

Notes from Worlingham Parish Council meeting January 2017

Crocus project – this project involves the planting of 5000 crocus in villages. It was suggested that the area in front of the church wall, grass area by notice board, and grass bank in front of pharmacy would be ideal areas for this project.

Potential 900 home Larkfleet development - Letter had been received from Athene Communications regarding the potential 900 home Larkfleet Development off Ellough Road. The parish council agreed that no response would be sent at present. It was suggested that a petition should be formed to record residents' concerns about the effect that it would have on infrastructure within Worlingham.

Councillor Vacancy – there is a vacancy for 1 councillor.

Village sign maintenance update – The meeting was advised that the sign should be ready in the spring.

Play areas – maintenance– It was suggested that council ask for another meeting regarding the divestment of the play areas as the remedial works are now up to date.

Liaison with governors at Primary School update. Council suggested that the school be advised of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting so that they could arrange to send a representative in person to provide the annual report.

Xmas Trees 2016 – councillors advised that they were very pleased with the lights this year – but acknowledged that taller trees would have been beneficial. Councillors suggested that stars be placed on the top of the trees in 2017.

Budget 2017/18 - Councillors discussed the projects required in 2017/18 including investing in a higher level service from Norse, mobile skatepark visits, setting aside funds for a parish council office, and using reserves to fund additional VAS signs that could be placed in varying locations throughout the parish. Expenditure for projects is budgeted at £39,000 with the additional expenditure of some of the reserves.

Precept 2017/18 - Having agreed the budget for 2017/18 council discussed the level of precept required for 2017/18 and it was resolved to approve a precept of £37,000 for the year.

Date of next parish council meetings. - Tuesday 14th February 2017, Tuesday 14th March 2017, Tuesday 11th April 2017 – all at 7pm at Worlingham Primary School. See notice board by One Stop or the website for the agenda for each meeting.

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