

Minutes of the meeting of Worlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Worlingham Primary School.

Councillors Present

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

Also present

Mrs Beevor – Clerk. 1 Member of the public ESC Ward Cllr Elliott

Agenda

1a) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Cossey. Apologies were also received from ESC ward Cllr Topping, and SCC Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw.

Declarations of Interest

b) *Personal Interest* – There were no declarations of personal interest.

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 3rd December 2019

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.

The 20mph request for Garden Lane would be acceptable from the data recorded – now with SCC to consider further.

B) Report from ESC Ward Cllr Elliott

ESC written report had been circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Elliott advised that the Lido had received extra funding from ESC Cil allocation and reminded the council that it could apply for funding from the Enabling Community Budget of typically £500. Guidance is online.

CPE will take effect from 6th April 2020 and ESC will have officers enforcing on street parking. Query raised with regards to parking over dropped kerbs – and whether CPE will deal with enforcement .

Requests for dropped kerbs, as at Merry Leas, need to be sent to Cllr Bramley-Crawshaw,

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

Resident asked about a sign for Foxglove Close as lack of signage is causing confusion to delivery drivers – Cllr Elliott will liaise with Nikki Childs at ESC.

Resident advised that the Nature Reserve at North Cove has been given to the Beccles Bird Trust to look after. There is a wildflower meadow for which they are also responsible for. Cllr Hubbard asked how many of their members were from Worlingham.

4. Chairman's Report including;

- *Xmas card* – it was agreed that the card looked very good and it had been well received.
- *Fencing for play area by school* – Cllr Summerfield advised that the school were looking into the fencing around the play area. Cllr Summerfield will attend a site meeting on 23rd Jan.
- *Maintenance of Garden Lane banked area* – Norse working at the area today.
- *Weeds / plants outside fencing at Park Drive play area* – Norse have been chased to remove these.

5. Planning

a) Applications received prior to the meeting including;

Dc/20/0027/FUL – create first floor accommodation in new roof construction at Grey tiles, 21 Marsh Lane, for Mr and Mrs Holliday

There were no objections to this application.

Dc/20/0190/Ful – creation of a single storey extension at 2 Hilltop Rise.

There were no objections to this application.

b) ESC Decisions received; see website.

c) Any other planning matters – nil

6. Budget/ Precept 2020/2021

a) Discussion regarding the draft budget for 2020/2021 and the projects/ costs described therein.

The parish clerk presented the budget to those present. The budget includes those projects that council wish to complete in 2020/21 and includes a resource to carry out maintenance works in the village. Members reminded those present that play area refurbishment would be a large part of the expenditure for the next year especially if the play area transfers take place from ESC. School to be consulted on what items of play equipment the children would like in the play areas. Expenditure is anticipated at £47,250. Excess of expenditure over income to be funded from reserves.

It was AGREED by all to approve the budget.

b) Precept 2020/21 – Following on from approval of the budget it was RESOLVED by a majority of 7 in favour and 1 against to approve a precept increase of 2% to £38464 for the year 2020/21.

7. Parish Projects

a) Litter Pick – Thanks were extended to all that had helped with the clearance of Lowestoft Road, Hillside Ave and All Saints Green.

Old Lowestoft Road will need to be considered for next time. Cllr Elliott offered to assist. 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 21st 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.

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) Xmas lights competition/ Christmas trees – the competition had been well received.

Winner has requested donation to British Heart Foundation. The village Xmas trees had also been well received.

e) Transfer of play areas- Cllr Summerfield and clerk to check agreements

f) rewilding area – Pepys Ave by notice board? Residents advise that they like the area to remain as it is so no further action to be taken in this respect.

8. Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

a) ESC Planning forum updates – Monday 27th January 2020- 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Cllrs Summerfield and J Mather to attend.

b) East Suffolk Community Partnership – 3rd Feb 2020 at 6pm at Bungay Community Centre – Cllr Summerfield to attend for Worlingham

c) East Suffolk Greenprint Forum – 3rd February – Riverside 6pm – 9pm. Cllr Hubbard will attend.

d) Consider information/ Infographic on service provision for website – costs to be ascertained.

e) SALC – East Suffolk meeting – 23rd Jan at Darsham village hall – 7pm – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Kersey to attend.

f) Southern parishes meeting with Peter Aldous – Cllr Summerfield and Cllr Hubbard to attend.

g) Civil parking enforcement – 6th April 2020 - noted.

9. 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.**

10. Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan

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

Consultation to be advertised in the Grapevine.

11. Other matters

Worlingham community Facility – Cllr Summerfield advised that the revised planning application should soon be received by ESC. The legal situation is still with SCC.

The church is looking to put in a planning application for the old village hall site and this will include affordable housing. The community facility site does not have affordable housing as it is providing a community facility.

Grit bin on Garden Lane needs mending

Footpath at back of school is very slippery with leaves – Norse to be advised.

Request for Grit bin to be chased

Letter to go to Slimming World organisers re the banner opposite Hillside Avenue.

12. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 11th February 2020

Chairman

Dated

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