

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 13 December 2021 in Worton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (Vice Chair); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR); Russell Holland, Deputy Police Commissioner (RH); Christopher Collins (CC) (applicant for co-option); 6 members of the public

Apologies: Suzanne Bonfield (SB)

102/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chair received apologies for absence.
103/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
104/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 1 November 2021: <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by RS, seconded by NS, and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
105/21/22	Co-option to Parish Council Vacancy: The Clerk has received an application for the vacancy from Christopher Collins. <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by BD, seconded by RS and agreed unanimously that Christopher Collins be co-opted to Worton Parish Council. CC signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invited to take office. He declared an interest in agenda item 9c, planning application for Denmark Cottage.
	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. BD welcomed Russell Holland (RH), Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting. RH will give more information concerning AutoSpeedWatch later in the meeting. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.
106/21/22	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: TR reported that Wiltshire Council (WC) are carrying out budget preparations for 2022/2023. There is a budget gap and tough decisions to be made. To be considered at the full meeting of the council on 15 February. The big issue is social care funding. Devizes Area Board took place on 6 December. TR updated the meeting on the work of the Devizes Air Quality and Transport Strategy Group. She encouraged anyone from Worton who would like to be involved in looking at cycling and walking routes into Devizes to contact her (tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk). The Sustainable Devizes working group has been looking at the climate change survey which took place in November, the key outcome is the reduction in single use plastic. If anyone would like to be involved, contact TR. CC questioned TR on cycling and rights of way - information is on the Wiltshire Council website under Recreation/Rights of Way. The Parish Council also have a leaflet which Clerk will email to CC.
107/21/22	Transport and Road Safety a) Update on Worton Community Speed Watch

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The new co-ordinator Bob Mitchell reported on the recent meeting with the local organiser. Sessions have been reduced to 45minutes instead of an hour; this will affect results going forward. Currently 9 active members; do not want to recruit until the new Speed Indicator Devices are in place.

b) Update on Speed Indicator Device (SID):
 DP and RS reported on the recent CATG meeting where the funding was agreed for installation and posts. Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineering Manager will identify locations - site visit likely to take place after Christmas. Funding is committed by 31 March 2022 although engineering work may happen after that. Purchase of SID held off until sites have been confirmed.
 BD thanked DP and RS.

c) Update on the Highways Improvement request received from Five Lanes School for a permanent 20mph limit in the vicinity of the school. RS advised that WC have confirmed that a permanent 20mph limit would not be considered as not substantiated by the metro count data. The alternative is a part-time advisory 20mph limit, operational at the beginning and end of the school day; this would go through Taking Action on School Journeys (TAOSJ). RS advised that Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineering Manager has confirmed the 20mph limit will have no impact on parking outside of the school. Clerk will move this forward with the school governors.

d) AutoSpeedWatch (ASW)
 Councillor Dominic Muns unable to attend meeting but had emailed through his comments which had been circulated prior to meeting. He is supportive of ASW. RH confirmed that Wiltshire Police do not use the ASW data, but the Police and Crime Commission (PCC) does want it used. He said that 3 speed cameras have been ordered that produce direct letters and that the data showing hot spots is needed to know where to use the cameras. He encouraged the Parish Council to write to the PCC.
 RH was asked if the data from ASW could assist with crime - he will find out. It was noted that ASW only works during daylight hours.
 RH was asked about the recent spate of crime in Worton and surrounding villages and what seemed to be lack of interest from the police. He said that the PCC was aware of the incidents and encouraged people to report all crime. PCC looking at how 101 numbers and other methods of reporting work. There will be a number of public engagement events next year.
 TR said that there was an understanding that the PCSOs would drop into parish council meetings, but this hasn't happened for some time.
 BD thanked RH for attending the meeting.
 It was confirmed that the proposed letter would be sent to the PCC and local MP.

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Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment

a) Village Maintenance Working Group: Terms of reference and risk assessments needed. To meet in person March/April as various jobs to be done.
 A further quote has been received for Whatleys play area for a galleon ship which could be self-installed and may be a job for the working group. For next agenda.
 It was noted that the land drain at Sandlease has been unblocked.
 The surface under the gate at Sandlease has been levelled and feedback received from a wheelchair user that it is an improvement.

b) Improvements to WORT11/MARS9: Revised quote has been received from Wiltshire Council with the cost split between Worton and Marston. Worton's share is £6,758.80. Area Board grant will fund 50%, a resident has pledged £1,000 and will also apply to the Community fund for £1,455.37. These will leave £924.03 which may be funds raised by the resident.
 Marston PC meet at the end of January to discuss their share.
 To progress this work as soon as funding in place.

