

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Councillors Present: Cllr Summerfield, Cllr M Culyer, Cllr S Robbins, Cllr S Holman, Cllr T Cossey, Cllr J Raybold, Cllr E Hubbard.

Also Present: Cllr E Brambley-Crawshaw, Cllr N Brookes, Joseph Young and 3 members of the general public.

Agenda.

**1a) Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Culyer and L Beavor.

**Declarations of Interest**

b) *Personal Interest* – nil

c) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* – nil

d) *Requests for Dispensation* – nil

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

**2) Minutes of parish council meeting held 16th January 2018**

**It was RESOLVED by all to approve the minutes.**

**3) Public contribution**

Meeting opens for public contribution.

Joseph Young addressed the meeting, giving an update of his role working to support people in Worlingham as well as Beccles. There is a need for a good neighbours scheme as well as improved community transport links. Hopefully when we have our community facility then many of the issues around lack of services and a community hub will be addressed. Joseph has also tried to link with the primary school.

Cllr Hubbard asked a question about evaluating the prices that care homes charge and JY said that he would get back with details.

It was suggested that an article about JY role should go into the Grapevine.

It was also suggested that the Parish Council should put a report into the Grapevine; it was thought that we had already agreed to place a 2 pager into the magazine, but this was not happening. This needs to be checked with the Clerk.

) Report from WDC Cllr Brooks/ Mark Bee

No WDC report at this stage; NB arrived later

Report from SCC Brambley- Crawshaw/ Mark Bee

Elfrede gave a report on the latest events in SCC. She also provided a written report.

She highlighted issues with the potential closure of the Lowestoft Records office. The decision had been made without the input of WDC councillors or the public.

Council agreed that we should communicate the feelings of the Council towards this issue; this had been agreed at the previous meeting.

SCC has confirmed the final budget proposals for 2018 and will be debated on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. There are to be a number of cuts: £12 M to adult care, 20K to citizens advice, 15K to the Greenways project and 15K to rural transport costs.

A discussion ensued where the Council was frustrated that there seems to be no way for us to communicate our thoughts and wishes to SCC.

Childcare provision has finally risen to £4 per hour, but this is still thought to be insufficient.

It was noted that the SCC Public sector leaders group has a £6 M budget with no accountability. SCC has also increased reserves. It was suggested that we should ask for minutes of their meetings to be available for Council to look at.

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

It was noted that the Grapevine has said that Worlingham has its own PCSO. This is not the case, there are 2 PCSOs but they cover the Beccles area as well.

#### 4. Chair's Report.

Men's shed is to attend the Annual Parish meeting.

Records Office- update from Elfrede

Classification of Relief Road. Beccles Town Council is concerned about this.

Council discussed whether this should be an A road. Although BTC has not asked us to support them, it was agreed that we would support BTC in their effort to get the road upgraded. All in Favour.

It was suggested that Council send an email to Elfrede concerning the standing water adjacent to the new Roundabout, which has given rise to concerns about safety.

Informal electoral review – nothing received so far

Beccles Charter Weekend –Cllr Holman will contact the committee to offer support.

Meeting with other villages-Councillors were asked to support this meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Cllr Brookes arrived late and at this point of the meeting gave his report.

The merger with Suffolk Coastal Council will be going ahead. From April 19 there will be one authority not two

The boundaries commission will find wards for 55+/- 2 councillors. Boundary changes should not affect villages but electoral boundaries may change.

Currently we have 48 councillors in Waveney and 41 in Suffolk Coastal.

There will be the same committees as now and 3 planning areas: South, Middle and North.

There will also be a small increase in Council tax. The 2 offices as now.

Council discussed the Consultants response to the local plan. Flooding issues were now apparent now with the new road build.

Cllr Brookes was of the opinion that the signage would determine the usage of the new road, not the designation. The authorities will probably wait to see what happens once the road is in use, before making any changes.

5. a) Planning applications-nil  
b) WDC responses-nil
- c) Other planning issues- none
6. Waveney new local plan consultation- nothing new to report.
7. DLA covered earlier. Neighbouring parishes are aware of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb
8. NP- no update
9. a) Finance to carry over to the March meeting  
b)£50 has been requested for the neighbourhood watch scheme. We need more info- defer to next meeting.

10. **Projects 2017-18 – Updates**

a) Entrance signs- Cllr M Culyer advised that the Village sign mould has gone missing. Stebbings will do a re-quote for each sign. Will cost £655 per sign but will take 1 year.

Cllr Cossey proposed that we approve, Cllr Summerfield seconded and all agreed.

It was proposed that we obtain temporary signs in the meantime, which are screen printed up to the cost of £2K Cllr Cossey, Cllr Summerfield Seconded and all approved.

Cllr Cossey would like to see a sign at the Cedar Drive end of the village eventually. \*This is to be put on the agenda for next month.

b) Cllr Raybould gave an update on the crocus project. Corms will be planted at the surgery and outside the church- with a sign at each spot.

c) Cllr Robbins and Cllr Summerfield will discuss the Moorings issues.

11. No Correspondence

12. **AOB.**

EH brought up the subject of the SNT newsletter and that it appeared that the crime rate was going up and has doubled in Worlingham. There is a drop in day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

TC reported that there were pot holes in Newlands avenue and Worrel Drive. It was suggested that Elfrede should be emailed to report these, although there is an online reporting tool.

TC is to investigate the possibility of having a more permanent Christmas tree planted at the one stop location.

TC Is it possible to have the 30 mph sign at the roundabout moved? The one that is directly behind our village sign. [Can we contact SCC to get it removed?](#)

TC [Can we send formal invitations to WDC and SCC Councillors to get them to attend the next Meeting? Also our MP, Peter Aldous.](#) Can we ask them to let us know if they cannot attend and if not can they send a report?

TC Should we send out a publication of our news, a quarterly update?\* put on the agenda to discuss at our next meeting.

EH asked if the councillors should be summoned to our next meeting- the answer is no, only

Parish Councillors can be summoned.

JR is to do some research on the members of the Denbyshire regiment who are buried in our Village.

13. Next meeting Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018