

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 7 October 2019 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr Mark Fisher (MF); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr David Johnson (DJ) (Vice Chairman); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS); Cllr Roger Wilshire (RW)

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

Apologies: Cllr Dicky Parsons; Cllr Richard Slack (RS)

76/19/20	Welcome and Apologies: The chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
77/19/20	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
78/19/20	Minutes of meeting held on 2 September 2019: It was proposed by MP, seconded by DJ and agreed by all that the minutes be signed as an accurate record.
79/19/20	Chairman's Announcements: BD apologised that he missed the deadline for the September edition of Bridge.
80/19/20	<p>Wiltshire Councillor's Report:</p> <p>The last Devizes Area Board was on Monday 9 September when Councillor Simon Jacobs was elected to continue as chairman. Councillor Gamble is the vice chairman and also the chair of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). Nothing on the agenda for the next CATG meeting for Worton but RiG will try to get Black Dog Crossroads on it in regard to the various accidents at the locality. He suggested that Worton Parish Council submit this as an issue to CATG as well in support.</p> <p>RiG is talking to all parishes re potential weight limit on B3098.</p> <p>Work on A350 has finished early. Concerns re large lorries using local villages as diversion was mainly unfounded.</p> <p>RiG asked to be kept updated on issues with Back Lane.</p> <p>The final recommendations for future electoral arrangements for Wiltshire Council have been published by the Boundary Commission and take effect from the 2021 elections. Worton will be in Devizes Rural West with Bulkington, Poulshot, Seend, Potterne, Erlestoke, Marston and Coulston.</p> <p>The Local Plan Review workshop on 1 October was well attended by Worton. RiG asked if councils would benefit from meeting with individual planning officer and it was agreed that Worton would definitely benefit. To combine with a Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>There is a new waste and recycling officer at Wiltshire Council and RiG has asked if Worton has any issues. Ongoing issue with Hills' lorries being driven over the verges at Sandlease, also inconsiderate driving. RiG will report back.</p> <p>RiG was asked about a letter that Wiltshire Council had sent to some residents inviting them to sign up for superfast broadband but it was thought that all of Worton had been connected. However, it appears that some properties on eastern edge still not done.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Nothing was raised.</p>

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		There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.				
81/19/20		<p>Land adjacent to Back Lane: BD, DJ and MP had met on site with the Senior Rights of Way Warden for Central Wiltshire. The Warden had brought maps with him to show where footpath runs. Width of footpath varies but at its narrowest should be at least 1m wide. Very useful meeting. BD has contacted landowners and offered to meet up informally to get a better understanding of what their plans are for the land. It was acknowledged that what they have is a small holding and Wiltshire Council have no objection to what is stored there. Also access across the land to the footpath is, and has always historically been, down to the goodwill of the landowner.</p>				
82/19/20		<p>Parish Council Action Table Update: 57/19/20, Item 4 Wet pour repair kit has been purchased, repair still to be carried out.</p>				
83/19/20		<p>Auto Speedwatch: Debs Mackay from Worton Community Speedwatch had been invited to attend the meeting to give their views on whether this would be useful. However the invitation was declined as she felt there was no point discussing it until Wiltshire Police (who are reviewing it alongside other options) had decided on whether they would accept the reports that were generated. Clerk was requested to ask Debs to let us know when Wiltshire Police make their decision.</p>				
84/19/20		<p>Planning: a) no planning applications received this month b) The following decision was noted:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>19/07945/FUL</td> <td>185 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE</td> <td>Proposed demolition and replacement of existing lean-to to front; partial rebuilding and extension of garage to create Utility Room</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Decision: Approved with conditions</p>		19/07945/FUL	185 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	Proposed demolition and replacement of existing lean-to to front; partial rebuilding and extension of garage to create Utility Room
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85/19/20		<p>Playground inspections: Sandlease – a few minor issues to monitor including fencing beginning to rot. Wet pour repair is still to be done. Whatleys – MF and DJ have visited site on receipt of report and looked at the play equipment. Due to decay in the timber and the high risk score that was given by the inspector, they recommended that equipment be removed and site downgraded to playing field. Proposed by MP, seconded by DJ – all agreed. Clerk to advise RoSPA Play Safety that site will no longer need inspection.</p>				
86/19/20		<p>Reports from representatives:</p> <p>1. Community Led Housing: MP gave update on networking event that he attended. Mike Dawson, an Asset Manager from Wiltshire Council will look for the legal pack from the sale of Whatleys and will look at the covenant on the land and what it says. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) produced a report entitled “Where next for Neighbourhood Planning”, which explained that when Neighbourhood</p>				