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Planning

a) Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire - Unlocking the Potential: A report from the conference which NS attended had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

b) Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Alliance (WALPA): NS gave information on WALPA which is seeking to try to counter the power of developers to override Local and Neighbourhood Plans due to the housing shortfall in Wiltshire. He suggested that the Parish Council considers joining the Alliance. Following some discussion, it was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group join rather than the Parish Council.

Resolved: MP proposed, NS seconded, and all agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group join the Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Alliance.

c) The following planning applications were considered:

PL/2021/10464	Denmark Cottage, 61 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	Yew Tree- Reduce by up to 3m and Shape back to Hedge Cherry Tree- Reduce by 3 Meters Beech Tree- Crown Reduce by 3.5 Meters T1 Ash. Fell due to Ash dieback.
No objection		
PL/2021/08599 PL/2021/08890	The Old Mill House, Mill Road, Worton SN10 5SF	Reinstatement of Barn/Store, new flood prevention wall, and refurbishment of the Mill House, including all other associated works. <i>Revised plans/additional information received</i>
No objection		

c) The following decisions were noted:

PL/2021/08303	150, High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	Two storey rear extension, replacement and additional windows and internal alterations.
Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with Conditions		
APP/Y3940/W/2 1/3276094	Land at Sandlease Farm	Outline planning application for up to 26 dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access
Planning Inspectorate decision: Appeal is allowed and permission granted		

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Community and Learning

a) Community Fund Applications

i. An application has been received from Worton and Marston PCC (Parochial Church Council) requesting £1,560 for purchase of a community notice board. The maximum an organisation can apply for is 50% of the total annual donation received, which is currently £1,455.37.

Resolved: It was proposed by MP, seconded by RS and agreed by all that a grant payment of £1,455.37 be made to Worton and Marston PCC for purchase of a community notice board.

It was suggested that the PCC revisit the installation charge as this seemed high.

ii) An application has been received from 1st Potterne Rainbows requesting £115.50 for leaders' membership fees for 2022. **Resolved:** It was proposed by RG, seconded by CC and agreed by all that a grant payment of £115.50 be made to 1st Potterne Rainbows for leaders' membership fees for 2022.

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	iii) An application has been received from 1st Worton and Marston Brownies requesting £115.50 for leaders' membership fees for 2022. Resolved: It was proposed by NS, seconded by BD and agreed by all that a grant payment of £115.50 be made to 1st Worton and Marston Brownies for leaders' membership fees for 2022. iv) WWII book (Grant agreed at November meeting): To note that payment to be made direct to publisher. Invoice for £863.15 has been received and will be added to the payments to be agreed at his meeting. This is lower than the original grant request.																																				
111/21/22	Communications a) Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.																																				
112/21/22	Finance a) Budget for 2022/2023: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that an amount of £6758.80 should be included within the project budget but this will be covered by grant income and residents' contributions; precept total not affected. Resolved: It was proposed by MP and seconded by DP that the budget for 2022/2023 be accepted. Agreed by all. b) Schedule of reserves for 2022/2023: Resolved: It was proposed by MP and seconded by DP that the schedule of reserves for 2022/2023 be accepted. Agreed by all. c) Precept request for 2022/2023: A precept of £10,140 is required for 2022/2023; this is an increase of 16p on a band D tax property. Resolved: It was proposed by BD and seconded by RS that the precept of £10,140 for 2022/2023 be approved. All agreed. d) Accounts to be paid: Resolved: Proposed by RS, seconded by CC and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid: <table><tr><td><i>Payable to</i></td><td><i>Net</i></td><td><i>VAT</i></td><td><i>Gross</i></td></tr><tr><td>HMRC/E M Starling</td><td>375.74</td><td>0.00</td><td>375.74</td></tr><tr><td>R L Dark</td><td>143.50</td><td>28.70</td><td>172.20</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping</td><td>475.00</td><td>95.00</td><td>570.00</td></tr><tr><td>New Generation Publishing</td><td>863.13</td><td>0.00</td><td>863.13</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>1857.37</td><td>123.70</td><td>1981.07</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4"><i>Inter account transfer:</i></td></tr><tr><td>6 December 2021</td><td colspan="2">Amount:</td><td>200.00</td></tr><tr><td>9 December 2021</td><td colspan="2"></td><td>500.00</td></tr></table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	HMRC/E M Starling	375.74	0.00	375.74	R L Dark	143.50	28.70	172.20	Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping	475.00	95.00	570.00	New Generation Publishing	863.13	0.00	863.13	Total	1857.37	123.70	1981.07	<i>Inter account transfer:</i>				6 December 2021	Amount:		200.00	9 December 2021			500.00
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113/21/22	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: Whatleys play equipment																																				
	Date of next meeting: Monday 10 January 2022. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall. Please note change of date due to the bank holiday																																				
	Key messages:																																				

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