

**Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 1 October 2018 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr David Johnson (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Mark Fisher (MF); (DJ); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP) Cllr Philip Salaman (PS)

**Also present:** Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG); Liz Starling (Clerk); 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

**Absent:** Cllr Richard Slack (RS)

71/18/19	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> The vice-chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.							
72/18/19	<b>Declaration of Members' Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest registered.							
73/18/19	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 3 September 2018:</b> It was proposed by RG, seconded by MF and agreed by all that the minutes be signed as an accurate record.							
74/18/19	<p><b>Chairman's Announcements:</b>            Two councillors had responded to the request from the Village Hall Trustees for help to paint the railings.            DJ reminded councillors of the Code of Conduct and the need to act respectfully. The Code of Conduct covers working groups as well.            10 bags of dog waste had been found piled up in Back Lane. This was disposed of but it is not the Parish Council's responsibility to do this.</p>							
	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Question was asked re access to Whatleys field for parking for Monster Trail – DJ and MF will check this.            Volunteers still needed to both Monster Trail and WWI events, especially on teas and coffees.            Concern was expressed that a Worton resident died at home and body not found for several weeks. The question was asked "What can the village do to pick up on isolated villagers?". Suggested that it could be highlighted in The Bridge that residents could keep an eye on their neighbours if known to be at risk.</p> <p><b>There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.</b></p>							
75/18/19	<p><b>Planning:</b>            a) applications:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="400 1809 1546 1883"> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1809 632 1883">18/08634/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="632 1809 1075 1883">Westview Cottage, 33 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU</td> <td data-bbox="1075 1809 1546 1883">Single store, green oak, kitchen extension to west elevation</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="400 1883 1546 1951" style="text-align: center;">No objection</td> </tr> </table>		18/08634/FUL	Westview Cottage, 33 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	Single store, green oak, kitchen extension to west elevation	No objection		
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76/18/19	<p><b>Reports from Worton Parish Council working groups:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Monster Trail – October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>:</b></p>							

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	DJ reported that there are 27 scarecrows and about 18-19 volunteers. Need more volunteers for marshalling and refreshments. Proceeds are to be split between local school, Age UK and the Village Hall. MF and DJ carrying out risk assessments.
	<b>2. WWI Commemoration – November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> DJ reported that are over 20 family stories to be displayed, 12 volunteers but need more. Over 2000 knitted poppies. Going in to school to take an assembly; also tying in with Royal British Legion.
<b>77/18/19</b>	<b>Reports from representatives:</b>
	<b>1. Communications:</b> DJ will write for The Bridge this month.
	<b>2. Devizes Area Board (DAB):</b> Discussions were mainly around the roadworks on London Road. Police reported that burglaries were still a problem; beauty spot thefts were down though due to heavy policing. Devizes has joined the Great West Way partnership. A new touring route was being created – approximately 125 miles in length. This would join up many of England's iconic destinations and attractions along a corridor west of London through to Bristol and encourage tourism. Wiltshire Wildlife ran a Summer Holiday Club. The National Citizen Service scheme also ran over the summer.
	<b>5. Flooding/Emergency Planning:</b> RG to confirm how much salt to order.
	<b>8. Marston:</b> PS reported that a tree had fallen near the sluice belonging to the new owner of the land.
	<b>11. Parish Steward:</b> Parish Steward is unwell and his work is being covered on a Friday by Parish Stewards from other areas. Thank you to MF who has strimmed around speed gates and has also painted them.
	<b>13. Road Safety/Speed Gates/Speed Indication Displays (SIDs)/Speedwatch:</b> Further information received from Speedwatch co-ordinator on speeding tractors – DJ will put information in The Bridge. The police will not allow Speedwatch volunteer to wear body cameras. The group will pursue this but don't think it will go anywhere. There are always two people working together so there will always be a witness if anything happens.
<b>78/18/19</b>	<b>Parish Plan:</b> The Parish Plan is the result of the village survey and highlights the following issues: <u>Traffic</u> Proposed 20mph limit outside school – no update yet. Reduction to 30mph at western end of the village – RS has been negotiated this with CATG. Reduction to 30mph at eastern end of village – Wiltshire Council will not consider this. Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) – for discussion on a future agenda. Community Speedwatch – to keep advertising for volunteers to join the team. 30mph bin stickers – suggest Community Speedwatch team apply to Community

