

Minutes of Worton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 at Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair)
Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP)
Cllr Christopher Collins (CC)
Cllr Robert Goss (RG)
Cllr Richard Slack (RS)

Parish Clerk (JS)

Also present:

0 Members of the public

27/23/24	Apologies for absence The Chair received apologies for absences. Cllr Nick Stokes (NS) Cllr Patricia Goodenough (PG) Cllr Suzanne Bonfield Cllr Dicky Parsons Cllr Tamara Reay	
28/23/24	Declaration of members' interests Nil	
29/23/24	Minutes of meeting held on 6th February 2023 Proposed as true and accurate by MP Seconded by CC Signed as true and accurate by BD	
30/23/24	Exclusion of the press and public Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business business on the agenda. No members of the public present.	
31/23/24	Appointment of Parish Clerk BD welcomed JS to the meeting as the newly appointed Parish Clerk. JS asked if it was possible to replace the old Parish Council laptop which was struggling to work with Office 365. BD proposed and MP seconded that a replacement should be procured. Unanimously agreed.	

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32/23/24	Wiltshire Councillor's Report TR was attending Devizes Area Board. A written report is attached below.	
33/23/24	Village Hall kitchen project funding request Following Veronica's presentation to the PC in February, Veronica has replied to the PC, thanking for support in principle, and outlining that the Trustees plan on commencing work in Summer 2024.	
34/23/24	Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP/SB) 1. Updates on SIDS SIDS to be moved in April as follows: Site 5 to Site 4. Site 2 to Site 3. 2. Weight limit change request PC discussed SB's correspondence with Caroline Thomas at Wiltshire Council relating to HGV weight limit. Whilst the long term aspiration to reduce the weight limit on the C20 is unanimously applauded it was remarked that progress would only be made if a viable alternate was agreed with Wiltshire Council. RS identified that Seend and Worton's interests may not be aligned in relation to preventing HGVs from accessing the C20, given that Seend appear not to be looking to prevent HGVs entering the village but rather just to avoid the bend on Boland's Hill. Ahead of the next LHFIG meeting it was agreed it is important to progress concrete proposals to improve Worton's pavements. Decision - a team is to walk the footpaths and generate concrete proposals and measures ahead of the next LHFIG. MS/RS. Invite SB. Proposed by RS. Seconded by MP. 3. Parish Steward tasks sheet needs to be updated to include clearing footpaths. 4. Blackdog Crossroads BD raised ongoing correspondence relating to improvements of Blackdog Crossroads. RS volunteered to communicate with the LHFIG to seek their view on the state of play.	

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35/23/24	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC) 1. Communication from resident with concern over overgrowth of vegetation on Back Lane / Gaisford Chase footpath. BD to write in Bridge Magazine to encourage property owners to maintain hedges. 2. MP to write to Paul Millard about schedule routine footpath maintenance with summer approaching. 3. Update on bench maintenance. Work is due to start imminently. 4. To note that PG is planning to organise a group to plant trees around Easter.																
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37/23/24	Community & Learning (BD/Clerk) Nil																

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38/23/24	Communications (BD/Clerk) 1. Sustainable Devizes BD provided update regarding cycling and footpaths. 2. Grantscape and Bluefield Solar Parish Council has received a request to identify projects funded by the Solar Farm that have had a positive impact. The Worton-Marston footpath was identified as a good example.													
39/23/24	Finance (MP) Update on auditor appointmentMP proposed appointing Auditing Solutions Ltd at a cost of £250. BD seconded. To authorise the following payments: <table data-bbox="443 779 1010 913"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Payable to</i></th><th><i>Net VAT</i></th><th><i>Gross</i></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E M Starling</td><td>90.56</td><td>90.56</td></tr> <tr> <td>EUKHost</td><td>9.99</td><td>11.9</td></tr> <tr> <td>Malcolm Powell</td><td></td><td>39.97</td></tr> </tbody> </table> TOTAL £142.52 Inter account transfer: <i>Date:</i> <i>Amount:</i> Approval of finances / accounts proposed by BD, seconded by MP .	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	E M Starling	90.56	90.56	EUKHost	9.99	11.9	Malcolm Powell		39.97	
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40/23/24	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council A solid proposal for improvements to Worton pavements (ahead of the next LHFIG meeting) Worton PC Allotment - next steps Annual Parish Meeting - 15th May To confirm any Policy Updates													
	Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall													

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	Key messages • SIDS locations to be resited • Hedgecutting • Recycling • Pavements • Wessex Water unblocked drains • Southern Electricity - tree maintenance around power lines	
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Reay, Tamara" <Tamara.Reay@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Date: 6 March 2023 at 16:16:13 GMT

To: Barry Devine <barry@worton.org.uk>

Subject: Report for Worton Parish Council

Dear Barry

Apologies again that I can't be with you this evening. Below is a short report.

1. Wiltshire's Council's budget has been formally approved at a meeting of Full Council which clearly maps out the council's finances for the next three years without having to use reserves. The Budget is confirmed at £466m for 2023/24 with £69m added into service budgets - all underpinned by council's 10-year Business Plan. £13m of the council's reserves will be to be spent on business priorities, rather than required to help balance books. £1.1bn was approved to be spent on capital projects over a number of years to improve and maintain the county's infrastructure.

Council Tax is confirmed to increase by 2.99% plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult care.

2. Residents are reminded to put the correct items in their recycling bins as part of the 'Recycling - let's sort it!' awareness campaign to provide people with more information about what can and can't be recycled using its kerbside collection services.

Some of the things which shouldn't go in blue-lidded bins include nappies, knives, tools, and hard plastics such as toys and coat hangers. But perhaps the most common wrong item that people put into their blue-lidded bin is plastic bags - this includes carrier bags, bin bags and plastic film such as fruit bags or the film on top of meat or ready meal trays. More information is at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

3. Ask the Leader – Tuesday 28 March: 6pm to 7.30pm. Devizes Library. Wiltshire Council is hosting a series of community events across Wiltshire where people can ask questions and find out more about the work of the council. People can ask questions at the events or submit questions in advance to communications@wiltshire.gov.uk

Tamara Reay
Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West
Portfolio Holder for Climate Change.

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