

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

Cllr Summerfield, Cllr Cossey, Cllr Holman, Cllr Hubbard, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Raybould.

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 3 Members of the public.

Agenda

1a) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Culyer, Cllr M Culyer, SCC Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw, WDC Norman Brooks (arrived 7.20pm).

Declarations of Interest

b) Personal Interest – Cllr Raybould – Men's Shed.

All councillors re the planning application for 7 Lowestoft Road.

c) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Nil

d) Requests for Dispensation – Nil

e) Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests online as appropriate. Noted.

2) Minutes of parish council meeting held 11th September 2018

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the minutes.

3) Public contribution

a) Police report was read to the meeting.

b) Report from SCC Brambley- Crawshaw/ Mark Bee

SCC Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw – written report provided and circulated to all members. The report advised that the resurfacing of Coney Hill has started. Works for the toucan crossing at George Westwood Way will start in November. The Scrutiny cttee will be looking at the decision re the Lowestoft Records Office.

Questions to SCC.

Cllr Hubbard voiced concern on the following;

SCC budget cuts – there is a clear need to maintain / increase the SCC social care budget.

Coney Hill resurfacing – there is a lack of clear signage and no clear route has been provided for entry/ exit to Queen Elizabeth Drive.

New bypass – much work/ signage is still required. Crash barriers need to be installed parallel to the lakes. Will the farmers entrances now be closed?

A large tarmac entrance/ exit has been provided by the new roundabout at the top of Ellough Road – is this for the new development? In the planning application it stated that there would be no entrance/ exit in this area- what is happening to this?

c) Report from WDC Cllr Brooks

Cllr Brooks advised that most of the meetings he had attended were in connection with the Suffolk Coastal merger. The 2019/20 budget will be a joint budget under the combined authority of East Suffolk.

Cllr Brooks also advised that the HMO rules from 1st October state that they must be licensed.

Questions to WDC.

Question raised re the ward boundaries. Cllr Brooks advised that in the present system there are 2 WDC councillors for Beccles and 2 for Worlingham/Barnby/ North Cove. It was proposed that this would reduce to 2 for Beccles and 1 for Worlingham but the final proposal has 3 for the combined ward of Beccles/ Worlingham/ Barnby/ North Cove. This reflects the reduced number of 55 ward councillors of the combined district as distinct from the 96 present ward councillors.

Cllr Hubbard advised that Beccles have objected to the above and suggest that Worlingham does too. Agreed by all.

d) Matters from members of the public relating to items on the agenda.

Nil

4. Chairman's Report including;

M P Peter Aldous has offered dates to meet with the Community Facility Group – parish council to seek a meeting also.

Remembrance Sunday – as well as the church service at 11am there will be another service at 6.45pm as per the government guidelines. Vicar Jane Penn is organising the order of service – the weather will determine whether it is held inside or out. The last post will be played, there will be the lighting of a beacon, and the flag will be lowered.

Cllr Hubbard is co-ordinating the arrangements with the vicar, alongside Cllr Raybould and Cllr Summerfield. The Tommy has been ordered. The church bell ringers are ringing in Beccles so will not be able to ring the Worlingham Church Bells.

5. Planning

a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;

Dc/18/4058/FUL – single storey extension at 7 Lowestoft Road for Mr and Mrs Sinden.

No objection to the above. WDC to be asked to verify the building line.

Dc/18/3685/VOC – variation of condition to Dc/12/1113/FUL – Solar Farm at Ellough Airfield.

It was RESOLVED to recommend that WDC seek to object to the request for an extension to 40 years.

b) WDC Decisions received; See WDC website for all decisions

c) Any other planning matters

Waveney New Local Plan – The public hearing is in October and the Chair will attend with the consultant who will represent the parish council.

6. Update from meetings/ events attended by Councillors

Cllr Hubbard is liaising with the vicar regarding Remembrance Day.

Cllrs were present at the opening of the Beccles Relief Road.

7. Clerks and councillors reports and updates including correspondence received.

Cllr Raybould advised that he will organise the plaque to go alongside the Tommy. To read 'Worlingham remembers.'

8. 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

The scout group confirmed that there are a number of Worlingham children attending the scout group. It was RESOLVED by all to approve a donation of £500 to the scouts.

c) Audit 2017/18 – The audit has been returned from the external auditor. There are no action points to note. Thanks were extended to the parish clerk.

d) New photocopier. It was RESOLVED by all that a new A4 colour photocopier would be purchased for the parish clerk. Approx. cost £400. All agreed.

9. Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting dates - help required? The N plan group are to be represented at the public examination. The parish council discussed the importance of getting this finished – and the importance that this will have for influencing further development in the village.

Funding required from Locality? The N Plan group have not advised what/ if

any funding will be required.

10. Projects and other matters - 2018-19 updates

a) Signs at entrance to village – The temporary signs are expected to be in situ until February 2019.

b) Sign for Ellough Road entrance to village- new sign has been delayed and should now be available in the new year.

c) Men's shed planters – These are to be made for the area around the village sign. Cllr Raybould to advise of the design and the cost.

d) Remembrance Day 2018 – beacon to light/ flag raising / church bells – see above.

e) Heads of terms for play areas. Since the parish council response to WDC regarding repairs and budget for the areas, there has been no further direct update although the statutory legal notice to transfer has, it is understood, been placed in the press. Anti-social behaviour continues at Bluebell Way – especially damage to the wobbly horse - Council to consider removing it once it gets the play area back.

f) Bin/ Seat / Sign – Marsh Lane moorings. Cllr Robbins and Summerfield will continue to work on this matter.
Re the seat – Cllr Summerfield will liaise with the broad's ranger.

g) Xmas Trees and lights are arranged.

h) Daffodil planting – Cllr Raybould to arrange with community payback. One week notice to be provided to parish clerk to get the bulbs.

11. Other matters;

Public member Mr Coulson advised that he will arrange for a Perspex copy of the map to be produced and for the map to be updated.

Community Hall – the group now are in discussions with a local builder. They would vary the existing planning consent to put in 2 extra houses to make the site viable. Meeting to take place next week to get this signed off.

WDC Cil application – Th parish council recommendation that the community facility be considered for CIL monies has resulted in the group been given an allocation of £70,000. Thanks were extended to the parish council for this recommendation.

Village fete – more volunteers will be required.

Pedestrian crossing Lowestoft Road – the lighting needs improving and the lines repainting. 'Slow' to be requested for the highway approach from both

sides as the crossing is difficult to see from a distance.

Norse – to be asked to cut back tree stump covered in Ivy on Garden Lane.

Notice boards – cleaning solution required from Cllr M Culyer -or get 'wet and forget'. Spare key to be handed to Cllr Cossey.

12. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 13th November 2018.

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