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	<p>fund for grant to purchase these to distribute to houses in the High Street.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u> Beating the Bounds/Walking the footpaths - for discussion on a future agenda. <u>Village Organisations</u> – continue to promote these and encourage people to join. <u>Community Shed</u> - for discussion on a future agenda. <u>Bus Services</u> – local community bus schemes for discussion on a future agenda. <u>Mobile phone coverage</u> – for discussion on a future agenda. <u>Village shop</u> - for discussion on a future agenda.</p> <p>Thank you to MP for his work on the Plan.</p>
79/18/19	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillor's Report:</b> RiG said that the drainage problems in the High Street were reported to have been done but one property is still having problems. Boundary Commission Review – it is proposed to put Worton in with Potterne, Marston, Poulshot, Coulston, Seend and Bulkington; total population 3824. Goes to committee on 2 October. Next Area Board is 19 November. A question was asked about responsibility for radio transmitters as the FM frequency in the area seems to have dropped. RiG will make some enquiries. <i>(Note from Clerk: the BBC website has a reception checker <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/receptionsearch">http://www.bbc.co.uk/receptionsearch</a> and this shows that there is slightly reduced power due to a fault on the Naish Hill transmitter from 26 September.)</i></p>
80/18/19	<p><b>Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) – Employment Support Consultation:</b> WALC are proposing to add an employment support package as a benefit of membership thus increasing the annual subscription by 4% (This would be separate from any other increase). It was proposed by DP and seconded by MF that Worton Parish Council accept this proposal. Agreed.</p>
81/18/19	<p><b>Wiltshire Local Plan Consultation Events October 2018:</b> There are two events for rural parishes - Thursday 18 October in Trowbridge or Monday 22 October in Pewsey. DP will attend (to confirm which date), DJ possibly 18 October. RS has also indicated he would attend, clerk to check which date.</p>
82/18/19	<p><b>Playground Inspections:</b> The annual inspections have been carried out on both Sandlease and Whatleys playgrounds. Whatleys report has highlighted some areas that need attention. Clerk will liaise with MF regarding work needing to be done and will obtain quotes as necessary. Thanks go to MF for the work that he does inspecting and repairing the equipment.</p>
83/18/19	<p><b>Update on Mill Race footpath:</b> DJ reported that he and the Clerk had met with Wiltshire Council's Senior Right of Way Warden on site 17 September. Wiltshire Council will cut the path 3 times a year – this is from the sluice gate near the church up to the end of Edna Fry's land. Discussion was had re continued maintenance and it was agreed to ask Mark Goddard to trim that section of path if needed. It is to be noted that this is as a goodwill gesture – the Parish Council will not take on responsibility for the path.</p>
84/18/19	<p><b>Charities Grants:</b> It was suggested that toward the end of each financial year in January, the council looks at the grant requests that have been received and decide who to support (this</p>

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	is the Section 137 payments not the Community Fund Grants). There is currently £200 in the budget for these payments.																														
<b>85/18/19</b>	<b>Rights of Way leaflet:</b> It was proposed by DP and seconded by DJ that 500 copies of the Rights of Way leaflet be printed at a cost of £55. An A4 flyer of the rights of way map will also be produced (cost about £33 for single sided for 500 copies). Agreed.																														
<b>86/18/19</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b> a) It was agreed the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Chq No.</i></th> <th><i>Payable to</i></th> <th><i>Net</i></th> <th><i>VAT</i></th> <th><i>Gross</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>833</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>66.40</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>66.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>834</td> <td>Worton &amp; Marston Village Hall</td> <td>32.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>32.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>835</td> <td>Playsafety Ltd</td> <td>133.00</td> <td>26.60</td> <td>159.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>836</td> <td>Society of Local Council Clerks (50% of this payment to be invoiced to Potterne Parish Council)</td> <td>250.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>481.40</b></td> <td><b>26.60</b></td> <td><b>508.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Chq No.</i>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	833	HMRC	66.40	0.00	66.40	834	Worton & Marston Village Hall	32.00	0.00	32.00	835	Playsafety Ltd	133.00	26.60	159.60	836	Society of Local Council Clerks (50% of this payment to be invoiced to Potterne Parish Council)	250.00	0.00	250.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>481.40</b>	<b>26.60</b>	<b>508.00</b>
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<b>87/18/19</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> Email received re Worton resident who had died at home and body not found for several weeks. Concern expressed, and the questions asked "What can we as a community put in place to ensure something like this doesn't happen again? How can we identify the most vulnerable individuals in the village?". The parish council agreed to lend their support to any village group involved with these issues.																														
<b>88/18/19</b>	<b>Items to be considered for the next meeting:</b> Monster trail WWI event Sandleaze Bank working group/maintenance (to set date for clearance) Finance Committee/Budget meeting																														
	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 5 November 2018 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.																														
	<b>Key messages:</b>																														

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