

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 12 April 2021 6pm via Zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr David Johnson (DJ) (Vice Chairman); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP)

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

Apologies: Cllr Mark Fisher (MF); Cllr Richard Slack (RS); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS); Cllr Roger Wilshire (RW)

1/21/22	Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed Councillors and received apologies. A moment of reflection was held for both HRH Prince Philip, and for Councillor Stokes' wife Joy who passed away yesterday.
2/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
3/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 1 March 2021: <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by BD, seconded by MP and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
4/21/22	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: RiG reporting as retiring Wiltshire Councillor so not subject to purdah. Not much to report as most services in transition. • Highways Strategy has been published and includes Black Dog Crossroads; report from Atkins not published so details of what is proposed not known yet. • Highways traffic issues (notification of road closures and diversion routes) are no longer being emailed out; now notified via 'one.network'. • RiG said it had been a pleasure to work with Worton Parish Council; for those Councillors not standing again, he commended the enormous contribution they had made to the community of Worton. BD thank RiG for his support.
	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. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.
5/21/22	Community Led Housing Update: MP report that he had spoken to Worton United Charities and they are currently unlikely to pursue the Community Land Trust route. They are looking to go ahead with their original plan of a small development on the charities land. As this would not involve Whatleys field, no further action to be taken by the Parish Council. BD thanked MP for the work he has put into researching Community Led Housing.
6/21/22	Neighbourhood Plan Update: DP and MP gave their thoughts as chair and vice-chair of the current Neighbourhood Plan steering group as to the future of the Plan and the steering group. Other members also gave their views. BD summed up the discussions:

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	• Pause for thought • Up to date village survey to be carried out • Group to be brought under the auspices of the Parish Council • Meeting to be held to get interested parties involved Resolved: DJ proposed and MP seconded that the Neighbourhood Plan steering group be reformed under the Parish Council. Agreed.															
7/21/22	Worton's Large Village Status: The definition is set out in the Wiltshire Core Strategy: <i>Large Villages are defined as settlements with a limited range of employment, services and facilities. Small Villages have a low level of services and facilities, and few employment opportunities.</i> A lengthy discussion was held concerning Worton's status as a Large Village. Some members felt that it was right to be classed as a large village as it met the definition although the reason it is being questioned is the large number of houses required in the Wiltshire Local Plan. It was felt that Wiltshire Council is unlikely to change the status as it is not something they are reviewing in the Local Plan. Resolved: MP proposed, DJ seconded that Clerk should write to Wiltshire Council and clarify why Worton was classed as a Large Village when Great Cheverell was removed (but has more facilities than Worton); to also ask if Worton can be removed from the Large Village category. Agreed with one abstention.															
8/21/22	Whatleys Play Area Working Group: It was agreed that there should be a working group for the play area. Clerk to contact Whatleys Close residents for representatives to be on group.															
9/21/22	Rights of Way: a) Improvement to footpaths WORT10/WORT11 - no update as yet. Clerk is chasing Wiltshire Council for quotes. b) DJ reported that adults cyclists were using Back Lane despite it being a footpath. He requested purchase of 10 'No cycling' signs to place along footpath. Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council Right of Way team for their comments but no response as yet. Members did not see there would be a problem in putting signs up. Resolved: DP proposed, MP seconded that signs be purchased. All agreed. DJ will put signs up. Clerk was requested to chase the kissing gate to replace one of the broken stiles on WORT22. c) Update on footpath/village signs project: BD will contact RW to arrange a walk to confirm placing of signs.															
10/21/22	Planning: a) The Parish Council's response to the following planning application was considered: <table><tr><td>21/01942/FUL</td><td>Old School House 116 High Street Worton SN10 5SE</td><td>Loft conversion with roof lights and side facing pitched roof dormer</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">No objection</td></tr><tr><td>21/02180/TCA</td><td>Agra Cottage, 158 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE</td><td>G1 - unspecified trees growing over the fence from next door property - crown lift over garden to 3.5m and trim back remaining by 2m</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">No objection</td></tr><tr><td>PL/2021/03110</td><td>Orchard Cottage, 147 High</td><td>Ti Ash Remove as showing signs of</td></tr></table>	21/01942/FUL	Old School House 116 High Street Worton SN10 5SE	Loft conversion with roof lights and side facing pitched roof dormer	No objection			21/02180/TCA	Agra Cottage, 158 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	G1 - unspecified trees growing over the fence from next door property - crown lift over garden to 3.5m and trim back remaining by 2m	No objection			PL/2021/03110	Orchard Cottage, 147 High	Ti Ash Remove as showing signs of
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	Street, Worton, Devizes, SN10 5SE	die back and too large for its position , retain Horse Chestnut Tree down for removal previously .
	No objection	
	b) The following decisions were noted:	
21/01487/TCA	Rose and Crown Inn, High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Ash tree - remove two limbs Ash tree - fell
	Decision: 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.
	Decision: No objection	
21/00645/TCA	Orchard Cottage, 147 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	T1 Ash - showing signs of ash dye back , growing too close to house - remove T2 Horse Chestnut - weak union at 2m, decay pocket present - remove
	Decision: No objection	
21/00593/FUL	Moore's Cottage, 164 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Demolition of existing sub-standard quality dwelling & new replacement dwelling with garage and parking
	Decision: Approve with conditions	
20/07414/FUL	Gertasha, Seend Road, Worton SN10 1SQ	Proposed Replacement Dwelling and Outbuildings
	Decision: Approve with conditions	
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11/21/22	Correspondence: 1. A letter has been received requesting a donation from Wiltshire Search and Rescue. At a previous meeting it had been agreed that requests such as these would be held and considered together at year end. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for March 2022. Clerk to notify Wiltshire Search and Rescue. 2. Clerk has been notified that the contractors are likely to be starting work on the Cedar Tree next week. 3. Village Hall AGM is to be held Tuesday April 27th at 7pm via Zoom. BD will attend as the Parish Council representative.	
12/21/22	Finance: a) Various documents pertaining to the 2020/2021 year end accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: DJ proposed, DP seconded and all agreed to approve the 2020/2021 accounts. The chairman signed the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021. b) Accounts to be paid: Full schedule of payments had been circulated prior to meeting. Resolved: Proposed by MP, seconded by DO and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:	

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<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
HMRC/E M Starling	392.97	2.40	395.37
R L Dark	120.00	24.00	144.00
Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	204.89	40.98	245.87
Geosphere Ltd	54.00	10.80	64.80
Total	771.86	78.18	850.04
Inter account transfer:			
6/4/2021	Amount:		600.00

13/21/22	Annual Parish Meeting: Clerk requested a review of the arrangements (including date) in light of Covid restrictions. There are three options: 1. Hold it on 24 May but restrict numbers to the 19 maximum people that the village hall will allow - 2 of these will be chair and the Clerk. 2. Hold it on 24 May but make it a hybrid meeting and live stream it via Zoom. Physical numbers still restricted to 19 but online any number can attend. Cost involved - Zoom 1 month subscription plus mobile phone data. 3. Bring it forward to before 7 May (the date when the regulations permitting virtual meetings end) and hold it remotely. We need to give 7 clear days notice so if notice was issued the day after the Parish Council meeting, the earliest day would be Thursday 22 April. (If it is held before 1 May, we won't need to pay for another month of Zoom subscription). Resolved: BD proposed, DP seconded and all agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held online on 26 April 2021.
14/21/22	1. Meeting schedule 2021/2022: The schedule of meetings for the next year had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: It was proposed by MP, seconded by BD and agreed by all that these dates be approved.
	2. Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: Monday 17 May 2021. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm. He went on to thank Councillors David Johnson and Mark Fisher for all their hard work over the years, They will be missed as they are not standing for re-election. Everyone appreciates all that they have done.

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