



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), S Robbins (Vice Chair), Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holman, J Mather, S Mather, L Kersey, J Stevens

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. Ward Cllr Plummer (arrived at 7pm), and 10 members of the public.

Minutes

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 - a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Nil
 - b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest regarding the agenda – Cllr Robbins re PCE, Cllr J and M Mather re fete, Cllr Summerfield re 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. *Meeting adjourned for public participation. 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) *Public*
 - b) *ESC*
 - c) *SCC*

This agenda item was postponed until ward councillors arrived.

3. Chairman's Report including.
 - *Update re new digester application – Cllr Summerfield advised that a 2nd application is expected as it would appear that the applicant will get central gov funding. Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Holman had been to the site in Attleborough.*
 - *Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood update – Parish councillors have been invited to a meeting with the developers, planning officers, and with Beccles Cllrs at the Town Hall. Discussion about what the council would want on the site. Discussion about sports facilities. Will not get a swimming pool but could ask for athletics track as these are underrepresented in Suffolk. Local community could benefit from this sports provision. 2009 parish plan shows 26% of people wanted athletics. The masterplan had previously shown a school and retirement complex, but these will only be viable if a third party takes them on. Also, Worlingham and Beccles both wish to retain the boundary of the parishes. It was agreed to ask for athletics track as part of development.*

Cllr Stevens advised that SCC is likely to ask for; cycling provision, 20mph speed limit, interconnectivity, street scene, Suds network, Dutch kerbs, biodiversity net gain policy, off street parking and E V parking.

- CIL update – there will be 1250 new properties at the garden village – Beccles to have 40%, Worlingham 50% and Weston 10%. It would appear that the N PLAN has been ignored. Cllr Summerfield and the clerk had attended an online CIL explanation session from ESC. Although it appears that much ESC Cil has been spent in the area, most of it is in Halesworth. The Esc Cil pot is substantial so Worlingham would be looked at favourably for requests/ projects.
- Worlingham – parish description – Mr Cooke has asked for clarification about the link between Beccles and Worlingham – and whether residents consider it to be one parish. Parish council to advise that the parishes are individual as each have a separate electoral role, are separate parishes, with a separating parish boundary.

Ward Cllr Sarah Plummer arrived, and the meeting reverted to agenda item 2.

ESC ward Cllr rept – as circulated.

Re the V C Cooke planning application – this has been approved by SCC. It would appear that it is too late to implement a judicial review, and this would be very expensive. It was suggested that the parish council could write to SCC to raise concerns about the cumulative detrimental effect such applications will have on the parish.

V C COOKE will need to apply for a licence to operate from ESC. ESC advise that if all the conditions are met then the licence will need to be provided.

The planning officers are concerned about the effect of the application on the garden village.

Discussion took place.

Public session – residents voiced their concerns. It was felt that SCC did not have sufficient information to make an informed decision on the application but had passed it on a casting vote.

Residents advised that this was a major infrastructure.

Cllr Summerfield advised that the parish council had asked that air quality be monitored now before the application commences in order that the present air quality is known.

Discussion took place about the volume of water, lime, noise, and oil fuel – and the transportation of these. Residents were concerned about the waste and the toxicity of the use.

The Parish council asked the ward Cllr whether a meeting could be arranged with the EPO. Cllr Plummer will find out. Cllr Plummer will also find out more about enforcement.

Cllr Plummer advised that V C Cooke might hold their own public meeting. The parish council would request that the public be given the opportunity to voice concerns.

Both Peter Aldous and Terese Coffey to be made aware of all the concerns.

4 Planning

- applications received prior to the meeting including.
Installation of 15no. lightning protection masts; 7no. 25m tall masts and 8no. 20m tall masts. Open for comment icon
Anaerobic Digestion Plant Copland Way Worlingham Suffolk
Ref. No: DC/23/2282/FUL*

It was considered that these are too high for the neighbouring airfield. It is not clear whether the CAA have been consulted. It is not apparent why these were not included in the original planning application – has the risk assessment been updated? Is there now a safety concern due to the risk of combustion? Safety of the skydivers was a concern.

It was agreed by all to RECOMMEND REFUSAL of this application.

Erection of four single storey portal framed warehouse/trade counter units Open for comment.

Ellough Industrial Ellough Industrial Estate Ellough Suffolk

Ref. No: DC/23/2228/FUL | Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision.

It was suggested that the pc could request improved cycle storage. There were no objections to this application.

b) *ESC Decisions received. DC/23/1646/ful – permitted.*

c) *Any other planning matters. Nil*

5 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – 20th July 17th August, Sept 10th at 11.30 at corner of Marsh Lane.
- Play equipment– cleaning of equipment – update. Cllr Anderson to inspect the swings at Werels Loke.
- Woodfield Park – cutting – has been carried out.
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust/ tree surgeon - await reports.
- Community Speedwatch – update re invitation to form jt group with Beccles T C. There were no volunteers coming forward for this.
- SCC Community Self-help scheme – training for volunteers. Agreed by a majority that a Teams meeting with SCC will be set up to see if this is something the council might want to take further.
- Request from fete cttee to use All Saints Green – 2nd Sept 2023 for fete (appropriate PL insurance / risk assess will be required) Agreed by all.
- Community defib – school location. The school now have also been given a defib. School to consider where they could both go.
- Mobile skatepark for summer – school to be asked for permission to use their play area.
- Bus shelters – installation date – w/c 17th July 2023
- Beccles/ Worlingham Gateway sign should be installed by end of August.

6 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.**

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

Tuesday 8th August 2023. To consider next newsletter

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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