



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13TH February 2024 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

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

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, ESC Ward Cllr Topping and Plummer.

Minutes

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 - a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from SCC Ward Cllr Lever
 - b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda – Nil
 - c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest.* Nil
 - d) *To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest* regarding the agenda Cllr Summerfield re Community Hall.
 - e) *To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda* Nil
 - f) *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) *Public – Nil*
 - b) *SCC Ward Cllr Topping and SCC Ward Cllr Lever– ESC / SCC Reports had been circulated. ESC Ward Cllr and ESC Leader Cllr Topping*

Cllr Topping advised that she had met with Persimmon Homes – and from their point of view they advise that for some new developments a management company does work well, whilst for others it does not. Re the Garden village – Worlingham and Beccles could choose not to have a management company so long as ESC / the councils adopt the green spaces/ play areas.

Lowestoft archives – Beccles TC has objected to the proposed move of documents from Lowestoft to Ipswich. Worlingham P C could consider writing too.

Cllr Topping advised that she has money available in both her SCC locality fund and ESC Enabling Communities fund.

Cllr Topping and Cllr Summerfield had been to visit the museum in relation to the drainage maps for the Bluebell Way area. Beccles T C has asked for better maps.
ESC Cllr Plummer is in contact with Anglian Water about the drainage maps too.

Potential A D Digester – is being dealt with by SCC planning officer Andrew Rutter. A site visit is awaited. It is understood that all those who have written in will be advised of the date of the visit.

Wef 2026 – ESC must collect food and glass waste separately. By 2027 this will extend to soft plastics.

V C Cooke license – has been given. Conditions have been set and ESC will monitor.

ESC Play area consultation expires 1st March 2024.

4 Chairman's Report including.

- Update re incinerator V C Cooke – See above.
- Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood – consultation awaited.
- Planning Forum – Cllr Summerfield attended. Presentation slides will be circulated once received.

5 Planning

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

Nil

b) *ESC Decisions received.* Nil

c) *Any other planning matters.*

SCC/0124/22/w – Biodigester land off Copland Way

Response has been forwarded to SCC. ESC Cllr Topping will speak at the SCC cttee, and Cllr Summerfield will also attend. Cllr Cloke to be asked to speak too. It was suggested that once the cttee date is known – all parishes get together to discuss who is speaking and what they will be covering.

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – Third Thursday of each month.
Cllr Holman advised that there was rubbish coming out of the back of an ESC refuse cart in recent weeks – clerk to advise ESC.
- Annual Parish Meeting - It was suggested that the Salvation Army be invited to be a guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting –Xmas lights cheque could be presented there. SWT Communities officer could also be invited. ESC Leader Caroline Topping could also be invited to speak.
- Sign by PCE. Cllr Anderson offered to pick this up with PCE.
- Worlingham entrance gate sign – Suffolk Flag to go on the rear of the sign. Clerk to action.
- All Saints Green gates – there is often a car parked in front of the gates – clerk to action a no parking sign for the gates.
- Defib at One Stop / Hairdressers/ Newsagents Hillside Ave – clerk to investigate.
- Volunteer Day – showcasing volunteer opportunities locally – Blyburgate Hall 6th April 2024

7. Play area capital projects –

Woodfield Park – new apparatus/ cleaning of equipment as phase 1 / Bluebell Way – new apparatus phase 2 of the capital improvements.

8. Play area – conservation/ biodiversity net gain.

- Werels Loke -Suffolk Wildlife Trust – quotes received from the site visits – both set out very differently so hard to compare. Working group meeting to be arranged to look through them both.
- Woodfield Park - creation of woodland area – community payback will help once a design has been created.
- Tree survey awaited.

9. Highways - including.

Await walk round with SCC Cllr Lever and the Highway community officer.

Roots on Cherry Hill close pavement and trees needing pruning on Hillside Ave to be reported on reporting tool.

Speed limit lowering – request for College Lane – this is unlikely to fit the SCC criteria for a reduced limit.

10. 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

- c. Grants – there are several grants comes becoming available and council will apply for any which could assist the community.

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

Tuesday 12th March 2024

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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