

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 1 March 2021 7pm via Zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr Mark Fisher (MF); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr David Johnson (DJ) (Vice Chairman); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (part of meeting); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS) Cllr Roger Wilshire (RW)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG), Tamara Reay; 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (part of meeting)

101/20/21	Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
102/20/21	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
103/20/21	Minutes of meeting held on 1 February 2021: <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by MP, seconded by DJ and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
104/20/21	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: • Coming up to election time and an element of purdah coming in; RiG would not normally be allowed to attend parish council meetings during this time but as he is not a candidate this will not apply and he would like to continue to attend Worton Parish Council meetings if councillors are happy. BD said that the Parish Council has appreciated RiG's input and advice and he is welcome to attend meetings. • The current consultation within the Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review is open until 9 March. The big issue is around whether or not Worton should be classed as a large village but this is not the issue being looked at this stage, the current consultation is around the need and process for identifying how many houses there should be. That being said, Worton Parish Council should challenge their large village status and should consider the balance between the evidence of need for housing. There is a concern re the need to link housing and transport. NS raised concerns concerning the algorithm that Wiltshire Council have used. • Devizes Area Board will be held on 15 March - there will be a report from the Air Quality and Transport Group (CATG) meeting and the Community Area Transport Group meeting. RiG expressed his gratitude for the contributions from RS and Worton Parish Council to CATG. • Market Lavington High Street will be closed 4 March for 4 days for repairs to footpath. • Improvements to Black Dog Crossroads are being considered by Atkins - report is not out yet.. • The national Census will be held on 21 March. It is substantially online but some residents will find this challenging. If anyone struggling to complete the census is identified, please ensure they get the help they need. It is compulsory to complete it.
	The Chairman declared that the meeting was temporarily suspended to allow for an open session for 15 minutes where members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda. Nothing raised as question regarding large village status had already been covered. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.

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105/20/21	Local Plan Review: Considerable discussion was held to consider Worton Parish Council's response to the current consultation on the Local Plan Review. DP explained the algorithm which appeared to give some smaller villages a higher proportion of housing that might be expected. <i>RS joined the meeting at this point.</i> • Agreed there should be a target of 40% affordable homes on all new schemes of more than five dwellings (question 1). Other approaches? Ratio rather than percentage; market value rather than affordable. Small developers may be deterred due to financial viability. • Agreed with amending Policy 44 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and including Community Led Housing (question 2). • Do not agree with the suggested approach of preventing householders from improving their own properties through extensions etc. Preference that new developments have a wide range of housing types and sizes (question 3). • Pros and cons to large village status - agreed to question Worton's status; issues with how the algorithm is worked out; concern re number of houses; where are the potential sites? (questions 6 and 7) It was suggested that MP drafted the response to questions 1-5 and DP would draft question 6 and 7. Drafts to be circulated by email for comment. BD thanked everyone for their input.															
106/20/21	Update on hedge cutting at Sandlease and Whatleys: Contractor has cut hedge beside path leading down to Sandlease bank but not inside the field as ground was too soft. To be cut in September. Whatleys field has been cut apart from bottom hedge where the tractor access was impeded due to saplings. DP and RW offered to move saplings so hedge could be cut in September.															
107/20/21	Improvement to footpaths WORT10/WORT11: Clerk updated the council on progress to date: • Wiltshire Council have given permission for improvements, suggested 3 contractors and have offered to provide quotes - Clerk is chasing for these. A site meeting has also been suggested. • Offer of £2,000 so far from resident towards cost. Expecting quotes to be in the region of £10,000 plus. • Surface needs to be tough enough to withstand horse riders • Grants may be available from Wiltshire Council. Clerk will update council and resident once quotes have been received.															
108/20/21	Planning: a) The Parish Council's response to the following planning application was considered: <table><tr><td>21/01487/TCA</td><td>Rose and Crown Inn, High Street, Worton SN10 5SE</td><td>Ash tree - remove two limbs Ash tree - fell</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">No objection</td></tr><tr><td>21/01649/TCA</td><td>185 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE</td><td>1 x Yew Tree adjacent to the High Street has been damaged in recent adverse weather, the trunk has split and a large branch has also broken off. The tree is both Diseased and Damaged. Tree to be removed.</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">No objection</td></tr><tr><td>21/00593/FUL</td><td>Moore's Cottage, 164 High</td><td>Demolition of existing sub-standard</td></tr></table>	21/01487/TCA	Rose and Crown Inn, High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Ash tree - remove two limbs Ash tree - fell	No objection			21/01649/TCA	185 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	1 x Yew Tree adjacent to the High Street has been damaged in recent adverse weather, the trunk has split and a large branch has also broken off. The tree is both Diseased and Damaged. Tree to be removed.	No objection			21/00593/FUL	Moore's Cottage, 164 High	Demolition of existing sub-standard
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	Street, Worton SN10 5SE	quality dwelling & new replacement dwelling with garage and parking																																		
Various concerns have been raised by residents since plans were published. It was felt property was too large for size of plot, did not enhance adjacent conservation area. Garage is at front of house too close to road, preference is to the side or behind property. Property to the west possibly overlooked from 1st floor terrace. Also noted there was a discrepancy re plan and visuals as far as windows are concerned. Following discussion it was agreed that on the current plans, the Parish Council could not support the application. Objection																																				
b) There were no decisions to note.																																				
109/20/21	Finance: a) Accounts to be paid: Full schedule of payments had been circulated prior to meeting. Resolved: Proposed by BD, seconded by NS and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th><i>Payable to</i></th><th><i>Net</i></th><th><i>VAT</i></th><th><i>Gross</i></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>HMRC/E M Starling</td><td>375.74</td><td>0.00</td><td>375.74</td></tr><tr><td>eUKhost Ltd</td><td>8.39</td><td>1.68</td><td>10.07</td></tr><tr><td>Value Products</td><td>26.00</td><td>5.20</td><td>31.20</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping</td><td>260.00</td><td>52.00</td><td>312.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>670.13</td><td>58.88</td><td>729.01</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="3">Inter account transfer:</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>26/01/2021</td><td>Amount:</td><td>500.00</td></tr><tr><td>1/3/2020</td><td></td><td>500.00</td></tr></tbody></table> b) It was requested that we consider paying for Zoom as the 40 minutes free time has been insufficient for recent meetings. Resolved: Proposed by DJ, seconded by NS and agreed by all that subscription to Zoom Pro be taken out on a monthly basis until physical meetings are resumed.			<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	HMRC/E M Starling	375.74	0.00	375.74	eUKhost Ltd	8.39	1.68	10.07	Value Products	26.00	5.20	31.20	Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping	260.00	52.00	312.00	Total	670.13	58.88	729.01	Inter account transfer:			26/01/2021	Amount:	500.00	1/3/2020		500.00
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	Items to be considered for the next meeting: Community Led Housing update Neighbourhood Plan update Working group/committee for Whatleys																																			
	Date of next meeting: Monday 12 April 2021 7.00pm via Zoom.																																			
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.																																			

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