



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm via zoom

*This meeting was held by zoom as per the regulations provided in the Coronavirus 2020 legislation*

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), T Cossey, E Hubbard, S Holman, L Kersey, J Mathers, S Mathers, J Raybould, S Robbins.*

*Also Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, SCC ward Cllr, and ESC ward Cllr (C Topping)*

#### **Agenda**

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.*  
Apologies were received from ESC ward Cllr Elliott  
b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest regarding the agenda.*  
There were no declarations of interest  
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
- 2 *To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020*  
It was agreed by all to approve the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
3. *To receive report from SCC ward councillor*  
The SCC ward councillor report had been circulated.  
In addition, members were advised of the following;  
20 mph Garden Lane – SCC officer has advised that the 20mph would not be supported as although it would meet the criteria it is not thought that it will reduce speeds on this road. Cllr Brambley – Crawshaw has advised that she would support the 20mph but that as traffic calming would now be required to achieve this – the costs will be in excess of the SCC budget. This means that the scheme might not be able to be supported due to cost, and due to potential effects on local residents of any traffic calming measures. SCC also advise that the scheme could only apply outside the school – and there is already advisory 20 signs there.  
Cllr Brambley Crawshaw will find out more about the traffic calming measures that may be available and their costs.

Cllr Hubbard asked about the 20mph schemes in Beccles and was advised that these had not worked as there was no traffic calming measures with them apart from the areas where there are air cushions.

Cllr Robbins advised that there are flashing signs with 20mph on them outside the school at Woodton and that cars do slow down so these would be more appropriate. Speed bumps/ chicanes would not be appropriate as these would annoy neighbours. Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that the 20mph would need to be in place first to enable the flashing signs to be relevant and that the parish council would need to fund such signs.

Discussion about the 20mph signage outside Crowfoot school – 20's plenty and VAS signs – Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that she would be pleased to fund these if the formal 20mph does not go ahead.

Sandpit Lane planters – SCC advises that this is still in the pipeline but that they have been busy on other schemes. SCC officer Mr Proctor is dealing with this scheme. The parish council will have some decisions to make about the scheme once SCC are ready to take it forward as there are many options available.

Discussion about the Air quality report for the area of Beccles and Worlingham and how such schemes will impact on the air quality.

Cycle wands along Lowestoft Road – SCC officer Carl Ashton is suggesting that one or two cycle wands in a discreet place may be the way forward and that a site meeting may be appropriate. Discussion took place about the wands – concerns were raised about them reducing the width of the road as per the scheme in Ipswich, and that buses would not be able to pass due to the placement of the cycle wands. Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that funding for the scheme will be lost if the cycle wands are not included but that she will feed back the concerns about lack of road width and the safety concerns.

Discussion about alternatives – cats' eyes were suggested as being more appropriate. The parish council suggested that there was no area that is presently dangerous for cyclists in Worlingham – so hence the cycle wands are not required. Members reiterated that their only priority was to make the cycle lane a formal one that could be enforced rather than the advisory that is in place at present.

Questions to SCC ward Cllr

Update was requested about the Beccles Market Place scheme – SCC ward Cllr advised that Beccles T C are leading on this but that the scheme is being amended so that the Market Place will be open on a Mon/ Tues/ Wed / Thur with parking on the side where the estate agents are, and then closed on a Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday with moveable barriers.

The area on the side of QD will not have parking in order to give more space for pedestrians.

Question was asked about how long this project would be in place for. SCC ward Cllr advised that the Covid road closure cannot become permanent but that for Beccles different legislation was used and this can become permanent but the reality is that this is not very likely, as there would need to be overwhelming support for it.

SCC boundary review- the ward Cllr was asked whether this would affect Beccles/ Worlingham – the ward Cllr advised that it has only just been received and the details still need to be reviewed. Cllr Summerfield advised that the parish council will respond before the end of the consultation.

To receive report from ESC ward councillor

The ward councillor report had been circulated

Cllr Hubbard asked about the outcome of the Boasts planning matter.

Ward Cllr Topping advised that VAS signs for Garden Lane could be applicable for funding through the community enabling fund, as would litter picking equipment.

Cllr Topping provided details of the discussions held at the Community Partnership meeting – funding is to be made available for various projects and the details will be circulated. A task and finish group is to be established to pull together a grant application form. Cllr Summerfield has been asked to be on the group.

Rural coffee caravan would like to come back to Worlingham – parish clerk to contact the organisers.

Play park transfers – Cllr Topping offered her assistance to ensure that these are being completed by ESC.

