



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 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), E Hubbard, S Holman, L Kersey, J Mathers, S Mathers, J Raybould, S Robbins.

Also Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk

Minutes

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.*
Apologies were received from ESC and SCC ward councillors
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 15th September 2020*
It was agreed by all to approve the minutes of 15th September 2020.
3. *To receive report from SCC ward councillor*
The SCC ward councillor report had been circulated.

To receive report from ESC ward councillor
The ward councillor report had been circulated

Members of the public any matters on items on the agenda.
Nil
4. *Chairman's Report including.*

Discussion about the caravan by no 1 Marsh Lane – enforcement officer has now said that this must leave.

Cycle way Lowestoft Road – site meeting date awaited.

Grass verges in parish – discussion - some verges are parked on and look a mess but are not a problem

Covid group is on hold at the moment

Community partnership – the working group has met with Stuart Halsey and has put some grant funding suggestions to him which will go to the meeting on 2nd Nov to approve. It is anticipated that grants will be available for £500-£1000 per application and will be open to community groups as well as councils. Possible projects will include those related to 1) healthy lifestyles 2) isolation and loneliness 3) transport, and for Worlingham pc this could include play area gym equipment.

Mention was made that a new bin was needed for Park Drive play area.

Litter pick dates- 20th Nov 1.30pm – 2.30pm and 18th Dec 1.30pm- 2.30pm. Trolley to be purchased similar to those at Cherry Lane garden centre / amazon (£50) -Cllr Kersey will price them up from the garden centres. Community funding to be applied for £200 to cover cost of some new litter pick equipment

SCC Boundary review – consultation has realigned Worlingham with Kessingland, North Cove and Barnby whilst Beccles would be in a separate ward.

Discussion about this – parish council to make the comment that Kessingland is not a parish with similar issues to Worlingham. Worlingham amenities and infrastructure are within Beccles i.e. doctors, hospital, bus service, sports clubs, shops, older people clubs and activities and the youth clubs. Therefore, the electoral rep would not be aware of the joint Beccles/ Worlingham issues and for the parish council they would want the ward to align to the ward for ESC i.e. Beccles and Worlingham. The postcode for Worlingham and Beccles are the same i.e. NR 34 whilst Kessingland is in NR33. There is no social connection between Worlingham and Kessingland and all of the Worlingham schools filter into the Beccles High school whilst Kessingland filters into Pakefield.

Meeting with Peter Aldous re Covid community effort – thanks were given to the supermarkets especially to Morrison's. Discussion about how the businesses and volunteers worked together and whether everyone would come together again if there was a need.

New memorial seats – it was agreed that 2 seats would be purchased - one for VE day 2020 and one for VJ day 2020. It was suggested that one be placed in All Saints Green backing onto the church, and one at the junction of Hillside Ave/Lowestoft Road. Alternatively, if SCC were to approve, one could go opposite the church on Lowestoft Rd.

Noted that the Jubilee bench at All Saints Green needs cleaning and screwing to the ground

It was also noted that the bins should be changed so that they have lids on.

Tommy – to go out into church for Remembrance Sunday this year. Norse to be asked to quote for a plinth by the village sign for future years and Worlingham Hall to be asked for permission

Defib outside school – it was agreed by all to approve cost of £1700 for a defib. Council also agreed to cover school costs of electricity for the defib – school to approve location of defib.

Planters – discussion about whether any extra are required – to be considered at a future meeting

Beccles T C meeting re road closure – extra meeting held this week which Cllr Summerfield attended – the planters are to be moved onto the QD side and the parking spaces on this side will still be left vacant for social distancing purposes . Planters to be moved from the other sides – and there will only be a road closure on Fridays for the market.

Meeting with Peter Aldous and Tim Passmore – Cllr Hubbard had attended and advised that Bungay have offered a room at the council office to retain a local presence as they have concerns about crime levels and the reaction times of crews from Lowestoft. For Beccles and Worlingham Cllr Hubbard had asked about the crime levels – there were 152 crimes in August 2020 which is an increase of 100% from the year before. 41 of these are connected to violence. Cllr Hubbard advised about drug dealing around Sandpit Lane and Tim Passmore confirmed that he would look into this.

5. Planning

a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;

SCC/0068/20w – B and B skips – no adverse comments.

b) ESC Decisions received; see website. Noted.

c) Any other planning matters

All Saints Green garage – the enforcement officer has advised that there is no evidence of conversion but the owner has been made aware that a planning application will be needed if it is no longer to be used as a garage.

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 have been provided for insertion into the land transfer docs so that these can be signed.
- Remembrance - Cllr Summerfield is liaising with Peter Hobbs regarding the procedure for the day in view of Covid regulations.
- Christmas trees – 2 trees ordered and the lights requested from Cozens Lighting as usual.
- Christmas lights competition will take place as usual.
- The Tommy to be placed in the church again this year. Cllr Summerfield will arrange.
- Defibrillator – school has agreed to have 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 3 weeks.
- Garden Lane play area -2nd gate - Vertas to organise.

7. Works in village

- Tree inspections – Woodfield Park – Holly Close – Norse have visited and are organising remedial works
- Park Drive play area gate – Norse quoting to repair the double gate
- Bus Shelter – Kempton’s Cross – Norse quoting to repair the guttering
- Bus shelter Kempton’s Cross – Norse to be asked to quote for roof repairs
- Wooden posts to protect verges – see above
- Table tennis tables x 2 – await installation dates
- Planter by village sign – volunteers are assisting with the maintenance and planting
- Photo from Beccles for back of village sign – leasing about the choice of design
- New sign for Ellough Road – how/ where to progress – possibly with PCE Automation – Cllr Hubbard to take this forward.
- New salt bin required for Pine Tree Close to replace the broken one – being organised
- Litter bins – collect details of where new ones are needed. Include Park Drive play area
- Path by Worlingham Hall needs repair – SCC and the Hall to be contacted.
- Noted that the Jubilee bench at All Saints Green needs cleaning and screwing to the ground
- Tommy - Norse to be asked to quote for a plinth by the village sign for future years and Worlingham Hall to be asked for permission
- Road markings Lowestoft Road/ Glenwood Drive need renewing - these are on SCC online system
- Glenwood Drive – need further repairs -this is on the SCC online system
- Tree is overhanging footpath from 19 Garden Lane

8. 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) Staff Performance mgt review date to be organised.
- d) Initial discussions on budget 2021/22 – 15th Dec 2020
9. Other matters
Salc training and webinars – see their website
SALC – East Suffolk joint forum – 28th Oct at 7pm on zoom -Cllr Robbins will attend
East Suffolk partnership – annual forum – various dates and speakers – 2-6 Nov 2020
- Cllr Hubbard asked whether anyone was aware of an accident by the pedestrian crossing on Lowestoft Road
10. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm