Nil

e) Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests online as appropriate. Noted.

3) Minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2015

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the minutes.

Meeting opened to the public.

Meeting opens for public contribution.

During each meeting the council will adjourn for an appropriate period for public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding local concerns. Where possible, the Chairman will respond but the matter may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.

a) Report from Police –There was no report from the police.

b) Report from WDC Cllr Brooks

WDC Cllr Brooks advised that he had reported the stench from the bio-digester. A petition has been started regarding this matter .

Cllr Brooks advised that WDC are seeking to divest the operation of public conveniences as this is not a council obligation. 3rd parties are being sought to divest the conveniences to, otherwise some may need to be closed. WDC car parking charges have been altered.

WDC budget for 16/17 has not yet been finalised.

Tree at Park Dive play area – Cllr Brooks is meeting with Sotterley sawmill to arrange transportation to the sawmill.

Community facility – Cllr Brooks advised that a query has been raised from the government about the land valuation and Durrants have responded on behalf of the community group.

Diesel generators – Cllr Brooks will consider all the facts when the application is presented to the WDC planning Cttee.

The clerk asked whether information could be sent in advance to the planning Cttee members and Cllr Brooks confirmed that this was permitted. The parish council advised that it would wish to forward some specific information in relation to the lack of job creation and the concerns re pollution and fumes.

Cllr Cossey advised Cllr Brooks about an incident with a SCC vehicle which is parked close to a junction on the Cedar Drive estate.

c) Report from SCC Punt

SCC Punt had forwarded an update regarding the Elm on Park Drive.

d) Matters from members of the public relating to items on the agenda.

A member of the public asked about the dog mess on All Saints Green – which they consider to be a major issue.

Councillors confirmed that they were looking into the divestment of the play areas to the parish council.

It was agreed that extra signage will be requested for the enclosed play area to ensure that owners are aware that dogs are not permitted in the gated area.

Cllr Brooks will forward information about the Incident ticketing scheme.

WDC will be asked to tighten the self closing gates at the play area.

Garden Waste – resident asked about the charges that WDC will be making for this service.

4) Chairman's matters

a) Elm Tree Wood at Park Drive play area –see above.

b) Elm on Park Drive – see above.

c) *46 Bio digesters planning application*. The parish council will ask for permission to speak at the WDC planning meeting.

5a) Planning applications received prior to meeting including;

a) There were no planning applications.

b) To receive WDC responses to planning applications.
D C/15/0213/FUL – former Worlingham Primary school
Dc/15/3970/FUL – 18 Janet Hadenham Close

c) Other Planning matters – Nil

6. Matters from Councillors and clerk including;

a) *Woodfield Park* – Cllr Coulson advised that the consultant who had attended the site is preparing a report for council.

b) *Xmas lights competition* – Cllr Holman will arrange to view the lights.

7. Update from meetings/ events attended by Councillors including;

a) *Community facility site* – See Cllr Brooks report.

b) *N Plan update* – Councillors advised that 63 people attended the drop in day. 14 new questionnaires were completed. 4 new steering group volunteers came forward. Next meeting 6th Jan 2016.

8. Clerks report and update including correspondence received.

a) Beccles Town Council are looking into sporting facilities in Beccles and possible new venues.

b) Hornbeam, Marsh Lane – Tim Harrison to be asked to look at the tree.

c) Queens 90th birthday celebrations – Street party information to be publicised and streets asked to organise their own events.

d) Suffolk Police Review – details provided to members.

9. Finance Matters including;

a) *Authorisation of cheques for payment* – A full financial summary of the Council balances, and the cheques for payment, was provided for councillors as attached to the main copy of the minutes and cheques as detailed in the Receipts and Payments Book. These were read out to the Council meeting. It was resolved by all that the payments as detailed could be made.

b) *Donation requests* – There were no donation requests to consider.

c) *Budget/ Precept 2016/17* – councillors discussed the budget and precept for 2016/17 and the priority projects for 2017. Final decision to be made on the precept for 16/17 at the January meeting.

10) Other matters

Banners to go around Xmas tree safety fencing to be considered for next year.

Grit bin – small one to go on Suttons Road/ Guildhall and larger one to go on present site at Cedar Drive.

Parking Fairmile Close – residents will write to school regarding the parking on Fairmile Close at school start and finish times.

11. Date of next meeting Next Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman

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