

Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 4th November 2024 in Worton Village Hall at 6:00pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD Chair), Cllr Richard Slack (RS/Vice Chair), Dickie Parsons (DP), Cllr Rob Goss (RG)

Also present:

89/24/25	Apologies for absence: The Chairman received apologies for absence from Cllr Patricia Goodenough, Cllr Nick Stokes, Cllr Malcolm Powell, Cllr Anthony Higgins, Cllr Chris Collins		
90/24/25	Declaration of members interests: RS declared an interest in the Clerk's salary and maintains his position of not participating on discussions and approvals of payments to the Clerk.		
91/24/25	Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th October proposed by RS, seconded by DP, and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were signed.		
	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.		
92/24/25	Wiltshire Councillor's Report – TR Network Rail published Wiltshire Rail strategy. The conclusions are that investment is needed at Westbury; Swindon to Westbury line to be increased capacity; case for reopening Corsham. Budget being worked on and TR will update when available. Fly-tipping being strongly enforced by Wiltshire Council.		
93/24/25	Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP) LHFIG confirmed that traffic improvements would go ahead. Awaiting final budget and contribution from WPC. There is a 12 month backlog of works; work will take place around school holidays in order to minimise disruption.		
94/24/25	Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC) - Footpath 13 (Back Lane/Church Wall) – following BM meeting with Bodmans DP to speak to Charlie Milton about rerouting footpath through his field. - Best Kept Village 2025 (NS) – detailed plan of work and timeline submitted. - Hedge and verge maintenance – RG to organise.		
95/24/25	Planning (DP/NS)		
	App number PL/2024/07962	Address Sandleaze Farm, High Street, Worton, Devizes, SN10 5RU	Description Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2no. detached dwellings, associated garages and landscaping.

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			Objection: plan has been re-presented and concerns have not been addressed, PC objection remains the same.																																				
96/24/25	Community and Learning - WWII Working Group - RG confirmed there will be a request for funding from the Community Fund in due course. - White Horse Housing – WPC to provide letter of support for local residents who apply for a rental or shared ownership.																																						
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98/24/25	Finance: a) Meeting to be agreed with MP for 2025 budget. b) Finance: DP proposed, RG seconded the following payments. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Payable to</i></th><th></th><th><i>Net</i></th><th><i>VAT</i></th><th><i>Gross</i></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J Slack</td><td>Salary</td><td></td><td></td><td>£397.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>J Slack</td><td>Admin Allowance</td><td></td><td></td><td>£26.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE</td><td></td><td></td><td>£99.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>£522.25</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Inter account transfer:</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date:</td><td>n/a</td><td>Amount:</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				<i>Payable to</i>		<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	J Slack	Salary			£397.00	J Slack	Admin Allowance			£26.00	HMRC	PAYE			£99.25	TOTAL				£522.25	Inter account transfer:					Date:	n/a	Amount:		
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99/24/25	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). Budget / agree precept Meeting for 2 nd December to be changed to 6pm. Best Kept Village response - NS																																						
100/24/25	Key messages: High Street improvements																																						
	Date of next meeting: Monday 2 nd December 2024 6:00pm in Worton Village Hall.																																						

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