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	<p>Plans were first introduced, they held great weight with developers but over the years that has diminished. If Local Plans are out of date, then Neighbourhood Plans will be out of date. It was acknowledged that Worton Parish Council does not have the financial resources to update a Neighbourhood Plan every 5 years.</p> <p>NS expanded on a report of the Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review workshop on 1 October that had previously been circulated by DP. Towns had been allocated a number of houses to be developed with residual 1,800 allocated to villages. Worton have to find a further 25 houses (2 already built or have planning permission). Worton is classed as a “smaller large village” but does not meet the criteria as it does not have a shop. May need to ask WC to reclassify. “Small villages” are not expected to find housing but would not have a defined settlement boundary.</p>																																								
	<p>2. Footpaths: Mill Race (WORT10) needs strimming. Clerk had previously emailed Wiltshire Council but will chase them on this.</p>																																								
87/19/20	<p>Finance: a) The following will meet to look at the budget for 2020/2021: DJ, BD, MP and Clerk on Monday 21 October at 10am. b) Accounts to be paid: It was proposed by MP and seconded by BD and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid (Cheque to New Generation Publishing to be reissued. Cheque no. 873 cancelled as wrong address on invoice):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Payable to</th> <th>Net</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>877</td> <td>New Generation Publishing</td> <td>865.88</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>865.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>878</td> <td>Pam Woods (Worton & Marston Ladies Group)</td> <td>21.27</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>21.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>879</td> <td>Worton & Marston Village Hall</td> <td>16.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>16.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>880</td> <td>Playsafety Limited</td> <td>137.00</td> <td>27.40</td> <td>164.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>881</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>68.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>68.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>882</td> <td>Mark Goddard and Sons Landscaping</td> <td>440.00</td> <td>88.00</td> <td>528.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>1548.15</td> <td>115.40</td> <td>1663.55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Chq No.	Payable to	Net	VAT	Gross	877	New Generation Publishing	865.88	0.00	865.88	878	Pam Woods (Worton & Marston Ladies Group)	21.27	0.00	21.27	879	Worton & Marston Village Hall	16.00	0.00	16.00	880	Playsafety Limited	137.00	27.40	164.40	881	HMRC	68.00	0.00	68.00	882	Mark Goddard and Sons Landscaping	440.00	88.00	528.00		Total	1548.15	115.40	1663.55
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88/19/20	<p>Correspondence: 1. Email received from parishioner enquiring about the Woodland Trust tree planting campaign. Clerk had downloaded information prior to meeting. Community groups (including Parish Councils) can obtain free tree packs for delivery November or March; we have missed the November application so will apply for March 2020. Suggested pack of 105 saplings. To discuss further at next meeting. 2. Letter received re parking issue – cars are parked in space allocated for the bus stop by the village hall, especially on a Wednesday between 10–10.30am. Likely to be village hall users – Clerk will email Toddlers Group and Village Hall trustees asking that they will pass the message to hall users to park considerately.</p>																																								
	<p>Items to be considered for the next meeting: Trees Budget Village status</p>																																								
	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 4 November 2019 7.30 pm in Worton Village Hall.</p>																																								
	<p>Key messages: Trees – Sandlease Bank Whatleys playground Community Led Housing</p>																																								

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