



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8TH August 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), S Robbins (Vice Chair), Cllr Anderson, J Mather, L Kersey, J Stevens
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, SCC Cllr Lever, ESC Cllr Plummer and Topping.*

Minutes

1. a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Cllr S Mather and Cllr S Holman.
b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest* regarding the agenda – Cllr Robbins and Cllr Stevens re PCE.
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 the minutes of the previous meeting – agreed by all.
3. *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) ESC – Cllr Topping advised that the ESC Leaders update had been circulated. There has been no publicity seen yet from V C Cooke re their meeting at the Public Hall.
The EPO will chase V C Cooke for information.
ESC is liaising with PCE regarding their own planning application – a visit might take place – cycling and walking strategy will be considered.
There will be another meeting about the Garden Village with Worlingham and Beccles councils – likely to be September.
 - b) SCC – Cllr Lever advised that the SCC report had been circulated.
Mention was made that the footpath along Lowestoft Road had been cut back as far as Worlingham Hall – but questions were raised as to what happening with the rest of it. This to be reported again on the SCC reporting tool.
Mention was also made that the overhanging growth by the cycle lanes at the roundabout had not been cut back far enough.
Re mobile skatepark – Cllr Lever offered to come along and assist.
RE Suds project at school this is due to be completed and formally opened the week after half term
 - c) Public – Nil

4 Chairman's Report including.

- Update re incinerator V C Cooke – licence requirements. Public meeting to be held by V C Cooke – 21st August 6-8pm at Beccles Public Hall.

As above, no publication has yet been made about the meeting.

- Air Quality meeting – scheduled for 21st August on Teams. Cllr Summerfield will join.
- Any Update re new digester application – Nil
- Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood - update provided by Cllr Summerfield. It appears that there will now not be a country park. A swathe of green space will be left along the water main. Discussion took place regarding the proposal of management Cttee looking after the community spaces and green areas – both Beccles and Worlingham councils think that this should be taken on by public bodies not a private management cttee. The masterplan presently shows the school and community hall on the Worlingham side of the boundary. Beccles would like the Hall and Worlingham does not need another new one. It is not known who will build out the Older Persons complex. Sports pitches are on a steep hill – need to make sure that the sports pitches are fit for use. There are no medical facilities on the new site. Next meeting is likely to be 13th Sept at Town Hall.

5 Planning

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

DC/23/2699/FUL construction of a new 3500 Sqm Industrial warehouse (B2 + B8) containing an ancillary Office building within with a use class of E- associated infrastructure to include car parking, landscaping, drainage and other ancillary infrastructure
Land At Ellough Road Worlingham Suffolk NR34 7TE

Cllr Robbins and Cllr Stevens advised that they would not vote.

The area is part of the enterprise zone. Light pollution to be considered.
It was agreed by a majority with 2 abstain to support the application.

b) *ESC Decisions received.* Nil

c) *Any other planning matters.* 2 appeals are still awaiting decisions.

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – 17th August, Sept 10th at 11.30 at corner of Marsh Lane. More bags and hoops required. It was suggested that North Cove parish council could be asked if they would like to join the litter pick on 10th September.
- Play equipment– cleaning of equipment – update. Community Payback to be asked to start with Woodfield Park.
- Woodfield Park – cutting – has been carried out.
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust/ tree surgeon – report received from Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Both Vertas and ESS to be asked to quote – with grass cuttings being taken away and put in the other area.
- Tree surgeon quote. **£1500. Agreed by all.** Works are at Cedar Drive and Holly Close. Ask also for tree in Werels Loke, at rear of Janet Haddenham, to be cut back. Could ask whether it is appropriate to for the cut pieces to be shredded and used on other parts of the area.

- SCC Community Self-help scheme – training for volunteers will consist of a 1 or 2 day course. SCC public liability will then cover the works being carried out. North Cove p c and Beccles t c to be asked if they are intetested. Cllr Stevens is already qualified under this scheme. Note works on pavements / verges can only be carried out in 30mph/40mph areas.
Discussion about whether to take part – it was agreed by a majority to sign up for the scheme – with Cllr Stevens nominated as the qualified person.
- Community defib – school location. The school advise that council would need to employ electrician to fit the defib. Hopefully this can be arranged for September.
- Mobile skatepark for summer – school has given permission to use their play area and the caretaker will open up. **It was agreed by all to book for 31st August 2023.**
- Community Partnership – the new contact is Jo Bellfield who will be on a 6th month term
- Request from resident re replacing cherry trees along Highland Drive. Meeting was advised of the issues re roots etc. Mention was made that Woodland Trust are updating ESC about their work 10TH August – they will be asked for guidance as to the best trees to have on these verges. It was suggested that the SCC ecologist might be able to do a talk/ presentation.
- Oak at Park Drive – it was mentioned that this might have died. ESC Cllr Plummer offered to take a look.

Other matter – Community Hall. The meeting was advised that Badger should be back next week to undertake more groundwork.

Church – the new parish priest is likely to live in Worlingham Rectory.

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) Donation requests – BACT letter considered. It was agreed to ask for more details – ie how much is being requested, what for, what is the criteria for using their service, copy of their accounts.

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

Tuesday 12th September 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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