

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

Cllr Summerfield - Chair, Cllr Cossey, Cllr Coulson, Cllr A Culyer, Cllr M Culyer, Cllr Holman, Cllr Raybould, Cllr Robbins.

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 6 Members of the public Cllr Taylor – Mayor of Beccles Town Council, SCC Punt, WDC Cllr Brooks

Agenda

1) Apologies for absence.

No apologies had been received.

2) Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Robbins and Cllr Summerfield declared an interest in the planning application.

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 12th January 2016

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 the meeting that WDC were still setting their budget for 2016/17.

Cllr Brooks also advised that the WCF is still progressing slowly. Discussion took place as to how this could be moved forward quicker – Cllr Brooks advised that no further action could presently be taken to speed the process.

The appropriate Government Cttee should be considering the application in March.

c) Report from SCC Punt

Cllr Punt advised that he and SCC Officer Derek Oldman had met with the residents whose properties had been affected by the tree falling at Park Drive. Mr Oldman will consider the way forward once he has spoken to the insurers.

SCC Punt was asked whether the tree had a TPO – this to be looked into.

Re relief road – SCC await confirmation as to whether any objections have been lodged by landowners.

SCC Budget is still to be settled – SCC will be raising a 2% budget ring fenced for adult care.

SCC Fire and Rescue service consultation continues.

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

Members of the public advised that there are sometimes dogs within the Park Drive play areas – more signs required. Clerk to note.

A member of the public again asked why Marsh Lane was not being swept by the road sweeper –the Chairman advised that she would ask Norse advise.

Cllr Taylor – Mayor of Beccles - advised that Beccles T C is working with Broads Authority on projects.

A resident advised Cllr Taylor that the map for the Beccles Marsh Trail needs correcting.

4) Chairman's matters

a) Elm Tree Wood at Park Drive play area – WDC Cllr Brooks advised that this wood is now at Sotterley sawmill for drying.

b) Meeting with Beccles T C – The chair advised that she had met with Beccles T C to discuss matters of mutual interest and that the matters included Neighbourhood Plan, potential new developments, and policing. The Mayor of Beccles advised that he had campaigned hard for an extra PCSO for Beccles. The Mayor also advised that the Town Council is negotiating with WDC about the intended closure of the public conveniences in Beccles.

c) Meeting with Larkfleet Homes – The Chair and the Mayor of Beccles T C along with WDC ward councillors will be meeting Larkfleet Homes tomorrow

to be informed about a potential development that Larkfleet wish to start in Beccles/ Worlingham.

d) Projects 16/17

- Village sign – the sign will need to be removed for repainting – Cllr M Culyer will obtain quotes once the sign is down.
- Portable skate park visits - it was suggested that the costs be established for 2 visits of the mobile skate park – one for May Half term and one for August school holidays.
- Bus shelters – councillors to consider the locations where any more shelters may be required. Beccles T C to be chased for a response about having one opposite Park Drive – which is on the border of both parishes.
- Highways matters – new entry gates – SCC to be asked for costs for the various options.
- Queens 90th birthday - tree planting – **It was RESOLVED by all** to purchase 2 Elizabeth Field Maple trees from Barshams of Ely at cost of approx £200 – 1 to go in Woodfield Park, 1 to go in Werels Loke – both with plaques. Wording to be decided. Cllr Cossey and Cllr M Culyer will consider appropriate locations within the parks and consider whether benches would also be appropriate.

5) Planning applications received prior to meeting including;

Cllr Robbins left the meeting for item a)

a) To receive WDC Planning applications

Dc/16/0365/FUL – Part conversion of existing garage to form a residential annexe and extension to form covered way link to main house. **It was RESOLVED by all** to approve the application.

Cllr Robbins returned to the meeting.

b) To receive WDC responses to planning applications.

TPO – 38 Coppelstone Close – approved

c) Any other planning matters – there were no other planning matters to report.

6. Reports from Councillors and clerk including;

- a) Woodfield Park* – the report had been sent to WDC, and Persimmon Homes. Application to be sent to Sport England and/or other funders.
- b) Queens birthday celebrations* – Tree – *see above*. It was suggested that the church be contacted to see whether they are holding a special church service.
- c) Village sign maintenance* – *see above*.

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

a) *Community facility site* – see update above.

b) *N Plan meeting 10th Feb 2016.* - Next meeting 10th Feb at the Three Horseshoes.

8. Clerks report and update including correspondence received.

- *Licence for new Grit Bin – Suttons Road* - Volunteers for grit spreading requested. No volunteers had come forward so it was agreed that no new bin would be purchased. Norse will be asked to swop the 2 bins over on Cedar Drive when the walk round takes place.
- *Divestment of play areas from WDC* – The clerk advised that she had met the legal team at WDC who would be supportive of a request to divest the play areas to the parish council. WDC will provide the council with some cost data for consideration.
- *Play area funding* – Woodfield park – opportunities being researched.
- *Aviva Women's Tour Cycle Race* – Wednesday 15th June 2016 – the clerk advised the prestige of event – which will be coming along Lowestoft Road Worlingham on its way to Beccles as part of Stage 1 of the Tour. This is a high profile event for Waveney/ Suffolk and will receive international television coverage as there are teams from all over the world competing. Schools/ residents etc to be encouraged to support the event on the day.
- *Match funded PCSO's* – see report above.
- *Grapevine/ Insight* – Anglia Print will be continuing publication of the Grapevine magazine. The clerk advised that the Insight newsletter now goes onto the website. Discussion took place about the value of having the Insight newsletter within the magazine. After full discussion **it was RESOLVED that in future 200 hard copies of Insight would be printed and these will be left at the shops for collection. Otherwise Insight should be obtained from the website.**
- *Website* – the website is now working well and pictures/ information from the old site are being transferred over. Councillors were asked to provide the clerk with any relevant information for the new site. www.Worlingham.com.
- *SCC – Vertas – authorisation of quote for Park Drive play area grass cutting*
It was RESOLVED by all that the grass cutting remain with Vertas for 2016/17.

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) *Fidelity insurance cover* – Fidelity insurance cover will be placed to reflect the present balances.

10) Other matters

There were no other matters to report.

11). Date of next meeting - Next Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman

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