Youth club- are doing some projects in the community. Discussion as to whether there is a need for some detached youth work in Worlingham and it was agreed that there is a need for something for older children. Jacqui Ball and her team are engaging with youths and young people on Friday nights at present and could assist in Worlingham. Jacqui to contact Cllr Summerfield to arrange.

Covid 19 community group update - The meeting was advised that there were no updates from the last meeting. The 0300 number will be held in abeyance but will be ready to go if/ when needed i.e. when furlough ends in October.

Members of the public any matters on items on the agenda.

Nil

4. Chairman's Report including.

Litter pick – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – over 7 bags had been collected. The area around Hillside Ave/ Ellough Rd had been bad. Next date is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2pm- 3pm and will concentrate on area by Woodfield park play area, College Lane and Sandpit Lane. Community Enabling Fund will be asked to fund some small size gardening gloves, heavy duty refuse bags and a trolley to carry the sacks on (like a wheelbarrow).

Meeting with Peter Aldous – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 at 5.30pm. Cllrs Hubbard and Summerfield will attend.

5. Planning

a) *Applications received prior to the meeting including;*  
DC/20/3131/Ful – 9 Lowestoft Road

Discussion regarding the property which seems to have been extended several times already. This application enlarges it again and could give rise to overdevelopment. Cars are already parking on street as there is insufficient off-street parking at the property now to accommodate the cars at the property and this is a concern. Mention was made about ensuring that the proposed application does not go over the building line as per that of the next-door property.

Dc/20/3184/Ful – plot 2 site of former 9 Garden Lane  
no neighbour seems to be affected and there are no objections yet lodged.

DC/20/2868/TPO – 38 Copplestone Close – no objections

SCC/0068/20w – B and B – noted

b) *ESC Decisions received; see website.* Noted.

c) Any other planning matters

The clerk has contacted the enforcement officer at ESC for an update on the Worlingham issues. No update yet received.

6. Clerks and councillors' reports and updates including correspondence received.

- Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Summerfield advised that Reg 14 consultation does not seem to be able to take place as public engagement events cannot be held. Cllr Summerfield will discuss with the N plan team to see how they might wish to progress. It was suggested that a summary of the policies could be produced and delivered door to door – this to be considered by the n plan team, and ESC Dickon Povey then asked to approve.
- Divestment of play areas – new maps are needed for insertion into the land transfer docs. Noted
- Grounds matters – weeds along road edges throughout village have been reported on the SCC online reporting tool.
- Remembrance wreath has been ordered and Cllr Summerfield is liaising with Peter Hobbs regarding the procedure for the day in view of Covid regulations.
- Christmas trees – 2 trees will be ordered and the lights requested from Cozens Lighting as usual.
- Christmas lights competition will take place as usual.
- Remembrance seats – councillors to decide on the design for 2 seats. Location discussed. It was felt that it might be appropriate to ask the church if such a seat could be placed in the churchyard - Cllr Summerfield to take this forward with the church and see whether they would need a faculty.
- The Tommy to be placed in the church again this year. Cllr Summerfield will arrange.
- Village signs – photo/ picture to go on the signs. Beccles T C have sent through their new choice. Discussion about the photo – concerns were raised that the photo is too busy and does not promote Beccles or say Beccles on it. Suggestion made that a picture be chosen and maybe the text could read – ‘welcome to Beccles – an historic market town.’

- Defibrillator – school to be approached again about having one on the outside of the building. Other possibilities might be the One Stop/the community facility/ the car dealership on Lowestoft Road.
- New village sign – further meeting to be arranged with PCE.
- Table Tennis tables – it is hoped that installation will be possible within the next 6 weeks.
- Garden Lane play area -2<sup>nd</sup> gate - Vertas to organise.

7. Finance Matters including; 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) Pay rates – annual rise on Nalc scales. It was noted that the NALC approved local government pay rates have been produced for 2020/2021 and that the hourly rate has been increased from £16.65 to £17.10 per hour – backdated to April 2020. Noted by all.

Performance mgt review date to be organised.

8. Other matters

New salt bin required for Pine Tree Close to replace the broken one.

Path by Worlingham Hall needs repair – SCC and the hall to be contacted.

Worlingham Community facility – the group hopes to submit the planning application soon.

Parking on verges – to be considered at a future meeting.

Bridge on A146 to be closed for 1 week – details noted.

Cllr Cossey advised members that he would be moving out of the area over the next few weeks and would therefore be resigning from the parish council. Thanks were extended to Tim for all of the work that he has carried out during his years as a parish councillor.

9. Date of next meeting. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm