

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

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

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 3 Members of the public WDC Cllr Brooks.

Agenda

1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cossey and Cllr A Culyer.

2) Declarations of Interest

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

b) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* – Cllr Summerfield declared a prejudicial interest in the Worlingham 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 March 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. The clerk advised that under the recent changes the police would no longer attend town and parish council meetings as the PCSO's work day shifts. However if there is a major policing issue the police will attend if possible.

The Chair advised that Beccles Town Council were arranging a meeting with the new police Inspector for the area and Worlingham P C would also be invited to attend.

b) Report from WDC Cllr Brooks

Re the Worlingham Community Facility – MP Peter Aldous has been asked to intervene at central government level as things are being held up too long.

WDC – New Local Plan and Call for sites- 24 sites have been put forward in Beccles and Worlingham. All councillors and as many members of the public as possible are encouraged to respond individually.

WDC Brooks was asked whether 24 sites meant 24 different land owners – WDC Cllr Brooks advised that it did.

c) Report from SCC Punt

There was no report from SCC – but WDC Cllr Brooks advised that the southern relief road was likely to go to public inquiry in July.

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

Re Larkfleet Homes – members of the public asked whether they would be going for outline planning permission – WDC Cllr Brooks advised that this was presently unknown.

Discussion took place about the possibilities for the site/ developer.

Green bins – members of the public asked about the take up of green bins. WDC Brooks advised that some 40,000 had paid for use of the green bin. A member of the public advised that more bonfires area taking place now that people cannot get rid of garden waste without paying for a bin.

A member of the public advised that the benches on Park Drive play area need looking at.

Council Meeting reopened.

4) Chairman's matters

Larkfleet Homes – see above. The Chairman advised that the 2 public consultation events had been well attended. The land for community facilities will not be developed by the developer and there was concern that this part of the development would therefore not happen.

Re Affordable Housing – it had been suggested that the 80/20 housing would be more appealing so that first time buyers would benefit.

It is understood that once planning permission is granted, individual parcels of land would be sold off for development – with each developer being responsible for the respective CIL.

WDC Cllr Brooks advised that if feelings were so high about this site then the public should start a petition and forward this to WDC.

Clean for the Queen – 10th April 2016. The Chairman advised that there had been a good clean of the local area. Photos had been sent to the press. Thanks were extended to all volunteers.

Norse walk round village – this will take place on 22nd April meeting at 4pm at the front of the primary school.

The Chairman advised that Beccles Town Council had chosen not to match fund a PCSO. After full discussion councillors agreed that they would not pursue the match funding any further, as they would not wish to pay for a match funded PCSO just for Worlingham.

5) Planning applications received prior to meeting including;

a) To receive WDC Planning applications

Dc/16/1336/FUL – construction of a single storey side and rear extension at 48 Rowan Way for Mr and Mrs Peacock.

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the requests contained within the application.

b) To receive WDC responses to planning applications.

Nil

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. Simon Walker of WDC has responded regarding the cost implications. He will be joining the walk round so that the matter can be discussed further.

b) *Queens commemorative medal* – contact to be made with primary school to see if they are doing anything themselves. The matter to go onto a future agenda once a response has been received from the school.

Re trees – it was suggested that 2 trees be reserved and that appropriate places for planting them be found when on the walk round. Trees can be planted by council.

c) *Village sign maintenance* – Norse will quote to take down the sign and 3 quotes can then be obtained to paint the sign. To be discussed with Norse on walk round.

d) *Entrance to village* – Contact has been made with Broadwater Mouldings who have asked to look at the existing mould. Cllr Holman to make the mould available to them.

e) *Mobile skate park* – await update from school.

f) *Salc area meeting* – The Police and Crime Commissioner had been the guest speaker. Cllr Coulson had attended on behalf of the council. Mr Passmore advised that 30 police would be recruited in Suffolk this year.

Dog foul issues - Halesworth T C had reported that they are spraying dog foul with soluble paint so that this hopefully acts as a deterrent . Full discussion took place and councillors felt that this was not something that they would wish to do in Worlingham.

Cllr Coulson advised that the fete Cttee may wish to consider the matter and he would be pleased to assist them if necessary.

g) *Garden competition* – Cllr Holman confirmed that he would be pleased to lead this again and will produce a poster for the boards and website. Cllr Summerfield will promote via street life.

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

a) *Community facility site* – Cllr Summerfield advised that the group are considering how to achieve funding once they own the site. Dave Howson is liaising with WDC on funding streams. The SCC link officer has now left SCC.

b) *N Plan meeting 10th Feb 2016.* - Next meeting is on 13th April at the Three Horseshoes at 7pm. Sub groups are looking at 6 specific policy areas.

8) Clerks report and update including correspondence received.

- *Aviva Women's Tour Cycle Race* – Wednesday 15th June 2016 – the clerk advised the prestige event 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. It is hoped that Worlingham can look tidy for the event.
The sprint section of the race will take place on Lowestoft Road and Worlingham will therefore get significant coverage.
- *Annual Parish Meeting* – 10th May 2016. River Waveney Trust – will be the guest speakers.
- *Play area transfers* – WDC to be chased on this matter.
- *WDC Indoor sports facility meeting* – will take place on 20th April and the clerk and the Chair will attend.
- *WDC meeting re call for sites will take place on 5th May* at WDC offices at Riverside– the chairman will attend.

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) *Audit 2015.16*. This has been received.

10) Other matters

Cllr Coulson advised that he would be resigning with immediate effect as a parish councillor. Cllr Coulson advised that he would still work on the N Plan. Thanks were extended to Cllr Coulson for all of his work for the parish council.

Councillors advised that they were concerned with the items being dumped on Sandpit Lane. The school have been advised about a mattress that has been dumped on school grounds.

11). Date of next meeting - Next Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 10th May 2016 following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman

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