

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 3 December 2018 in Worton Village Hall at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr David Johnson (DJ) (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Mark Fisher (MF); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG); Liz Starling (Clerk); 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP)

101/18/19	Welcome and Apologies: The chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
102/18/19	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest registered.
103/18/19	Minutes of meeting held on 5 November 2018: It was proposed by MP and agreed by all that the minutes be signed as an accurate record.
104/18/19	Chairman's Announcements: The chairman thanked everyone for making the one-off earlier time of 6pm. He thanked Councillor Slack for organising the WWI Commemorative Tree planting and Councillors Johnson and Fisher for helping.
105/18/19	Wiltshire Councillor's Report: RiG has received a report of a large pothole on the west end of the village and has passed this on to highways. Carers Nest pre-school – Wiltshire Council will look at the future of the pre-school once the result of the consultation on the Potterne School site is known. Wiltshire Council devolution of assets – chance for parish and town councils to obtain assets e.g. grass, playgrounds etc.
	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. An update was requested on the milestone on the High Street – Clerk has written to the developers via the estate agents but has had no response to date. She was advised that land has been resold. Unlikely that Wiltshire council will fund re-siting the stone. Background was given on the proposed development at Norney Bridge. Land is in Marston parish; developer wants to build 2 houses but Wiltshire Council won't allow it as it is outside of the settlement boundary. Marston is currently consulting with their village if there is a need for affordable housing. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.
106/18/19	Norney Bridge Development: Letter received from planning consultant on behalf of developer wishing to build on waste ground at Norney Bridge. This was circulated to all councillors with the

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	<p>agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Consultant states that as the land is outside of the settlement boundary, it does not qualify under planning policy to be considered for market priced housing but it could still be considered for affordable housing in this location. They have asked Worton Parish Council to consider adding the site into the Worton settlement boundary. This was discussed, and it was confirmed that the plot of land is not within the Worton settlement area, neither is it in Worton parish. The land is also not immediately abutting the settlement boundary.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about making chances to settlement areas/Neighbourhood Plan to suit developers.</p> <p>It was proposed by MF and seconded by BD that Worton Parish Council do <u>not</u> add this plot of land into the settlement area or include it in the Neighbourhood Plan. A vote was taken with 5 voting for the proposal and 2 abstentions.</p>
107/18/19	<p>Casual Vacancy:</p> <p>a) A casual vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of Philip Salaman on 12 November. A Notice of Vacancy was prominently displayed within the electoral area of the Parish on Friday 23 November 2018. A copy of the Notice was also displayed on the Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>If a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer by 10 electors by 13 December, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.</p> <p>If there is an election, Wiltshire Council will recharge the cost back to the Parish Council. Amount not know but an election in a large town ward, for example, could easily cost £5,000 upwards, but in a small rural parish it could be very much less, Clerk will update the council after 13 December.</p> <p>b) An additional cheque signatory is needed following Philip Salaman's resignation. It was proposed by NS and seconded by BD that Councillor Mark Fisher be added to the list of signatories. Agreed.</p>

