



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School**

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

*Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, SCC Cllr Lever, ESC Cllr Topping and Cllr Plummer.*

#### **Minutes**

1. a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Cllr Anderson  
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 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. Cllr Topping had met with ESC licensing re the V C Cooke scenario – as the later have just put in their license application and according to the timescales, if all is in order, are likely to get this by Dec. Officers are going through the documents to see that all is in order. There will be a public meeting held where public can ask Environmental officer questions so that the public become aware of the role of ESC.*

ESC is not aware of any dangerous materials in the schools in East Suffolk – some in Ipswich.

Cllr Robbins asked about sewage into rivers.

Cllr Mather asked about the grass cutting of verges etc around the village.

ESC Ward Cllr Topping advised that spraying takes place twice per year by SCC. Road sweeping is carried out every 15 weeks. Cllr Topping advised that there are not enough people to do a good job re verges/ path edges etc as there is not sufficient budget at ESC to employ sufficient people to do a thorough job – as they have too much to do every day. Cllr Topping suggested that the community will need to be encouraged to help via the community self help scheme initially to get everywhere in a state where it can then be maintained properly. Re the taller conservation grass areas – these should be cut now but it will be at least another 4 weeks until ESS is able to start these. Specific

areas will need to be reported ESS. Cllr Topping to be made aware of any issues with ESS and she will take it up the line.

SCC Cllr Lever advised that any SCC issues need to be reported via the highways reporting tool.

ESC Ward Cllr Topping thanked everyone involved in the Worlingham fete.

Cllr Topping also mentioned that mental health project funding – and advised that a men’s shed has been created at North Cove and Barnby.

Cllr Topping advised that they were aware of the revised planning application for the lightning conductors at the bio digester – Dc/23/2282/Ful. Cllr Plummer advised that the appeal for the Highland Drive fencing has been upheld for the applicant.

- b) SCC – Cllr Lever advised that the SCC report had been circulated. See above.
- c) Public – Nil

#### 4 Chairman’s Report including.

- Update re incinerator V C Cooke – licence requirements. See above.
- Air Quality meeting – scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> August on Teams. Cllr Summerfield updated the meeting.
- Any Update re new digester application – Nil
- Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood - update provided by Cllr Summerfield. Next meeting to be with ESC planners at Beccles Town Hall moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2.30pm – in order that ward Cllrs / Beccles and Worlingham Cllrs can attend.

Beccles T C would like to have the community hall. The country park is now not part of the scheme – instead there is a swathe of open space along the main drainage lines. Sports facilities and pitches appear to be on a slope. It was suggested that site visit take place to ensure that all facilities are plotted on appropriate land. Residents’ management cttee is being suggested – the joint view of both councils is that this should not be managed by a service charge to residents in that area – all the open space should remain in public ownership. Land drainage needs to be fully considered.

#### 5 Planning

- a) *Applications received prior to the meeting including.*  
Dc/23/2282/FUL - Anaerobic digester – lightning conductors – same response as previously – but ask how the number of masts has been calculated. They will still be a danger to skydivers (see incident that recently occurred) and ask again why these are suddenly required. Has there been negligence at the site by not having them up until now?
- b) *ESC Decisions received.* Nil
- c) *Any other planning matters.* Appeal decision re high fencing has gone against ESC and the parish council.

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – 21<sup>ST</sup> September at 10.30am. 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Old Lowestoft Road 11.30am and then to Three Horseshoes.
- Play equipment– cleaning of equipment – update. Community Payback to be asked to start with Woodfield Park. Meeting to be arranged.
- Woodfield Park – cutting – has been carried out. Still slightly long for playing on but better than previous. No adverse feedback received.
- 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. Meetings to be arranged.
- 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 have not responded about the scheme.
- Community defib – school location. The school advise that council would need to employ electrician to fit the defib. Hopefully this can be arranged ASAP in liaison with the school.
- Mobile skatepark for summer – Excellent feedback received – over 90 people attended on the day. Thanks to Ash Lever for his help. Thanks also to the school for letting the p c use their facility. Toilet provision to be considered for future occasions. Head of school to be asked.
- Community Partnership – the new contact is Jo Bellfield who will be on a 6<sup>th</sup> month term. To be invited to a future meeting.
- Mental Health project – to be considered at a future meeting.
- Fete – the feedback had been very positive. Only comment o consider was seating provision – but people were advised to bring their own. for future years the fete will ask businesses for sponsorship and maybe approach WPC for a donation.  
Bike racks were mentioned also – but it was felt that these are not required.  
Discussion about a qualified first aider and whether a member of the p c should try and qualify so that there is cover. It was felt that this siu pt o individuals.
- Xmas trees – clerk advised costs as advised by ESS. It was agreed by all to approve cost of Xmas trees and for the lighting that will be required.
- Parking by parents of school. It was suggested that follow up be made with school re parking strategy for school. The PCSO to be asked to patrol at school leaving off time. School to be asked also about the comms that has gone to new parents about parking their cars.
- Marsh Lane roundabout – Cllr Stevens will report and suggest maintenance / removal of trees/ shrubs.
- Website – contact number to be checked.

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 – Nil. It was suggested that Beccles P C be asked for a contribution to the village sign.

8. Date of next meetings. All at 6.30pm unless otherwise required.  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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