

# Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

## Councillors Present

Cllr Summerfield - Chair, Cllr Cossey, Cllr Holman, Cllr L Kersey, Cllr J Mather, Cllr S Mather, Cllr Raybould, Cllr Robbins.

## Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 2 Members of the public ESC Ward Cllr Topping and SCC Brambley-Crawshaw.

## Agenda

### 1a) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hubbard. Apologies were also received from ESC Ward Cllr Elliott.

## Declarations of Interest

b) *Personal Interest* – Cllr Holman declared a personal interest re planning application for Pine Tree Close.

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 January 2020

**It was RESOLVED by all to approve the minutes.**

### 3) Public contribution

#### A) Report from SCC Cllr Brambley- Crawshaw

SCC Cllr Brambley–Crawshaw had provided a written report - circulated to all members and advised that the Ipswich northern route consultation had been negative, and this project has therefore been pulled.

Children’s centre consultation is now available to complete online.

Permit scheme for road works – the new scheme will mean that service providers need to apply to SCC, and this should mean that SCC can coordinate some of the road works.

#### B) Report from ESC Ward Cllr Elliott

Cllr Topping advised that the Enabling Grant was available – and suggested that the council could apply for some monies for litter picking equipment. Wainford House has been rated ‘inadequate’ and all of the ESC ward councillors are working with the care home on this matter.

Dogs are now permitted by Wetherspoons at the pedestrian area tables.

M and H wish to sponsor some recycling bins in Beccles.

Beales – it is hoped that the store will stay open.

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

Resident asked about the health service not having enough doctors, education not having enough staff - and thus suggested that no new housing should be built until such infrastructure should be in place.

The Chair advised that the parish council had objected to the suggestion of the new community garden village and for the new housing in the Waveney New Local Plan but had been thwarted in both attempts. Cllr Cossey confirmed that the parish council has never supported the amount of housing being suggested for Worlingham and for the past 4 years had worked tirelessly to prevent this happening due to the lack of infrastructure and the lack of established need.

**4. Chairman's Report including;**

*School - Parking around school / fencing for play area by school*

Cllr Summerfield advised that there is a new Headmaster in place at the school. Cllr Summerfield advised that she would introduce herself to the Head.

The council has sent some pictures of possible parking signs to the governors to review.

Fence around school/ council play area – the fence height is to be increased – a gate will go in so that the grass cutting machine can enter. The Chair advised SCC of the need for 2 gates in the park – SCC will consider and advise.

Closed footpath Holly Close - arrange to close gap with fence panels – it was proposed by Cllr Cossey, seconded by Cllr Holman and agreed by all that quotes be sought to replace the fence panels that are missing and to put them in concrete posts.

Annual parish meeting – guest speaker – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 – suggestions included; New Head of Primary School, Richard Henderson, WI, Recycling/ Terracycling contacts, Beccles Youth Climate Alliance – Cllr Summerfield to make contact.

*Cllr Cossey left at 7.40pm*

Beccles side of village sign – Cllr Topping advised that the Beccles T C assets cttee have met to discuss putting something on the back of the sign on Lowestoft Road.

**5. Planning**

*a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;*

*Dc/20/0405/ Ful – ground and first floor extension 3 Pine Tree Close.*

There were no objections to this application.

*Ref. No: DC/20/0421/PNH*

*Prior Notification (Householder) - Extend living room into and beyond conservatory  
8 Heather Way Worlingham Beccles Suffolk NR34 7ED*

Council are concerned at the loss of amenity of light for neighbours.

*Dc/20/0501/TPO – noted*

*Dc/20/0484/TPO – noted*

*DC/20/0486/TPO – noted*

*b) ESC Decisions received; see website.*

*c) Any other planning matters – nil*

6. **Parish Projects**

a) Litter Pick – Thanks were extended to all that had helped with the previous clearance. It was agreed by all that the next litter pick would take place along Old Lowestoft Road starting at the Marsh Lane roundabout from 2pm – 3pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The Chair offered to promote on social media.

Future requirement for more litter picking equipment – apply through the community enabling fund.

b) update on Sign for Ellough Road entrance to Village – SCC to agree location/ licence. Cllr Summerfield had met with SCC on site. The officer has advised that land ownership is unknown and that the only signs that can be authorised are from the SCC catalogue. The sign that Thomas Jones is doing for the parish is approx. 2m high and is a one off. Parish council has requested that the sign go close to the sign that points to College Lane. Discussion took place re land ownership and the permission that would be required. Cllr Brambley Crawshaw to see if she can chase.

Finger post to College Lane to be removed – continue to chase.

c) Table Tennis tables – Werels Loke/ Woodfield park have been ordered. Exact location to be agreed prior to delivery – Cllrs Hubbard, and Summerfield to consider further.

d) Transfer of play areas- Cllr Summerfield and clerk have checked the agreements and these are presently with the parish council solicitor.

7. **Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.**

a) ESC Planning forum updates – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020- 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Cllrs Summerfield and J Mather attended.

b) East Suffolk Community Partnership – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 at 6pm at Bungay Community Centre – Cllr Summerfield attended. Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March at Holton Village hall.

c) East Suffolk Greenprint Forum – 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Riverside 6pm – 9pm. Cllr Hubbard attended

d) SALC – East Suffolk meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan at Darsham village hall – 7pm – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Kersey attended. Concerns were raised re the effect of the proposed renewable energy turbines out at sea and the substation at Friston.

e) Southern parishes meeting with Peter Aldous – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Hubbard attended. Discussion was regarding the Barnby Bends and the potential for straightening them.

Councillors held discussion also re a dedicated cycle route to go to alongside main road to be able to cycle to Lowestoft / Loddon.

8. **Finance and governance 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) Vertas for Park Drive.** It was agreed by all to ask Vertas to continue with the Park drive contract for 2020/2021.

9. **Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan**

The Regulation 14 consultation is nearly ready – the documents have been sent to ESC for

pre consultation guidance. The 2 statutory assessments are also being carried out by ESC to be added as appendices to the Reg 14 consultation.  
Consultation to be advertised in the Grapevine once the document is available.

10. **Other matters**

Buildings at back of pharmacy – write to ESC enforcement officers.

Fallen trees along Hillside Avenue – SCC to be asked for permission to replace.

11. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Chairman .....

Dated .....

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