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108/18/19	Planning:		
	a) the following applications were considered:		
	18/10532/TCA	Manor Farm House, 63 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	T1- Yew 30% crown reduction T2 Leylandii - Fell
	No objection		
	18/10565/TCA	Yew Tree House, 128 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Beech tree - reduce by one-third & reshape and reduce canopy by 25% Silver Birch tree - reduce by one-third & reduce canopy by 25%
	No objection		
	18/10357/FUL	Agra Farm, Seend Road, Worton, SN10 1SG	Single-storey side extension in an 'Orangery' style
	No objection		
	18/10561/FUL	Yew Tree House, 128 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Demolish existing concrete prefab double garage and all timber buildings located at rear of property. Rebuild new red brick double garage with attached workshop area with storage incorporated in to the attic space.
	No objection		
	18/10764/FUL	116 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Single storey extension to rear
	No objection providing the immediate neighbours do not object. It was noted that it is a narrow plot and there is already one extension on a neighbouring property.		
b) the following decisions were noted:			
18/09450/TCA	13 Cedar Close Worton SN10 5SD	Cherry tree - crown reduce 30% Hawthorne tree - pollard	
No objection			
18/09592/TCA	Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton, SN10 5RU	Removal of Yew Hedge to the front & side of property	
No objection			
109/18/19	Reports from Worton Parish Council working groups:		
1.	WWI Commemoration – November 10th and 11th: A written report on the event has been circulated to the parish council. The event was well attended and very successful. Over £200 raised plus an unknown amount in the collection tins. All the monies raised have gone to the Royal British Legion via Robin Shercliff who will notify the total amount in due course.		
110/18/19	Reports from representatives:		
1.	CATG: C20 – improvement to road at Poulshot junction as return arrows have been authorised and painted on road; need to monitor this to see if this makes an improvement Reduction to the speed limit is now out for consultation. RS will request metro counts on the bend before and after speed reduction is in place to monitor the		

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	<p>result of change. Clerk advised that it doesn't appear that the school have put in a request for a timed 20mph limit outside of the school, RS also not aware of this through CATG. Clerk will contact school.</p>
	<p>2. Footpaths: NS advised that light on footpath between the church and the bridge had been reported as not working. Need another day of clearing the path from church to bridge is needed.</p>
	<p>3. Neighbourhood Plan: Unfortunately, due to work schedule for DP it was not possible to organise a meeting of the steering group last month. A meeting is needed in January. The parish council is concerned about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be an agenda item for the next council meeting on 7 January 2019. The steering group to clarify the position re funding.</p>
111/18/19	<p>Sandleaze Bank and Whatleys Field – update on clearance and planting of WWI commemorative trees: The ground at Sandleaze Bank has been cleared and half of the commemorative trees have been planted. 5 more to go into Sandleaze and the remainder in Whatleys. RS managed to get a discount on the brush cutter and this cost £66.48 plus VAT (total £79.78). Reimbursement to be included in payments for this month.</p>
112/18/19	<p>Support for community events: There are two 'community events' that the parish council will be requested to support in the future and information was given about them as follows 1. WWI Exhibition Record Project – It is hoped to relaunch the "Worton and Marston The Great War" book in conjunction with Robin Shercliff which will includes recent documents and photographs from the recent WWI commemorative event. 2. Wiltshire Bobby Van scheme – this has been of help to a local resident who fell victim to a telephone scam and as a result the police called in the Bobby Van. The scheme will visit anyone over 60 to advise and fit smoke alarms, security chains etc. It is hoped that the Parish Council will consider supporting the scheme with a donation and/or by sponsoring an event; also to encourage local groups to invite the Bobby Van to hold a presentation. Clerk to obtain information and circulate before January meeting.</p>
113/18/19	<p>Finance: a) Budget 2019/2020 – the proposed budget for next year had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was felt that any increase in the precept is kept to the minimum consequently, it was agreed to reduce the grounds maintenance budget to £4000. £300 was budgeted for additional litter bins and it was suggested that these should be paid for out of the capital reserve fund. There is to be no payment to the Neighbourhood Planning reserve for 2019/2020. BD proposed and NS seconded to accept the budget with these amendments. Agreed. b) It was agreed the following accounts be paid:</p>

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<i>Chq No.</i>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
840	HM Revenue and Customs	66.60	0.00	66.60
841	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	6.00	0.00	6.00
842	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	75.00	15.00	90.00
843	Mark Goddard & Sons	220.00	44.00	264.00
844	Richard Slack	66.48	13.30	79.78
	Total	434.08	72.30	506.38
Items to be considered for the next meeting: Update on Neighbourhood Plan Update on Casual Vacancy Finalise budget and agree precept.				
Date of next meeting: Monday 7 January 2019 7.30 pm in Worton Village Hall.				
Key messages: C20 Volunteers needed to keep precept as low as possible				

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