



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair) , S Robbins (Vice Chair), D Anderson, Cllr Holman, J Mather, S Mather, L Kersey and E Hubbard.

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. Ward Cllr Plummer, Ward Cllr A Lever, and 2 members of the public.

Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies from Ward Cllr Topping
b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest* regarding the agenda – Cllr Holman re 33 Park Drive, Cllr Robbins re 4 Hillrise 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 November 2022
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*
Both the SCC and ESC Ward reports had been circulated.
Ward Cllr Lever advised that SCC is still looking for hosts for refugees.

Questions from councillors;

Is there any more available for Worlingham in "Pride of Place?" – Cllr Lever advised that he does get a SCC Highways related allowance and this might be able to be used for replacement posts opposite One Stop.

Is there any update on planning enforcement in Worlingham ? – these are on the ESC website as monthly updates.

Re questions about the potential AD Plant - Ward Cllr Lever advised that all SCC questions which have been answered are on the portal. SCC Richard Smith is the planning portfolio holder and Ward Cllrs Lever and Topping will again be meeting the planning officers about this application to discuss the papers, surveys received.

It was suggested that as ESC has money for redeveloping buildings – what about the buildings behind the pharmacy ? – this to go onto a future agenda.

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

A member of the public spoke about ‘tidy Worlingham’ – as Marsh Lane has not had a road sweeper along there for a long time, and leaves on the road have not been cleared. The road was never designed to take the large vehicles that now go to the sewage plant – and AW do not contribute to the upkeep of the road. Cllr Lever advised that he would ask why the road has not been swept.

A member of the public advised that Kier no longer do edges of roadways due to incidents on the highway.

It was mentioned that the white lines for cyclists along parts of the bypass are not useable due to trees / branches etc – Ward Cllr Lever advised that SCC is retendering at present for Highways works and that any matters such as this should be reported on the SCC Highways tool to ensure that it gets looked at, and that he could be copied in too.

Meeting reopened.

4. Chairman’s Report including.

ESC Cil strategy – Cllr Summerfield advised that she had attended the inspectors meeting and there had been a reply from the inspector. The council professional advisor suggests that the reply from the inspector does not look promising. As a follow up, council needs to understand what ESC is going to do – need to communicate with the ward Cllrs and the LPA. It would appear that Worlingham will get less CIL than any other garden village or even nil Cil. It was stated that Worlingham does not want a development of ‘poor quality’.

Meeting at primary school re parking issues – There is concern at the school about the movement of vehicles at drop off and pick up times. There were many stakeholders at the meeting and good debate was held as to the options. There were shared concerns from stakeholders including local residents. It was suggested that for a trial period there will be no parking at the school for parents, and that this will therefore impact on local roads. Another pedestrian entrance might be created from Garden Lane by the present play swings. Residents to be advised to contact the school if they have issues with the parking at drop off or pick up times.

ESC Cost of Living workshop will be held on 26th January at Melton.

Voter ID will be required at the elections in May.

Police street meet – feedback was that this had not been well advertised. A query was raised about the zebra crossing on Lowestoft road and the issues with cars not stopping to let people across, No recent data has been collated as to speed/ volume of traffic in the area. This subject to go onto future agenda.

It was hoped that the street meets would be held monthly from now on – clerk to try and find out the dates.

5. **Planning**

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

Application – SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD plant, Ellough

The above application will be determined by Suffolk County Council *SCC/0124/22w/ new AD Plant on Copland Way* – Cllr Summerfield advised that a number of local parishes, ward Cllrs and the MP had met to discuss the application and that the parishes will be submitting individual responses. However, a joint response might also be submitted. Costs for professional assistance to be ascertained.

Council discussed the application, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to REFUSE the application. Clerk and Chair to submit full response on behalf of parish council stating all the reasons that had been discussed including concerns re noise, smell, traffic, closeness to the new garden village development, effect on existing businesses in the area, closeness to existing residentials, closeness to the airfield, concerns from CAA, catchment area for the plant, and the fact that this is outside of the Business Zone. Question was raised as to where all the vehicles would wait to go into the site. Full Response as attached.

Application Planning Ref: SCC/0063/22W

Proposal: Construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility within existing building along with associated infrastructure and solar photovoltaic's. Construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility within existing building along with associated infrastructure and solar photovoltaic's. Location: V.C Cooke Materials Recycling Facility Beccles Recycling Centre Benacre Road Ellough Suffolk NR34 7TQ

Discussion about this application. Size, location, traffic, noise, smells, closeness to new garden village, were all voiced as concerns. **It was RESOLVED Unanimously to refuse the application on the grounds discussed, see full response attached.**

Following the discussions Ward Cllr Lever advised that SCC has the ability to place more conditions/ constraints onto such applications than ESC.

DC/22/4869/VOC Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 3 of DC/21/3749/FUL - First floor and rear extension and alterations to 33 Park Drive Worlingham, Beccles - Change of materials Site address: 33 Park Drive, Worlingham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7DL

It was agreed unanimously to REFUSE the application due to a lack of coherent information.

DC/22/4962/FUL Proposal: single storey rear extension. Site address: 4 Hillrise Close, Worlingham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7BS. Agreed with one abstain.

b) *ESC Decisions received, Nil.*

c) *Any other planning matters.*

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

d) N PLAN passed referendum in November 2022 and is now a fully adopted plan for the parish. Thanks were extended to all involved.

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- o Litter picks – next date will be 3rd Thursday in March at 1.30pm.

- Xmas trees and Xmas lights – The competition winners requested that a donation be provided to Beccles Lido.
- Worlingham Sign = costs have been received from the artist who is arranging the works which is expected to cost approx. £1500. Agreed by all to go ahead. The sign at the other end of the village will then be installed too – to be the Suffolk Flag on a blue background with the crown.
- Play area meeting with Norse to take place – councillors to visit the play areas on 13/14 Feb to assess what works need to be carried out. 13th Feb at 2pm – to visit Park Drive, All Saints Green, Werels Loke. 14th Feb at 2pm to visit Bluebell Way, Woodfiled Park and Garden Lane.
- Bus shelter outside Worlingham Hall has been damaged, Reported to Norse to repair.
- Jet washing of bus shelters – contact to be made with firms including window cleaners.
- Annual parish meeting – ideas for guest speakers – Planning officer at Broads Auth, and PCSO.

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. Budget setting for 2023 – 2024 – Budget as presented was discussed on line by line basis. It is anticipated that expenditure for 2023 2024 will be in the region of £54,950 – see attached. It was agreed by all to adopt the budget at this figure for 2023 -2024 – noting that reserves will be required to cover any additional expenditure over precept figure .
- c. Precept for 2023 – 2024 – see letter from ESC – members noted the contents of the letter which set out analysis of the tax base and the impact this might have on precept. Members noted that they would not wish to set an increase in the % precept payable by individual households. From ESC calculations a precept of £39,549,26 would mean a 0% increase would be applied. It was agreed with 1 abstain to request a precept of £39,549.26 for 2023-2024.
- d. Grants – there are several grants comes becoming available and council will apply for any which could assist the community.

For future agenda – coronation events, formal thanks to N plan team, buildings at pharmacy, pedestrian crossing Lowestoft Road.

8 Date of next meetings. All at 6.30pm unless otherwise required.

Tuesday 14th February 2023, 14th March 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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