



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School**

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), D Anderson, E Hubbard, L Kersey, J Mather, S Mather, S Robbins  
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. 2 members of the public.*

#### **Minutes**

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies from Cllr Holman and the ESC Ward councillors.  
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 August 2022  
It was AGREED by all to approve the minutes.
3. Chairman's Report including.  
*ESC Cil strategy* – David Locke Assoc represented Beccles TC and Worlingham PC at the hearing today. The Mayor of Beccles T C , Cllr Summerfield, and ESC Cllr Brooks attended the hearing. Cllr Summerfield provided a debrief of the discussions at the hearing. One of the main points was that the CIL at Oulton Broad isn't £85psq whilst the house sale prices are the same and there was a debate about the sale prices in Beccles and Worlingham . The Examiner will now consider the submissions. Timescales are unknown for the determination date. The Examiner has visited the area.  
  
*Town Bus Update* – Cllr Summerfield advised that there may be another week of promotional activity.  
  
*Ease the Squeeze projects* – explained the warm rooms scheme and how it was hoped that there could be one in Worlingham. Possibly at Samford Court. Cllr Topping to liaise direct with Samford Court and be asked to apply on their behalf.  
LK advised that a central food bank will be created and the food then distributed back through the system to local parishioners. Discussion about how people could access a local foodbank from a Worlingham venue. The church advised that they could fund emergency food if required.  
Discussion about local initiatives and how to publicise. It was suggested that a list be prepared of all the things available locally and how people can access them. It was agreed that an Ease the Squeeze newsletter would be put together to deliver house to house.

Remembrance service – Cllr Hubbard will attend to lay the wreath. Service is at Worlingham church at 10.30am on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Anaerobic Digester – WS/SR/EH visited the businesses to advise how they could report issues with smells from the anaerobic digester. It was agreed to write to ESC to ask how many complaints they have received in the past 6 months.

Worlingham church consultation with parishioners – several councillors had attended and the overall responses were that people wished to see the church being used, but that there was not significant numbers asking for regular church services. At present there are 2 services per week held at the church

It was noted that the dust from Lay Contractors was also a matter of concern for some of the businesses.

*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.

Cllr Hubbard advised that there is nothing in the SCC report which mentions Worlingham. Ward Cllrs to be asked to ensure that Worlingham issues are noted and reported back within the report.

Re electric charging – Plug in Suffolk is the SCC providers – it was suggested that the Community Facility might like to put in an application to have chargers within their car park.

RE TRO - Cllr Hubbard advised that at the police meeting, the police advised that so long as there is a 20mph speed in place and there are repeaters in place, then a 20mph speed limit can be enforced.

It was suggested that discussions take place with SCC to have 20mph at some places in Worlingham as appropriate.

Cllr Hubbard also advised that the police said that they could undertake speed data collection free of charge (whereas SCC charges for the data collection points) – EH to provide name of the police contact to request this from.

SCC – widening of the pavement width – clerk to find out when this work will be completed.

ESC – refuse/ cleansing/ litter picks – ESC to be asked when they clear the A146 Worlingham, Sandpit Lane, new bypass, local ditches.

ESC -previous management of wildlife area at Werels Loke – ask ESC what they managed and when, in order that this can be considered for next year.

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

A member of the public advised that there are still people driving onto the grass area around Bluebell Way play area. It was suggested that the only way to prevent this is to put padlocked bollards onto the grass area.

Holly Close fencing – Norse to advise of a date when they will finish the fencing – WS to meet Norse when they are there.

PCSO Hedley Lewis – is a PCSO who has been allocated to Beccles police station. Clerk to ask when he patrols the Worlingham area.

*Meeting reopened.*

5. **Planning**

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

33 Park Drive – DC/22/3644/FUL – it was unanimously agreed to recommend that ESC refuse the application due to the following;

Change of character of the area, set a precedent for the loss of front garden, not in keeping with the area, does not appear to comply with original planning application for the house, concern for the safety of pedestrians due to the size of the dropped kerb request effectively creating a layby at the front of the house.

CTIL 20601523 PCE Automation – the parish council had no objection to this application

b) *ESC Decisions received; see website.*

65 Lowestoft Road permitted.

10 Willow Close – 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. Reg 16 Referendum will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November.*

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

Broads Authority – Local Plan – Noted

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

- Slow worms for All Saints Green – it was considered that the better place for these would be Werels Loke wildlife area . Church need to have access to their wall at all times.
- *College Lane / Sandpit Lane* speeding issues – see above
- *Litter Picking* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (20<sup>th</sup> Oct/ 17 Nov) – at 1.30pm – to meet by side of Primary School. Cllr Summerfield will order more hoops.
- *Xmas trees/ lights* – ordered
- *Damaged bus shelter* opposite Park Drive– Insurance notified. Await details of action required. Relevant Crime number is 20072022.

- *WI seat* -invoice sent as requested.
- *Beccles networking session*- Cllr Robbins provided feedback from the meeting
- 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* – Main policy and cyber cover placed

*Audit 2021 – 2022* – await sign off. Letter received from auditors that they have not completed the audit by 30<sup>th</sup> sept as required.

*Budget setting for 2023* – initial discussions to take place in December ready for the setting of the precept in Jan 2023.

8. **Date of next meeting** - 15<sup>th</sup> November.