



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16TH April 2024 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

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

Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, ESC Cllr Plummer and ESC/ SCC Cllr Topping

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.* Cllr Robbins re community hall. Cllr Stevens re planning application for Marsh Lane
 - 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 ESC Ward Cllr Plummer*
ESC / SCC Reports had been circulated.

Virgin Media is starting to install fibre in Worlingham / Beccles with one large box in Hillside Avenue. This will start in next few weeks.

SCC Devolution deal – see consultation.

Beccles Community Network meeting – 1st May Beccles Town Hall 2-4pm. Cllr Summerfield will attend.

Highways officer and SCC Cllr lever have done a walk round the village – councillors asked to be included next time.

ESC recycling – food and glass bottles need to be separately collected by 2025. Discussion about how to educate people about food so that there is not so much waste going into bins.

4 Chairman's Report including.

- Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood – consultation awaited. No further update.
- Worlingham marshes – meeting being arranged with SWT to find out more about this project. Meeting 2nd May 2024 at Carlton marshes.
- Flooding Bluebell Way area – ESC Cllr Plummer has responded to SCC about the overall responsibilities/ landowners around the Bluebell Way area. All such information to be included in any planning application response to the garden village proposals when they are produced.
- Esc Cllr Topping advised that ESC has put some monies into a resilience fund for people to be able to put in flood boards / sandbags etc.
- Mobile skatepark/ climbing wall date – First choice to be Tuesday 30th July, second choice will be Wed 31st July. It was suggested that a banner be produced saying 'SKATEPARK HERE TODAY' to go out front of school. Highline Adventure to be asked if they have any promotional material too. Thanks were extended to ESC for their grant for the activities. Things to consider; first aid supplies/ bottles of water/ suncream/ toilets/ fruit snacks. Make sure suppliers RA etc up to date.
- Invitation to new rector inauguration 22nd April 2024.

5 Planning

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

DC/24/1058/FUL – Land off Rectory Lane – 3 dwellings and car parking.

Church had voiced concerns about access for mini digger whilst properties were being built. Badger has agreed to enlarge this proposed width.

Discussion re response – see attached as agreed by all. Council to ask for developer contribution and recommend that ESC refuse the application. Points raised include the layout of the car park and the need for more generous parking spaces and more public parking.

DC/23/1018/FUL – 5 The Ridings – No neighbour objections. No objections from council. Agreed to recommend approval to ESC.

DC/24/1271/TPO – 2 Pains Close. Council agreed to recommend approval so long as ESC tree officer approved.

b) *ESC Decisions received.*

- 68 Rowan Way Worlingham Beccles Suffolk NR34 7ES Ref. No: DC/24/0481/PNH | Validated: Fri 23 Feb 2024 | Status: Decided
- Broadland Close Worlingham Beccles Suffolk NR34 7AT Ref. No: DC/23/4817/FUL | Validated: Thu 04 Jan 2024 | Status: Permitted
- Land To the West of Marsh Lane Worlingham Beccles Suffolk Ref. No: DC/23/2875/FUL | Validated: Tue 17 Oct 2023 | Status: Refused

c) *Any other planning matters.*

- Feedback from ESC planning cttee meeting re 1 Broadland Close, Worlingham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7A – updated at previous meeting.
- Update on SCC/0124/22W - Land at Copeland Way, Ellough – digester plant. AND Dc/23/4711/CCC Consultation on digester plant SCC/0124/22W - Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure – Going to SCC cttee and there will be a site visit. Cllr Summerfield will attend. Concerns re smells from existing site as reported to Environmental Health and the traffic movements. See ESC response to the application. Members asked that ESC planners also attend the cttee meeting to reinforce the comments made in the ESC response. SCC Ward Cllr was also asked to attend and speak. Discussion about a carbon capture monitor.
- Update on Woodland behind Marsh Lane – planning updates. Large sign for archery – does it need planning permission? Camping still seems to be taking place at weekends even though planning application is refused.
Wood sisters is connected to Forest School which seems to have been operational for over 28 days – is ESC enforcing?

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – Third Thursday of each month at 10.30am at rear of school. Further Discussion about how to reduce rubbish being left on Old Lowestoft Road.
- Draft newsletter – to be checked and then sent to printers.
- ESC Street trading – noted.
- Broads Consultation – noted.

7. Play area capital projects –

Woodfield Park – It had previously been agreed to budget £50k for play area improvements. Equipment providers will visit site to provide ideas/ designs.

Bluebell Way capital equipment to be considered as phase 2.

Accessible swing in Werels Loke needs to be considered – as is difficult to get to at present.

Seat installations – ESS has 3 seats to install for the council at cost of £1944 plus vat. Location for concrete pads agreed. Costs agreed by all.

Rospa repairs need carrying out on all play areas – Vertas and ESS to be approached.

Vertas are the contractors for Werels Loke grass and conservation area – as well as Park Drive. Cut at Werrels loke has taken place but it was too wet to do as much as hoped.

ESS are the contractors for all other play areas/ open spaces. They have started the cutting on Woodfield Park – council to check the area by the table tennis and winer diner to ensure that it has been cut.

Tree works all play areas – ESC tree officer costs totalling £2500 agreed by all.

8. Highways - including.

20mph requests in the village to be considered – any suggested roads will need speed surveys carried out on them. Ask highways officer for advice re Garden Lane/ Rectory Lane

9. 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. Members noted that A1 recycling have launched a community fundraiser for a defib for the side of the shop at Hillside Ave. Has all money been raised? Discussion re getting a red phone box for Ellough Rd which could then house a defib.

c. Audit 2023 – 2024 – internal audit will be organised.

10. Policies – to be considered at next meeting.

11. Matters for future meeting.

Ask community payback re skirting back the pavements outside Worlingham Hall.

Ask ESS if they can litter pick before grass cutting.

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

Tuesday 14th May – Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – guest speaker Salvation Army – followed by Annual Council Meeting.

To consider excluding the public and press from agenda item 13 because their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the matter. Agreed by all.

13 a) To consider and if agreed approve terms for the request re land use. It was noted that this would not be within the terms of the transfer from ESC for the site.

13 b) To consider and if agreed approve rental sum/ terms of lease for office room at Community Hall. Discussion regarding H of T to be offered following the advice received regarding rental rates for a small office room and affordability. It was agreed by all to offer to take a 10-year lease at £500 pa all inclusive with no break clause and no rent review.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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