



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), D Anderson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Hubbard, L Kersey, J Mather
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. Ward Cllr Plummer arrived at 7pm. 5 members of the public.*

Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies from, Cllr S Mather, Cllr Robbins
b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest* regarding the agenda. Cllr Summerfield declared a personal interest in the planning application for 10 Willow Close.
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 July 2022
It was AGREED by all to approve the minutes.
3. Chairman's Report including.
ESC Cil strategy – David Locke Assoc have responded to the consultation on behalf of Beccles TC and Worlingham PC. Date of hearing to be advised – David Locke will represent both parishes.

Town Bus Update – Cllr Summerfield advised that there had been a week of promotional activity and it is hoped that this will help boost passenger numbers.

Civility and Respect Pledge – see papers from NALC. It was AGREED unanimously to adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge and to ensure that all sections of the Pledge are put into practise.

Worlingham WI – 3 members attended to advise that it is likely that the Worlingham WI will suspend its activities due to insufficient volunteers willing to be on the cttee.

The Group were formed in 1938 and this would therefore be a significant decision. Funds are held centrally for 2 years during which time the group could be resurrected. The Group have sufficient members and finances but as there is no cttee the Group cannot operate.

Cllr Summerfield thanked the WI for everything that they have done for the parish.

The WI had decided that they would like to donate a bench for the benefit of the parish. The Group would like the bench sited at the community hall once it is built.

Community Hall – the community group members advised that the contract for the purchase of the land has been signed and the ownership of the land has therefore been secured. Badger Builders will start early 2023 with a 12-month build.

Seat will be able to go into the site of the community hall once built and it was agreed that it would be placed in All Saints Green until such time as the site is available. It was AGREED by all that the parish council will work with the WI to purchase a seat on which there will be a plaque of acknowledgement to the WI.

Meeting adjourned for public participation.

4. *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.

Ward Cllr Plummer advised that the new application for a bio – digester will be coming into the parish council soon. Cllr Plummer advised that she want to gather the parish council views.

Cllr Summerfield suggested that the parish council might wish for a professional to be engaged on their behalf. There is likely to be a joint meeting of the local parishes to discuss the application – Cllr Plummer advised that she appreciate being present to understand any concerns.

It was AGREED by all that when the planning application is received Worlingham PC might need to lead the action required i.e.

- 1) Engage a professional to prepare a response to the planning application
- 2) Involve other local councils as/ when required.
- 3) Ensure that all local businesses / residents are aware of the application.

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

Phil Cudmore the Asst Priest of Worlingham Church spoke about the use of the Worlingham church – a service is held once per month, and this is not widely supported. There is also a regular service on a Tuesday.

The local ministry has therefore arranged a meeting for the parish to be held at the church on 4th September 2022 at 4pm to discuss how residents might like to use their church in the future. The church itself is open daily from 9am – 3pm for any parishioner who would like to go in.

The land on which the village hall site has been sold to developers – and the money raised will be invested in the church.

A member of the public spoke about Bluebell Way play area – and mentioned that young people have been camping in the area – but this has not been problematic, apart from some litter being left. Phil Cudmore advised that he will mention this to the youth workers, who engage with young people in the area and listen to any concerns that they might have.

Meeting reopened.

5. **Planning**

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

DC/22/2997/TPO – 15 Holly Close – It is AGREED BY ALL to approve the application, so long as the tree officer is in agreement.

DC/22/2862/FUL – 10 Willow Close – no objection

DC/22/2675/DRC - DC/20/2495/VOC – it was AGREED BY ALL that as the building regulations have been contravened the parish council does not approve at present.

b) *ESC Decisions received; see website.*

65 Lowestoft Road permitted.

c) *Any other planning matters*

N Plan Reg 16 - update on consultation and appointment of examiner and consider WPC representation on REG 16 consultation as previously circulated. It has been agreed to continue with the Reg 16 Referendum which should be this year now.

Enforcement Cases – there are 2 enforcement cases outstanding on high fences in Worlingham.

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

- *College Lane / Sandpit Lane speeding issues – Discussion about the access only/ speeding / HGV limits on Sandpit Lane and why there appears to be uncertainty about the TRO which applies.*
- *Highways and approval of cost of data surveys along Sandpit Lane – The cost for a survey along Sandpit Lane which will register numbers/ speed and vehicle types are approx. £400 per survey. After full discussion it was AGREED by all to approve 2 data surveys be carried at – one at each end of Sandpit Lane. SCC Highways to be asked to organise during the school term in order that peak traffic can be recorded.*
- *Footpaths upkeep – see report from Cllr Hubbard re SCC responses*
- *Litter Picking – 3rd Thursday of the month – all at 1.30pm – to meet by side of Primary School. Cllr Summerfield will order more hoops.*
- *Play area updates and Rospa Inspection – it has been agreed that 6 seats will be ordered – see previous minutes. None needed for Werels Loke. This will include the one for WI. The one to be dedicated to John Raybould will need a concrete base and will go near path or play area at Woodfield Park.*
- *Damaged bus shelter opposite Park Drive– Insurance notified. Await details of action required. Relevant Crime number is 20072022.*
- *Works outstanding – see separate spreadsheet*

7. **Finance Matters including.**

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.**

Insurance renewal – It is noted that the insurance renewal will take place in September – updates provided to insurers for the quote.

8. Date of next meeting. 13th September (subsequently cancelled), 11th October 15th November.

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