



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council meeting of Worlingham **Parish Council** held on **Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Worlingham Primary School at 8pm (following the annual parish meeting).**

Present; Cllrs Summerfield, Anderson, Holman, J Mather, S Mather, Kersey, Robbins, Stevens. Also 4 members of the public, SCC Cllr Topping and ESC Cllr Plummer and the parish clerk.

- 1 **a) To elect a Chairman of the Parish council for 2024/25**
On the proposal of Cllr Robbins, seconded by Cllr Stevens it was proposed that Cllr Summerfield be Chair of the Council for 2024.2025. No other nominations. Agreed by all.
b) Chairman's Acceptance of Office completed by Cllr Summerfield.
- 2 a) To receive any apologies for absence. Nil
b) To receive any Declarations of Personal interest regarding the agenda. Cllr Stevens as a resident of Marsh Lane.
c) To receive any Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda. Nil
d) To receive Declarations of Other Registrable Interest. Nil
e) To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda. Nil
3. **To elect a Vice Chairman of the parish council for 2024/25**
On the proposal of Cllr Robbins, seconded by Cllr Holman, Cllr Stevens was proposed as Vice Chair for 2024/25. All agreed.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting – it was AGREED by all to confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting.**
5. **To receive comments** from any members of the public on matters on the agenda.
Public - Nil

Cllr Topping advised that the 'reclaim the rain' had been a great project at the school.

Virgin media are carrying out their installations in the parish. Some areas with BT poles will not have their paths dug up – poles will be used instead.
Locality enabling budgets are now available again.
Flooding are meeting will take place on 28th May at Bluebell way.
Biodigester application has been refused by SCC, but the applicant can appeal.
6. **Chairs report**
Worlingham marshes – presentation and visit on 2nd may had been well received.

Flooding Bluebell Way – see above.

Newsletter – has been delivered.

Pre school event- 28th May on All Saints Green – all risk assessments, insurance etc will be sent.

Beccles Network – 1st May – was not as successful as hoped. Discussion about how decisions can be made democratically for all parishes benefit.

Virgin Media works as above. Cllr Topping was asked whether they were going to clear up the pathways once their work is complete. Cllr Topping to find out.

Village Fete cttee would like to use All saints Green on 7th September 2024 for the fete, Agreed by all subject to insurance, risk assessments etc.

7. **Planning** applications received prior to the meeting including;

Dc/24/1530 / TPO

D/24/1433/TPO

Dc/24/1271/TPO

All TPO applications approved so long as Tree Officer also has no adverse comments.

Outline planning for plot on Rectory Lane

Discussion about the application – N Plan policies need to be adhered to – especially policy re parking.

Discussion about access – and about visibility/ width for vehicle movements.

Cllr Stevens will draft a response to be circulated and sent to the planning authority noting council concerns. Agreed by all.

b) other planning - Biodigester application refused by SCC.

8. **Play areas and open spaces**

Following visits and consideration of the work required at Woodfiled Park Council agreed to procure new play equipment as an alternative to repairing the present equipment. The tender to include new mulch flooring. Play area to cater predominately for 4 – 11-year-olds, One of the criteria to be that the play company and equipment are ‘certified’ providers. Tender to be drawn up and procured as per council standing orders.

Smaller piece of play equipment with roof – discussion as to what to repair on this. Can roof be repaired or will it need to be taken off? Suggested that carpenter be asked to look.

Mobile skatepark – use of toilets at the school -n Cllr Anderson will ask the Head why these cannot be made available.

9. **Finance Matters including;**

a) Authorisation of cheques/ Bacs 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) other financial matters. Nil.

10. Date of next meeting. 11th June 2024

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