

Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2022 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair);

Also present: Cllr Chris Collins (CC); Suzanne Bonfield (SB); Malcolm Powell (MP); Patricia Goodenough (PG); Dicky Parsons (DP). 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Richard Slack; Nick Stokes; Robert Goss; Tamara Reay

	Apologies for absence: The Chairman received apologies for absence.	
	Declaration of members interests: None	
	Minutes of meeting held on 4th July 2022 Resolved:	
	Signed as true and accurate by BD, save for spelling mistakes.	
	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. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.	
41/22/23	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: In Tamara Reay's absence at an area board meeting The Chairman gave an update on road highway matters; Wiltshire council hosting webinar on EV charging opportunities 14/9 Wednesday. Residents to respond to annual canvas of electors?? Re Raybridge flooding – not Worton matter but rather Marston. Any other matters needing support please contact Tamara.	
42/22/23	Proposal to plant trees in Sandlease recreation area (Oliver Symes invited) Oliver Symes was given the floor to present his proposal to plant more 'climbable' trees in the Sandlease recreation area. Proposal was for 20+ trees. Woodland Trust will supply trees for free. Proposed planting area is the open space on right at far end towards corner. Need to consider type and number of trees and safety in play area. Council generally supports planting of some trees but need to be mindful of cost of upkeep and added work in strimming, deer proofing etc, access to farm and maintenance vehicles. Need to also be aware of Sandlease development and broader impact on other residents and their wishes for potential open spaces. Ideal planting time November or March. 1. Council supports and will be signatory to Trust application form 2. Limited to a few new plantings 3. Council wants say on where planted 4. Suggest article in Bridge (Giles Collins)	

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	Proposed in principle by CC and SB. Unanimously supported.
43/22/23	Sandleaze Farm Housing development Update BD: Sale has gone through. Have received an email from Tom Sheppard (Newland Homes) saying that he will attend October meeting; Village meeting to share details of development although not clear on whether this will be part of the October Parish meeting or a separate meeting just for the development. Tom Sheppard will communicate with neighbours most directly affected and will update Parish Council. Councillors queried: 1. How will he communicate with neighbours? 2. Separate meeting or slot in Parish council meeting? BD to put article in Bridge requesting affected residents' comments/queries. BD suggests Parish council needs to press the matter on how / when resident meetings will occur. Changes to plan, 24 houses including 7 affordable houses. 1. Make residents aware of meeting. (DP) to door knock affected residents. 2. Give residents a copy of the new plan 3. Clarify if new development plan of 24 houses includes affordable housing. Suggestion is that if less than X houses then affordable housing is not necessary. Also, potential that the affordable housing does not necessarily even have to be in the Sandleaze development and instead could be part of another development in the locale. NS (absentia) concerned that developer 'promises' may not be upheld. MP – community infrastructure levy. Wiltshire Council should be encouraged to use that levy in the village.
44/22/23	Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP/SB) a) Update on SIDS installation One SIDS site (Site 5) conflicts with new Sandleaze development. SIDS cost has increased. Comes as a package of 5 so we need to identify another site. RS taking the lead on this issue. BD to query whether we can get an updated cost on only having 4 SIDS. b) Consideration of Highways Improvement form (circulated in advance) For the benefit of the attending public, BD reads out Highways Imp Form completed by SB. Attending public confirmed their concern about traffic esp large farm vehicles. General discussion on various remedial options/suggestions including school putting their concerns forward.

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	SB to query Tamara whether she can arrange a meeting between school and ?? Query pedestrian crossing at pinch points. Parish Council supports all proposals as it forms part of overall Village Transport Strategy. SB to finalise and send off the application. All suggestions in the Highways Improvement application form were proposed by MP and seconded by DP. Add new pavement on Mill Road to application. c) 20 is plenty update Discussion on theft/removal of the 15 or so stickers placed around the High St. BD confirmed the matter had been reported to police as theft and that at a reference number had been issued. CC commented that we should consider having a discussion on how many stickers to be on display at any one time as having so many of them took away from street aesthetics. Clearly at least one member of the public agreed. Discussion on legality of placing the signs on public furniture. Attending members of public to canvass school children being involved in speed awareness banner. Use remaining speed awareness stickers on more 'legal' surfaces (i.e. residents' garbage bins, residents' own fence line/gates). d) Other matters Be aware that a member of public has witnessed someone at 4am with torch apparently 'casing' a property.
45/22/23	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC) a) Annual playground inspection Due September. Circa £500 pounds remaining from Jubilee Park works.???? Discussion on what to do with surplus funds. b) Wort 11 (Jubilee) footpath update ??

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	c) Other maintenance issues Slow progress due to involved parties being absent/busy. Top up gravel arriving shortly. Behind Gainsford Close is next job to do. Paint for bus shelter to cover up graffiti. Bramble maintenance near Cedar Close sign. MP confirmed that the Village Maintenance Group will attend to this.															
46/22/23	Planning (DP/NS) a) To consider the following applications: <table><tr><th>App number</th><th>Address</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>PL/2022/05381 <i>(consultation end date was 31/8/22)</i></td><td>Roslyn, 168 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE</td><td>Removal of single storey side extension. Creation of two storey side extension (Re-submission of PL/2022/02850)</td></tr><tr><td>PL/2022/05727 <i>(consultation end date was 19/8/22)</i></td><td>14 CEDAR CLOSE, WORTON, DEVIZES, SN10 5SD</td><td>T1 Elm, pollard to 6 metres. Tree growing too big for location. T2 Cherry, fell. Tree in decline and has had excessive pruning in the past so reduction not a viable option.</td></tr></table> b) to note the following decisions: <table><tr><th>App number</th><th>Address</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>PL/2022/04797</td><td>Prince Hill House High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE</td><td>G1 - Group of Conifer trees to be reduced in height to match existing height of neighbouring Conifer in garden</td></tr></table> Wiltshire Council decision: No objection Parish council – no objection CC agreed to assist with logging Parish council objections/views on Wiltshire council website re planning applications.	App number	Address	Description	PL/2022/05381 <i>(consultation end date was 31/8/22)</i>	Roslyn, 168 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	Removal of single storey side extension. Creation of two storey side extension (Re-submission of PL/2022/02850)	PL/2022/05727 <i>(consultation end date was 19/8/22)</i>	14 CEDAR CLOSE, WORTON, DEVIZES, SN10 5SD	T1 Elm, pollard to 6 metres. Tree growing too big for location. T2 Cherry, fell. Tree in decline and has had excessive pruning in the past so reduction not a viable option.	App number	Address	Description	PL/2022/04797	Prince Hill House High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	G1 - Group of Conifer trees to be reduced in height to match existing height of neighbouring Conifer in garden
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Communications (BD/Clerk)

a) Correspondence:

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Finance (MP)

a) To authorise the following payments:

Payable to		Net	VAT	Gross
E M Starling	Administration costs	87.03	0.00	87.03
TOTAL		87.03	0.00	87.03
Inter account transfer:				
Date:	-	Amount	:	-

a) To formally authorise the following payment made in August:

Payable to		Net	VAT	Gross
HMRC/E M Starling	Administration costs	76.83	0.00	76.83
Miss A T Catt	20 is plenty bin stickers	62.98	0.00	62.98
Worton & Marston Village Hall	Room hire: 4/4/22; 9/5/22; 30/5/22; 6/6/22	64.00	0.00	64.00
Wiltshire Council	Right of Way contribution (WORT11 improvements)	7923.50	0.00	7923.50
Worton Parish Council (re P Goodenough)	Community Fund Payment towards WORT11 improvements - minute ref:118/21/22 a)	1455.37	0.00	1455.37
TOTAL		9582.68	0.00	9582.68
Inter account transfer:				
Date:	From Community Fund	Amount	1455.37	
	From Revenue Account		8500.00	

Approval of finances / accounts proposed by DP, seconded by BD.

Staffing issues

No update on filling the o/s position of Clerk.

Consider reduced position of secretary instead of clerk although removal of the finance roll diminishes value of position.

Revisit advertising for Clerk position on Devizes Council website.

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Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council (a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given) Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd October 2022, 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall Key messages 1. Engage with developers on Sandlease Farm. 2. Committed to planting more trees in a controlled manner. 3. Need to identify a new SIDS location or alternatively scale back to four devices. 4. Highways Improvement application form to be submitted.
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