

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 4 February 2019 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Also present: Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG); Liz Starling (Clerk); 4 members of the public including Roger Wilshire (RW) (applicant for co-option)

Apologies: Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

126/18/19	Welcome and Apologies: The chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
127/18/19	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest registered.
128/18/19	Minutes of meeting held on 7 January 2019: It was proposed by BD and agreed by all that the minutes be signed as an accurate record.
129/18/19	Co-option to Parish Council Vacancy: The Clerk has received only one application for the vacancy from Roger Wilshire. It was proposed by BD and seconded by DJ that Roger Wilshire be co-opted to Worton Parish Council. Agreed unanimously.
130/18/19	Chairman's Announcements: BD welcome RW to the Parish Council.
	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. Nothing raised. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.
131/18/19	Neighbourhood Plan – Update and next steps: MP updated the meeting on the following 1. Worton Conservation Statement. MP has looked at the document and apart from one property which doesn't exist anymore it is fairly accurate. Needs updated photographs. 2. Application for funding. Funding is available on an annual basis and needs to be spent by 31 March each year. MP has printing out the application form and completed in in draft format. This will now go before the steering group for their input. 3. Community Led Housing. MP gave an explanation of Community Led Housing. He has spoken to Worton and Marston Charities about utilising land at the allotments and part of Whatleys; they are looking not this. Also need to know if this is something Parish Council would be interested in. Next step would be to see if a Housing Association would be interested in a development. DP updated the meeting on the following:

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- Next meeting should be this month – hopefully Sunday 10 February.
- Has spoken to consultant and has a detailed plan with costs.
- Attended a Wiltshire Council consultation meeting on the Local Plan Review. Consultant can start work before funding arrives. Costs higher than expected; consultant is suggesting that additional grant of 5-6k may be available. Need to agree on criteria in addition to what is in the Core Strategy. RW advised checking conditions of the Whatleys asset transfer which took place 20 years ago. Conditions may be in place that restrict its usage. Clerk will check files and report back. MP clarified that the Conservation Statement would not be changed but updated via addendums. DP will find out if the consultant has an actual contract that needs to be signed.

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Wiltshire Councillor’s Report:
Wiltshire Council are reviewing their Core Strategy (to become the Local Plan); various changes to be made. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will enable the parish to say what housing they do or don’t want in the village.
There is a road closure on the A360 for one day on 12 February – diversion through Worton.
Wiltshire Council are transferring responsibility of Devizes Market Place to the Town Council (large asset transfer taking place); the Town Council are proposing to stop all parking in the Market Place which has resulted in a petition from businesses and residents. This will go to the Area Board on 16th March due to the petition having gained a certain number of signatures.
Wiltshire Council cabinet due to meet tomorrow (5 February) - should agree council tax increase of 2.99%.
It was noted that the road surface from Worton to Potterne is very bad – this should be reported via MyWiltshire.

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Planning:
a) The following application was considered:

19/00447/FUL	38 Mill Road, Worton SN10 5SF	Single storey rear extension
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No objections

b) the following planning application appeal was considered:

19/ PP/Y3940/W/18/3206696 & 3206703	Park Farm House, 39 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	Erection of an oak framed garage and guest annexe replacing existing garage/shed.
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The Parish Council strongly re-iterate the support that was given to this application originally and welcome the efforts that the applicant has made to improve property. In terms of the landscape of the village, their proposals will considerably enhance the eastern end of the conservation area of Worton.
RS will draft a response and will forward to the Clerk.

b) the following decisions were noted:

18/10764/FUL	116 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	Single storey extension to rear
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Decision: Approved with conditions

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134/18/19	Reports from representatives:
1.	Community Area Transport Group (CATG): Consultation for the change in speed limit at the western end of C20 ended 7/1/19, 95% sure this will be approved. Costs to be presented at next CATG. Work to be linked with highways remedial work to keep costs down.
2.	Contracts: MP will be looking at the ground maintenance contract for the 2019/2020 year. Clerk has written to Mark Goddard for quote.
3.	Devizes Area Board (DAB): RS reported that Angus MacPherson explained the reasons for the 13% increase in the police precept this year; he was challenged by both the Board and members of the public. The minutes stated that RS had said that Worton Parish Council were unhappy with the increase in precept – this was incorrect as RS had expressed his personal opinion. DAB continue to make significant grants to various organisations. Suggested that Five Lanes School may need to devise a special project to gain funding for counselling if they apply to DAB. BD thanked RS for attending both CATG and DAB meetings and expressing the views of the Parish Council so well.
4.	Flooding/Emergency Planning: RW raised the issue of large tree branches in the middle of the Mill Stream near to Mill House. Clerk has twice written to Howard and Sons asking if they could remove branches but only one has been removed. Suggested Clerk contacts Marston Parish Council for their help. There is also a large section of willow tree in the Mill Race stream near the sluice. Clerk had written to owner of the land but letter was redirected as they had moved. Need to write again to current owner.
5.	Footpaths: Rights of Way leaflet and map have been printed. DJ to talk to Christine Purchase re distributing with The Bridge.
6.	Parish Steward Liaison: Still no Parish Steward at the moment.
7.	Road Safety: DJ has spoken to the Speedwatch group about purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) with a grant from the Community Fund. Still hoping to persuade them to go ahead with this.
8.	School: Clerk has emailed the school about the reduction to 20mph but has had no response. To resend to head of governors, Steve Morse.
9.	Website: MP now has access to the Neighbourhood Planning area of the website and will be able to upload agendas, minutes and other documents.
135/18/19	Sandleaze Bank and Whatleys Field: a) Hedge along the bank at the back of the playing field needs a trim on the inside – to be cut by volunteers (RS andMF).

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	<p>RW expressed concern for the saplings on Sandlease Bank and the weeds growing around them. RS confirmed that the advice from the Woodland Trust was to spread weedkiller around the saplings in the spring.</p> <p>Second half of Whatleys trees to be planted Saturday 2 March, meeting at 2pm and to bring a spade.</p> <p>b) It was noted that the preservation order on the oak tree has now been confirmed.</p>																				
136/18/19	<p>Allocation of Section 137 payments:</p> <p>a) Further discussion was had around the request from Five Lanes School for funding to help with counselling in school. The parish council can work with the school to help apply for funding but suggested that the school turned this into a 'project'. Various questions were posed, and clerk will go back to the school for more information based on these questions. Also to ask their representative to attend next meeting to directly answer questions and find a way forward.</p>																				
137/18/19	<p>Finance:</p> <p>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>846</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs</td> <td>66.40</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>66.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>847</td> <td>Worton & Marston Village Hall</td> <td>48.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>114.40</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>114.40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Chq No.</i>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	846	HM Revenue and Customs	66.40	0.00	66.40	847	Worton & Marston Village Hall	48.00	0.00	48.00		Total	114.40	0.00	114.40
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138/18/19	<p>Annual Parish Meeting:</p> <p>This will be held on Monday 8 April at 7.30pm. Clerk will book village hall and contact village groups inviting them to attend and give a report.</p>																				
	<p>Items to be considered for the next meeting:</p> <p>Milestone Risk Assessment for village events Neighbourhood Plan</p>																				
	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 4 March 2019 7.30 pm in Worton Village Hall.</p>																				
	<p>Key messages:</p> <p>New Parish Councillor Whatleys tree – 2 March, 2pm Update on C20 RoW Leaflet and Map</p>																				

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