



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

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

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk and 1 member of the public.

Minutes

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 - a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Ward Cllr Lever sent apologies along with Ward Cllr Plummer and Ward Cllr Topping.
 - b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest* regarding the agenda – Cllr Summerfield regarding community facility.
 - 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 14th February 2023
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 comments from any members of the public on matters on the agenda.*

A member of the public advised that a person was still parking on the grass by the play area and churning up grass. The Chair advised that the parish council was considering placing lockable bollards at the entrance. The resident advised that the hedge had been flailed by Norse and this had not been helpful for the birds – the chair advised that Norse had been asked to cut the play area side once every other year.

Meeting reopened.

4. Chairman's Report including.

School parking – the Chair advised that the school consider the parking pilot has been a success and they are aware of the parking issues occurring on neighbouring roads. It was considered that the school have in fact moved the parking issues at the school now onto the neighbouring roads. School advise that they will keep an eye on the situation, and they acknowledge that the parents have a responsibility to park safely. School advise that they have not had any problems with children being late to school because of the new arrangements.

It was mentioned that is now becoming dangerous for the children to walk around the side roads due to the cars, especially on bin collection days as the bin lorries now appear to be coming as parents are dropping children off at school. Norse to be asked to consider changing their timings.

School have not done the survey asking how the children are getting to school and how far they drive in from – school to be asked to get this data together.

Discussion re parents parking at the pharmacy and walking to the school.

Police advise that they been patrolling the area but need to be asked to come more often.

Ref 20mph limit around school – there is a 20mph advisory limit around the school area. It was suggested that the parish council could borrow a VAS sign from Beccles to put out in the area – and SCC Wayne Saunders has a spare one too. Clerk to contact SCC.

TRO – there now seems to be a need to consider extending yellow lines past Wainford Close and on the junctions in Garden Lane.

School and Police to be asked to come to the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May 2023.

V C Cooke – SR and WS visited the V C Cooke site as part of the application for an incinerator at the site. Cllr Robbins advised that the site was clean and tidy. At present the incineration is taken to Peterborough – and this is the rubbish which they now wish to incinerate on site. However there was concern by councillors that this application might also enable additional refuse to be brought to the site to incinerate which will negate any potential reduction in traffic movements. It was suggested that the agent be asked how many traffic movements will be coming into the site and what substances will be brought in.

It was suggested that Norse also operate from the site – clerk to ask Norse what they do there.

After full discussion it was AGREED by all that the response to the planning application would not be changed.

Visit to digester at Attleborough – WS and SH will be going next week. Ward Cllrs are also attending. It was suggested that Worlingham P C could ask, via the Attleborough social media site, what the residents there think of their digester and what issues they encounter. Ward Cllr Judy Cloke has been advised of the visit in case she also would like to attend.

Community facility and associated houses. Badger Builders advise that the surrounding roads on the complex will be named St Peters Close and Rectory Gardens .

The Community Facility will be called Worlingham Community Hall.

ESC Cil submission – no update

N PLAN Housing Guidance workshop – WS will attend on 4th April at Riverside. Derek or EH to also attend.

5. **Planning**

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

Application – SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD plant, Ellough. See response sent. This application has been REFUSED and a new one will be submitted later in the year. Many residents had sent in letters. Cllr Hubbard asked about the lorry movements and how many there would be going in and out each week.

DC/23/0587/FUL 21 Hillside Avenue – there were no objections to this application.

b) *ESC Decisions received.* 4 Hillrise Close permitted. 33 Park Drive permitted.

c) *Any other planning matters.*

ESC Enforcement cases - Enforcement Cases – there are 2 enforcement cases outstanding on high fences in Worlingham. Members were advised that another high fence has been erected on the corner of Worrell Avenue which should need planning permission. Others should be noted too.

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

- Litter picks –3rd Thursday in March (16th) at 1.30pm. And 20th April, and 18th May 2023.
- Play equipment cleaning - a local person has quoted to clean the play equipment and other assets within the Werels Loke open space area – this has been costed at £12,000. Norse to be asked for a comparable quote to clean. Norse to also be asked to give an hourly rate for maintenance etc.
- Cost of Handy man/ Norse to be assessed
- Gate at All Saints Green – this is now too heavy to move and needs to be made into 2 gates instead of 1 larger one. Cost to do this is in region of £120. It was AGREED by all to go ahead with this alteration.
- Play area quotes from Norse and Vertas – after full discussion it was AGREED to retain Vertas for Park Drive grass cutting and Norse for all the other works on the play areas.
- Garden Lane play area – it was AGREED by all to relinquish this back to SCC.
- Management of nature areas in open spaces – Vertas/ Suffolk Wildlife Trust to be asked for advice on how to manage the open space / nature areas.
- Bus shelter opposite Garden Lane has been damaged by storms and removed. Insurance claim to be pursued for this.
- Cleaning of bus shelters – Cllr Kersey advised that she had someone interested in doing this and would ask them for a quote. It was AGREED by all to go ahead so long as the cost was reasonable.
- Glass in bus shelter on Lowestoft Rd by zebra crossing – missing glass to be chased.
- Coronation Event – Monday 8th May 2023 – still need someone to do first aid, provide portaloos, obtain mobile food vans and event licences. ‘Make a crown’ craft to be purchased.
Members were advised that a PA system will be required – Cost £180. Agreed by all.
Members were advised of the cost of portaloos from Travis Perkins supplier – agreed by all.
First aider from last year to be contacted – as well as St Johns Ambulance.
- Elections – those wishing to stand as councillor need to get their forms to ESC by 4th April.
- SALC Joint area forum – opportunity to meet Chris Bally, new CEO at ESC. Cllr Robbins asked to be booked in.
- Annual Parish meeting – 16th May 2023. It was suggested that a presentation could be made to the N Plan team at this event. Refreshments could be provided.
- Derelict buildings at pharmacy – these are presently an eyesore. Cllr Summerfield to contact pharmacy.

- Pedestrian Crossing Lowestoft Road – PCSO has reported that having visited the site he has not noticed any issues. SCC to be asked to repaint the lines to make the crossing more visible. Ask SCC to improve the lighting at the crossing.
- Police to be asked to seek removal of the old caravan that has been left on Old Lowestoft Road.

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.**

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

Tuesday 11th April 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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