



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 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, S Robbins.

Also Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, ESC Ward Cllr C Topping, SCC Ward Cllr E Brambley-Crawshaw

Agenda

- 1 a) *To receive any apologies for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllr T Cossey and Cllr J Raybould. Also ESC ward Cllr G 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 12th May 2020*

There was one amendment to the minutes -. Re the vote for pedestrian measures on Sandpit Lane – the vote should have read 1 against instead of 1 abstain. It was agreed by all to approve the minutes of 12th May 2020 with this one amendment

3. *To receive report from SCC ward councillor*

Members were advised that the request for Sandpit Lane had been e mailed through to the transport scheme section within SCC and had been followed up along with the potential schemes for Beccles. Carl Ashton at SCC is dealing.

Re pop up cycle lane for Lowestoft Road – the ward Cllr advised that SCC had a very tight deadline to apply for some funding that had become available and as this scheme had been on a list it had been put forward – although no consultation had taken place on it and no additional information is known as the SCC papers have been confidential to date.

Discussion took place about the scheme and the side roads that might be affected by a pop-up cycle lane, and the effect that the scheme might have on Worlingham roads. Cllr Hubbard asked whether such a new cycle lane would now be able to be enforced.

Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw advised that she ask such questions at the next SCC cttee meeting.

Cllr Robbins asked whether the footpaths along the Lowestoft Road could be included within the scheme as these were in need of widening, to enable social distancing / to accommodate people now walking into Beccles. It was suggested that this matter be taken up separately with Norse -Richard Hackney to be asked if this work could be carried out.

Beccles safety social distancing measures.

Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that herself, Cllr Topping, Cllr Elliott and Cllr Bee have been working with Beccles T C re some safety measures to enable social distancing queuing outside some of the shops in the Market area. There are various options contained within the plans from closing just the market area to traffic as a minimum, to more significant closures. All will be temporary for up to one year to aid social distancing. The car park spaces outside the shops alongside Coopers will be cordoned off to enable queues to use the spaces rather than having queues along the pavement.

Cllr Summerfield asked about the closure of the market area as this has been tried before but local businesses had been against it. Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that some businesses were now supportive of the scheme – being more concerned about the need for queuing space than about the road closure itself.

Councillors were advised that Beccles T C has agreed to put forward the most dramatic options to SCC as they do not meet for another month – but realise that this may not actually occur. The most dramatic options include creating outside seating space for the restaurants such as the Wine Vaults, Baileys etc.

ESC Cllr Topping was asked whether Cllr Summerfield could be part of the working group set up to consider the schemes – as a representative for the residents of Worlingham. Cllr Topping will make this request to Beccles TC.

Discussion about the licensing of tables / chairs on the pavements – SCC Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw advised that this should be SCC, but that they do not have the resources to do this.

SCC Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that Track and Trace was vital for the future control of the virus.

Members were advised that there will be a demonstration in Beccles on Wednesday evening as part of the Black Lives Matter support. Attendees must wear face masks and social distance.

Cllr Brambley Crawshaw advised that she will support the 20mph request for Garden Lane with some financial assistance from her locality budget.

To receive report from ESC ward councillor

Written report had been received prior to the meeting.

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

Nil

4. Chairman's Report including.

Covid 19 community group update

Cllr Summerfield advised that the food boxes are being supplemented with perishables and this has worked well.

EDF Plans for Sizewell C – application/ consultation – Cllr Summerfield advised that this is the final part of the consultation and that all councillors should take part and provide their views.

School – Cllr Summerfield advised that the new Head of the Primary School (Mr Seaman) has made contact to introduce himself and has said that to aid parking congestion the staff will be using the extra land at the back of the overflow car park to park their cars on – this being something that the parish council had suggested previously but which had been dismissed. Cllr Summerfield felt that a better working relationship with the school may now be possible.

Cllr Summerfield had provided Mr Seaman with the Covid community contact number – and had advised him of the assistance that is being made available by the group – especially to those in need of food.

Cllr Summerfield advised that she has a key to the gate on All Saints Green – this is a standard Norse key. Spare to be obtained from Norse for the fete cttee.

5. Planning

a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;

Dc/20/1990/TPO – Fell 1 pine tree 25 Lowestoft Road

This has been suggested as the tree is leaning into the road.

Members agreed, with one abstain, that if it was acceptable to the ESC tree officer, then it would be acceptable to the parish council.

AP/20/0039/ENF - Boasts industrial Park – enforcement notice re residential occupation.

Responses by 3rd July 2020

Members were advised that this matter is now being referred to a public inquiry.

SCC/0089/19W – Band B skips – being considered by SCC on 10th June – retrospective application for regularisation of land- recommendation is to approve.

Members felt that all of the issues / concerns that they had raised had been addressed in the officer's report – especially those regarding noise.

b) *ESC Decisions received; see website.*

c) Any other planning matters

Caravan by 1 Marsh Lane – The enforcement officers have just started undertaking site visits and this matter is on the list to be looked at.

6. Finance Matters including:

a) Authorisation of cheques for payment.

The cheques and balances were **considered and it was RESOLVED by all to approve the payments.**

b) Donation requests – Nil

c) Note that audit will be presented at the July meeting.

7. Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Summerfield advised that the Plan was virtually ready for its REG 14 consultation – but that ESC had concerns about consultations taking place when there is no opportunity for public drop-in sessions. A summary document will be produced which can be distributed to each property in Worlingham.

8. Projects and other matters -

a) *Sign for Ellough Road entrance to Village – arrange to meet PCE to discuss?*

Cllr Brambley Crawshaw has met with PCE on one occasion to discuss possible sponsorship of the new roundabout. This to be followed up and a discussion held about possible site for the new village sign.

b) *Divestment - Heads of terms for play areas – awaiting solicitor return to work.*

c) *Newsletter – to be drafted for July*

9. Other matters

Cllr Summerfield advised that the planning application for the community facility site should be available soon for consideration.

Overgrown hedges etc – these to be reported through the SCC online reporting tool

Manor Close side road – members were asked if they knew why the road was unadopted when ESC owns some of the properties. Cllr Topping to be asked to look into.

Litter picking – Cllr topping advised that Beccles Bombs are not doing group litter picks at the present time – but individuals are still doing some.

Members asked that the sign attached to the Worlingham village sign on Lowestoft Road be removed – clerk to try and find a contact.

Clerk advised that prices are still awaited for the VE/VJ memorial seats – no response is being received to e mails (staff probably furloughed.)

Police Connect newsletter – police to be asked to supply Worlingham specific information.

10. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30pm

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