

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

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

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 3 Members of the public

Agenda

1a) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Holman and Cllr Hubbard. Apologies were also received from ESC Ward Cllr Elliott, ESC Ward Cllr Topping and SCC ward Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw.

Declarations of Interest

b) *Personal Interest* – Nil

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 February 2020

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

3) Public contribution

A) Report from SCC Cllr Brambley- Crawshaw

Written report received in which members were advised that all streetlights are converting to LED.

In response councillors were concerned that LED did not let out much light at night for walkers, cyclists etc

Re the SCC Highway fund – Cllr Summerfield has e mailed the school with details of the scheme and suggested that they apply direct.

B) Report from ESC Ward councillors

Written report received. Members felt that the report has more green party matters within it than ESC or Worlingham specific matters.

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

A resident advised that the Kempton Cross wooden bus shelter needs some work on its roof as it seems to be leaking.

4. Chairman's Report including;

School - Parking around school - no updates

Litter picking dates – ESC ward councillors have agreed to put the Worlingham litter picking dates into their publication.

5. Planning

a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;

Dc/20/0559/FUL- 6 Brookwood Close

Concerns have been raised by neighbours.

Members noted that the log burner will cause excess fumes for the neighbouring properties. KIV that Worlingham is a smoke free zone and that in view of climate emergency these ought not be supported. The proposed 2m fence will restrict the view on this corner – and there is a covenant in all the deeds of these properties that the area should be open plan. The fence will therefore alter the street scene and harm neighbour amenity.

This response was AGREED by all.

Dc/20/0657/Ful – 17 Pine Tree Close.

There were no objections to this application.

b) ESC Decisions received; see website.

c) Any other planning matters

11 Paddocks Green – the 2m fence has been erected despite parish council objection – clerk to contact enforcement officer.

SCC Band B skip hire application – council to reinforce the original response to the initial submission.

6. Parish Projects

a) Litter Pick – February litter pick had gone well – thanks were extended to all the litter pickers and the 2 Bombles who had helped. Approx. 100 vodka bottles had been picked up along the Old Lowestoft Road – the police to be asked to patrol this area in future.

Future dates -

Friday 27th March 2020 starting at the pharmacy 2pm to cover areas to include Manor Close.

Friday 17th April 2pm – 3pm meet at pharmacy

Friday May 15th – 2pm – 3pm – meet at pharmacy

Friday 26th June 2pm – 3pm – meet at pharmacy

b) update on Sign for Ellough Road entrance to Village – SCC to agree location/ licence.

See also February minutes. 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. However councillors wished it note that this is a 'village sign' not a 'gateway'. Further discussions to be held with SCC and Cllr Brambley Crawshaw to be asked to assist if necessary. (The sign that Thomas Jones is doing for the parish is approx. 2m high and is a one off).

All noted that the finger sign pointing to College Lane has now been removed.

c) *Table Tennis tables* – Werels Loke/ Woodfield park have been ordered. It was agreed that those for Woodfield Park will be located by the winer diners, whilst those for Werels Loke will be by the MUGA -and opposite the play area.

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

e) *Events*

VE Day -Friday 8th May 2020.

VJ Day is Saturday 15th August 2020 which is Beccles Carnival weekend.

Worlingham fete is Saturday 5th September 2020.

Re VE Day -there was uncertainty about what the school / church will be doing.

Suggestions for the parish council include providing a commemorative bench/ planter by the village signs. **It was AGREED by all that 2** commemorative benches should be purchased – ask the community where they would like them placed. Perhaps one for back of school by the council noticeboard?

f) COVID 19- article to be placed in the GRAPEVINE

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

Arrange meeting with new school head – Cllr Summerfield to arrange.

Closed footpath – fence panels – quotes awaited.

Beccles side of village sign – Beccles T C to be asked to send a copy of the draft design that they would like to put on the back of the Worlingham pc village signs.

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) *Bank signatories* – additions to be made to the signatories so that more councillors are added to the signing mandate. BACS payments to also be arranged for the accounts.
AGREED by all

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**

Clearing of pavements – from corner of Garden Lane to pharmacy – NORSE to be asked to clear these of moss, leaves and to cut back the edgings to make the pavements wider. Norse to also be asked to clear the pavements from The Spinney to Croft Close and again widen the pavements in this area as much as possible.
SCC to be asked to repair potholes in same location.

Weeds outside Park Drive play area fence have now been cut back

Trees on Hillside Ave – these to be replaced after the ones damaged in the storm – SCC

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw to be asked to help get permission for the parish council.
Tim Harrison to be contacted to see if he can salvage the original tree that fell.

Holly Close - Woodfield Park play area - a number of trees have fallen in this area –
Robert Slarke of Norse to be asked to visit the site asp.

Bank by Garden Lane – the tree stump has been cut down – Alexander to now be cut
back. Norse to be asked.

11. **Date of next meeting.** To be April 14th, 2020

Chairman

Dated

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