



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.00pm at Worlingham Primary School**

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), D Anderson, S Holman, E Hubbard, L Kersey, J Mather, S Mather, S Robbins.  
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, SCC ward Cllr Topping and ESC Ward Cllrs Plummer and Brambley-Crawshaw  
and 4 members of the public.*

#### **Minutes**

1. a) **To receive any apologies for absence.** Apologies from SCC Ward Cllr McGregor  
b) **To receive any Declarations of Personal interest** regarding the agenda. Nil  
c) **To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest** regarding the agenda Nil  
d) **To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda** Nil  
e) **To remind councillors to update the Register of Interests** online. Noted
2. **To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

On the proposal of Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr Robbins it was agreed by all to approve the minutes.

*Meeting adjourned for public participation.*

3. ***During each meeting the council will adjourn for a period of 10 minutes for public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding matters on the agenda. 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) *To receive a report from ESC and SCC ward councillors - reports already circulated*

A Ward Cllr advised that the coffee caravan would be at Samford Court again in September.

Discussion about the caravan also coming for the wider community – Annette Dunning had advised that it could come 21<sup>st</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm -4pm. After discussion it was agreed to request that it attend on one of these dates and is situated in the cul de sac at Ashdale Drive.

PCE automation would still like to sponsor the roundabout at the new road and Cllr Brambley Crawshaw is taking this up on behalf of PCE. The potential layout would include a 3D model of an aeroplane on the roundabout which will require SCC permission and may need planning approval. Design to be forwarded to the parish council to include in Grapevine.

Beccles Cycle strategy are funding the continuation of the cycle path to Ellough Industrial Estate – legal agreements are presently being progressed.

Sam Kenwood is the ESC community officer for Worlingham -parish council to liase with Sam with regards to any events being planned for 2022.

There is a feasibility study being undertaken about the weight limits for the Beccles relief road and for Beccles and for the HGV routes. The feasibility study is being carried out by SCC (Kier) and it will be going to consultation once available.

### *Questions*

Query was raised with regards to air quality monitoring. Beccles is in worst 6 of the 74 monitoring tubes (see data on ESC website) - the monitoring tube is based around the Ingate junction. Mention was made of the annual health costs to the NHS of poor air quality conditions.

It was suggested that this data could be used as an incentive to reduce the 7.5-ton lorries going through Beccles. Clerk to ask Beccles Town Council if they will be taking any action with regards to air quality.

Clerk to request ESC Environmental Health for a tube to be placed on Lowestoft Road – agreed by all.

Query was raised with regards to road sweeping and weeds. Members were advised that all narrow pavements have been reported to SCC via the reporting tool and action should be taken soon. Special mention was made of the pavement from Park Drive to Ingate and the roundabout to the A146 where all access points are obscured by growth.

Sandpit Lane – all issues with regards to anti-social behaviour to be reported to PC Simon Price.

*b) To receive comments from any members of the public on matters on the agenda.*

NIL

*Meeting reopened.*

#### **4 Chairman's Report including.**

*Beccles and Worlingham Garden Village- update.*

Lengthy discussion about the proposed development. Letter has been received from the developer suggesting a meeting with the parish council.

The developers seem to be going ahead with their plans for 900 houses and the country park has been removed from the plan.

ESC as the LPA have suggested a meeting with several local parishes to update all about the proposals and potential timescales. All councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan team invited to attend from Worlingham.

The parish council has a F of I request presently lodged with ESC regarding the site. Discussion about the benefits of continuing to request this information under F of I Act but accepting that a delay to its receipt might be needed, acknowledging the time it would take to prepare this and to enable all the information to be put together. On the proposal of Cllr Summerfield, seconded by Cllr Robbins it was agreed with 7 in favour and 1 against to accept that the receipt of the F of I information may be delayed.

*Rural Caravan – see discussion above.*

*Community Partnership update – no update since last meeting.*

*Queens Platinum Jubilee — it was agreed that the council would form a working group to consider options and to discuss possible events for 2/3/4/5/ June 2022. This would be in conjunction with arrangements for the Festival of Suffolk as well as Queens Green Canopy and potentially the village fete. Community members would be more than welcome to join the working group.*

5. **Planning**

*a) applications received prior to the meeting including.*

DC/21/3470/TPO – 61 Park Drive – reduce laterals encroaching onto neighbours' property.

It was agreed by all to accept the decision of ESC Tree Officer Fiona McEwan

*b) ESC Decisions received; see website.*

Nil

*c) Any other planning matters*

N PLAN – Reg 14 has been completed. Remarks now to be considered, with policies being amended to reflect comments made. Consultation statement will be drawn up and the Plan sent for Reg 15 and 16 stages.

6. **Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.**

*Volunteer gardening group* – request for volunteers to be made via Grapevine.

*Next newsletter* – once more is known about the Larkfleet proposals it was agreed that a newsletter should be sent out, to include details of the volunteer gardening group and any other timely information.

*Sandpit Lane* – Cllr Hubbard advised that Mr Dodd was concerned about the suggestion of a gate – and that considerations may need to revert to signage to highlight the status of the road rather than attempting to close any part of it. ANPR / CCTV might be a possibility – see also Gillingham PC initiative on installing these. Meeting to be requested with SCC Highways officer to discuss further.

*See updated Spreadsheet of works for other updates.*

*Map Boards need revarnishing* – try John Cook Carpentry

7. **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. These were read out to the Council meeting. **It was RESOLVED by all that the payments as detailed could be made.**

*b) Donation requests* – Men's shed have made a request for funds for the new toilets that they are installing. It was agreed by all to approve a donation of £250.

*c) Draft standing orders* – the new NALC model policy as amended for the parish council had been circulated. It was agreed by all that this be adopted by the parish council with immediate effect.

8. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm

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