

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 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. 1 Member of the public

Agenda

1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from PCSO Le Surf, and WDC Cllr Brooks, SCC Punt and SCC Bee.

2) Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Raybould and 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 8th December 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

The written report from WDC Cllr Brooks was read to the meeting.

c) Report from SCC Punt

There was no report from Cllr Punt.

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

There were no matters from members of the public.

4) Chairman's matters

a) *Elm Tree Wood at Park Drive play area* – Cllr Brooks has this in hand.

b) *46 Generators* – Cllr Summerfield had attended the WDC Planning Cttee meeting and spoken against the application. Mr Kay had also spoken against the application on behalf of residents. WDC Cllr Brooks spoke against the application. The application was approved by a majority but with 13 conditions imposed upon it.

c) *Priority project 2016/17* – Cllr Summerfield reminded councillors of the projects that had been discussed at the last meeting and those decided on by the council. All agreed that these should be the focus for 2016/17.

d) *Lark Homes* – Letter received from Lark Homes asking for a meeting about potential homes to be built in Beccles/ Worlingham. They advise that a public consultation will be held in Feb 16.

It was suggested that the clerk and chair meet with Lark as they have suggested, prior to the meeting. Councillors to e mail their questions to the chairman prior to the meeting date.

Subsequent to the meeting, Beccles T C suggested that this could be a joint meeting with themselves. Date awaited.

5a) Planning applications received prior to meeting including;

a) Dc/15/4750/Ful – construction of a single storey front porch extension at 6 Orchard Rise by Mr G Baldwin.

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application.

b) To receive WDC responses to planning applications.

No decisions to note.

c) Other Planning matters – Nil

6. Matters from Councillors and clerk including;

a) *Woodfield Park* – Cllr Coulson advised that the report had been received from William Morfoot Ltd with suggestions/recommendations. Quote for works £49,450. Council to see if there is any funding available to assist.

Copy of report to be sent to WDC, Persimmon Homes, Sport England (for funding). Liaison to be chased with WDC regarding the divestment of the play areas to the parish council.

It was suggested that a MUGA could be considered for the area as this would give the area a hard surface which would be playable all year.

Local WDC and SCC councillors to be advised of the report, together with Mr Aldous MP.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Coulson for all of his help on this project.

b) *Xmas Lights competition* – Mr Harvey of Park Drive won the competition.

Donation to go to Beccles Hospital.

c) Banner for Xmas tree fencing – it was suggested that a banner could be placed around the fencing in 2016 – perhaps to include designs from the primary school. Diarise to ask the school later in the year.

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

a) *Community facility site* – The Chairman advised that the new valuation of the land had been carried out. A grant of £6000 has been received for solar panels.

b) *N Plan meeting 6th Jan 2016*. The meeting has chosen 6 key areas to develop. Next meeting 10th Feb at the Three Horseshoes.

c) *SNT Meeting – 6th Jan 2016* – Cllr Summerfield had attended. This will be the last meeting as these are being restructured. In future the SNT matters will be advised to the quarterly SALC meetings.

The changes in 2016 will mean that Beccles police station will no longer be open to the public but 2 PCSO posts will be retained there as well as a PC.

A question was asked as to whether the police reports will be made available to councils as in the past – clerk to verify.

d) *Annual Parish meeting* – Police and Crime Commissioner to be invited to speak.

e) *Beccles Civic Service* – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Holman attended.

8. Clerks report and update including correspondence received.

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

Garden waste – WDC will start to charge for this from Feb 16.

Public conveniences – WDC are presently consulting on options for the future delivery of this service.

N Plan course – details circulated.

SALC – Area meeting dates circulated.

Litter Pick – letter received from a resident about doing a voluntary litter pick.

Suggestion to go into Grapevine etc. to see if there is any community interest to do this.

Tree planting for Queens's birthday – Cllr Coulson to contact Kew Gardens to seek advice about the type of tree to choose.

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* – After full discussion of the budget on a line by line basis and consideration of the priority projects it was agreed to approve the budget for 2016/17.

After full discussion it was RESOLVED by all to set a precept of £36,586 for the year 2016/17. This will mean no increase for members of the community from 15/16.

10) Other matters

Cllr Cossey provided an update about the van parked at Cedar Drive/The Laurels.

The meeting was advised that parking along Ellough Road/ Codlins Lane was causing problems with the vision of oncoming traffic. SCC Punt to be advised.

Leaves on footpaths were mentioned as causing issues. SCC/ WDC to be asked to clear, especially along path at back of primary school.

Website – website address to be highlighted in Grapevine. Information about the Worlingham cobbler to be transferred from the old website.

11. Date of next meeting Next Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman

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