



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 6.30pm 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, and 2 members of the public. Also, present SCC Ward Cllr Topping and Beccles Town Mayor Cllr Stubbing's. ESC Cllr Norman Brooks arrived 7.43pm.

Minutes

- 1 a) **To receive any apologies for absence.** Ward Cllrs Bramley -Crawshaw, Plummer, 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 12th October 2021

On the proposal of Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr Robbins it was agreed by all to approve the minutes of 12th October 2021.

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*

Both the SCC and ESC ward reports had been circulated.

SCC Ward Cllr Topping advised that the CIL consultation from ESC was now out for responses and that the proposed CIL for the Garden Village is £40 psqm. which is low compared to other areas. It was suggested that the parish council respond to the consultation to ensure that it has the right to attend the scrutiny consultation meeting.

Having asked why the sum was so low Cllr Topping had been advised that this was due to the amount of infrastructure required in the Beccles Garden village.

This sum will only apply to the garden village – other sites in Beccles/ Worlingham are usually around £80 psqm.

The garden villages/ developments elsewhere in the area have CIL set at;
Lowestoft at £60 psqm Carlton Colville at £70 psqm

Beccles £40spqm – with average house price detailed at £262k

It was advised that the infrastructure will be sports fields, retail park, school, community centre – and it was acknowledged that these need to be paid for. But this is no different to the other garden villages being built.

The country park is needed to be in one place – rather than split into smaller parts.

Cllr Topping advised that she also attend the remembrance service in Worlingham

Cllr Topping advised that Enabling Money is available for events for Jubilee

Cllr Topping advised that SCC is busy with SEND matters.

Bus Services have suffered through lack of bus drivers some of whom are off with Covid. First Bus service is on a reduced timetable.

No extra money is coming to the Waveney area for walk in centres for Covid vaccinations.

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

The Mayor of Beccles spoke regarding the CIL allocation – and suggested that a consultant be hired to review the findings of the ESC Cil report and to try and come up with a case for the CIL being increased. As Beccles and Worlingham both use the same N PLAN consultant it was suggested that they be approached to see if they could act for both, and whether they would be able to recommend anyone else.

(Cllr Brooks arrived at 7.43pm to discuss this matter – see below.)

Meeting reopened.

4. Chairman's Report including.

Beccles and Worlingham Garden Village/ CIL - update.

See information as above. Discussion regarding allocating monies to get consultants advice regarding the CIL allocation. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Worlingham P C would be agreeable to funding a consultant to work on the CIL allocation consultation. It was agreed by all to allocate £3k for this work.

It was hoped that Beccles T C would also be agreeable to part fund the consultant's work.

With regards to the N Plan- this needs to be submitted asap to have an impact on the Garden village development – Cllr Summerfield will chase.

It was suggested that it might be appropriate to have a meeting with Beccles T C to discuss matters of joint concern – clerk to contact Beccles T C.

FOI– Cllr Summerfield advised that ESC had said that this could be shared with other parishes – clerk to send to Beccles TC.

Community Partnership update – No Update

Remembrance Sunday – 14th Nov – 10.30am - wreath will be laid by the Chair. The Tommy has been photographed on Beccles Community Facebook site and has hundreds of likes, and a resident has written a thank you to the parish council.

Beccles Civic Service – Cllr Summerfield attended.

Broads Auth Information Day at the Quay – Cllr Summerfield attended – Broads Auth and Broads Trust were the presenters and mentioned that Worlingham improvements might be possible – this could include way faring posts at the bottom of Marsh Lane. Peter Howe of the Broads Trust would be pleased to have a discussion about Worlingham Staithe – clerk to make contact.

Queens Platinum Jubilee/Festival of Suffolk — 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.

5. Planning

a) applications received prior to the meeting including;

Nil

b) ESC Decisions received; see website.

Nil

c) Any other planning matters

Reg 16 of the N PLAN will go to ESC this week and it is hoped that ESC will process this as soon as possible.

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

Queens Platinum Jubilee – 1st Dec at 6.30pm - Zoom meeting for councillors to start considering the possibilities for the various celebration days. This will be the first of various planning dates and community members will be invited to put forward ideas and help host the various national celebration days. Beccles T C will be invited – Peggy McGregor has previously advised that she would be pleased to be involved for the Town Council. Ward Cllr Enabling Budget might also be available to help fund events during this period.

Trees – Queens Green Canopy – There are several organisations offering trees for planting in 2022. ESC will offer a tree to each parish, Woodland Trust has trees for communities, and several other organisations have offers on trees.

Walnut trees have been offered by Cllr Topping – these could be advertised in the Grapevine.

Parish recorder – Cllr Holman offered to undertake the role.

New sets of 5 a side goals – 2 sets had been offered to the parish council – but this may now just be one set and this could go to Woodfield Park. However, getting them delivered could be difficult – Cllr Hubbard offered to see what he could arrange.

Litter Picks – 18th Nov and 16th Dec -starting at 1.30pm – starting from footpath by School. All welcome to join.

Play areas/ inspections –play area meeting arranged for Friday 26th Nov – to meet at 2pm at Woodfield Park to consider what might be possible in all of the play areas. The Clerk and Cllrs Hubbard, and Kersey have attended the play area training, and Cllr Anderson is attending tomorrow.

Tree inspections- Norse to be asked whether they are carrying these out for the play areas.

Updates as per spreadsheet- Defib for school – costs are in region of £1300. **It was agreed by all that this can be purchased.**

7.43pm - ESC Cllr Brooks arrived to discuss CIL allocation for garden village.

Cllr Brooks advised that the public papers were available on the ESC site as well including the full analysis of how the CIL sums had been calculated.

As background, the Hopkins Homes site had CIL OF £84-£87 per sq incorporated into its agreement. £60 set 5 years ago will be £87per sq today – and it must be borne in mind that the Cil allocation, as set, will need to be considered alongside inflation rates.

8.10pm – Cllr Brooks left the meeting

Xmas Lights and Xmas trees – Cllr Holman will organise trophies etc. It was agreed by all that a donation of £100 be allocated to a local organisation, charity of winner's choice.

Flagpole/ Beacon – discussion about flagpole being placed on church or in All Saints Green. Considered that for council, a flagpole in All Saints Green, might be more accessible than a flag on church. A Beacon is usually lit in All Saints Green and new permanent Brazier Beacon to also be considered.

SCC outstanding Highways issues -Cllr Topping advised that she meets with SCC Highways on a 6 weekly basis and next one could be re Worlingham issues. Cllr Topping will keep the pc updated.

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. Additional Cheque to Janet Mather was included **It was RESOLVED by all that the payments as detailed could be made.**

b) Donation requests - NIL

c) Insurance – Cane and Co have secured cover for the parish council.

d) Budget setting 2022/ 2023 – add new office laptop to considerations. Date to be set for budget setting.

8. Date of future meetings. Start 6.30pm unless otherwise agreed.
Tuesday December 7th

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