

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 4 April 2022 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR); 4 members of the public

Apologies: Suzanne Bonfield (SB); Cllr Chris Collins (CC); Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (Vice Chair)

143/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chair received apologies for absence.
144/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
145/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 7 March 2022: Resolved: It was proposed by RG, seconded by MP, and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed. It was noted however, that RS had suggested that a proper plan was put in place before progressing any changes to Whatley's field.
146/21/22	Exclusion of the press and public: Resolved: Proposed by BD, seconded by DP and agreed that a resolution be passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting for item 16 of the agenda in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in order to discuss the items.
147/21/22	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: TR thanked all those who attended the meeting with Danny Kruger at the Rose and Crown. She had met with SB about a week ago to discuss the issues raised and there are three areas to look at in more detail: 1. Highways 2. Enforcement 3 National Policy She said she is also keen to look at some of the things that had been considered in the past but not progressed e.g. 30mph repeater signs. TR updated the meeting on Wiltshire Council response to the Ukraine crisis. Over 100 Wiltshire households are offering homes through sponsorship to Ukrainian refugees; over 1,000 have applied through the Government website for the Homes for Ukraine scheme. For both schemes, Wiltshire Council are responsible for carrying out security and safeguarding checks. TR suggesting contacting Love Ukraine Devizes on a local level as they may be able to link those who want to help with the appropriate organisations. (https://www.loveukrainedevelopes.org) BD thank TR for organising Danny Kruger's visit to Worton.
	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. It was reported that resident who lives opposite school was about to walk her dogs at the end of the school day, when a school bus mounted the pavement. This has been

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	reported to the coach company. Advised that it should also be reported to the police. An update was requested on the 20mph limit outside the school. Clerk advised that it had been passed to the school governors to apply to Wiltshire council under the Taking Action on School Journey Scheme. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.																																				
148/21/22	Transport and Road Safety a) Update on Speed Indicator Device - still waiting for site visit. b) Next CATG meeting is on 12 April - not sure who will be able to attend.																																				
149/21/22	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment a) Grounds Maintenance 2022/2023. A quote has been received for £2,465. Resolved: Proposed by DP, seconded by NS and agreed by all to accept the quote. b) WORT11/MARS9 - still waiting to hear from Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way team whether or not quote needs to be updated. TR offered to chase them on this.																																				
150/21/22	Planning a) It was noted that application PL/2022/00628: Allotment Plot 7, Seend Road, Worton SN10 1SG has been withdrawn.																																				
151/21/22	Community and Learning a) Community Fund - An application has been received from Worton and Marston Gardening Club for a grant of £116 for Public Liability Insurance for Worton & Marston Open Gardens on 25th and 26th June 2022. Resolved: Proposed by MP, seconded by DP and agreed that grant of £116 should be paid. Volunteers are needed for that weekend. Grass in Whatleys field to be cut during the week. Leaflet will be put through Whatley's residents' doors to advised field being used for parking.																																				
152/21/22	Finance a) Year end accounts to 31 March 2022: these had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: Proposed by MP, seconded by RG and agreed that the account be approved. The chairman signed the receipts and payments sheet. b) Accounts to be paid: Resolved: Proposed by DP, seconded by NS 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>397.73</td><td>0.00</td><td>397.73</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping</td><td>220.00</td><td>44.00</td><td>264.00</td></tr><tr><td>Geosphere Ltd</td><td>54.00</td><td>10.80</td><td>64.80</td></tr><tr><td>Worton and Marston Village Hall</td><td>48.00</td><td>0.00</td><td>48.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>719.73</td><td>54.80</td><td>774.53</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4"><i>Inter account transfer:</i></td></tr><tr><td>12/3/2022</td><td colspan="2">Amount:</td><td>195.00</td></tr><tr><td>4/4/2022</td><td colspan="2"></td><td>800.00</td></tr></table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	HMRC/E M Starling	397.73	0.00	397.73	Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping	220.00	44.00	264.00	Geosphere Ltd	54.00	10.80	64.80	Worton and Marston Village Hall	48.00	0.00	48.00	Total	719.73	54.80	774.53	<i>Inter account transfer:</i>				12/3/2022	Amount:		195.00	4/4/2022			800.00
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153/21/22	Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 30 May 2022 Agenda items to be sent to the Clerk. Meeting will focus on traffic issues and village maintenance. It will be used as the basis for the Parish Plan.																																				

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154/21/22	Meeting schedule for 2022/2023: This has been circulated prior to the meeting and the dates were approved.
155/21/22	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: Jubilee event
	Press and Public were excluded from the meeting at this point to discuss the following two confidential items as per resolution at 146/21/22 above.
156/21/22	Staffing Matters: a) The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2021-2022. Resolved: it was proposed by DP and seconded by MF that the Clerk's salary be increased to the 2021-2022 rate for the scale point she was appointed on. Agreed. (Effective from anniversary of appointment which is 23 June 2021). b) It was confirmed that the current Clerk's last working day will be Friday 13 May. c) It was agreed to appoint a staffing committee with the delegated power to undertake recruitment process. This will comprise of the Chair, Vice-Chair, NS and MP. d) The terms of reference for the staffing committee had been circulated prior to the meeting and these were agreed. e) The staffing committee will meet on 14 April to shortlist; interviews will be carried out the following week.
	Date of next meeting: Monday 9 May 2022. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.
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