

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 4 November 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 Richard Slack (RS); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS); Cllr Roger Wilshire (RW)

Also present: Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG); Liz Starling (Clerk); 3 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dicky Parsons

89/19/20	Welcome and Apologies: The chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
90/19/20	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
91/19/20	Minutes of meeting held on 7 October 2019: <u>It was resolved</u> that the minutes of the meeting held 7 October 2019 were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
92/19/20	Chairman's Announcements: BD advised that agenda item 10 would brought forward to after the open session. An update on Back Lane would be given during the Open Session.
	<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>BD reported as a resident of the village and advised that he and MP had informally met with owner of land adjacent to Back Lane. An update was given and the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner aiming to maintain path at slightly wider than minimum width • Plan is to create 'permissive path' adjacent to properties with a fence alongside so more livestock can be grazed • Is aware of public's concern over the appearance of the site <p>BD and MP will feed back any questions from member of the public to the landowner. Hope to meet up again, possibly in the New Year.</p> <p>It was noted that a 'permissive' right of way should not take the place of the official route.</p> <p>There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.</p>
93/19/20	Worton Village VE and VJ Celebrations 8-10 May 2020: <u>Resolved:</u> It was proposed by RW and seconded by DJ that the Parish Council support these celebrations and a sub-committee to include DJ and MF would be set up to plan the event.
94/19/20	Back Lane fencing: It was reported that some of the fencing near the church and further along Back Lane is fallen down. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the landowners to repairs the fences. RG will speak to them.
95/19/20	Parish Council Action Table Update: 57/19/20, Item 4 - Wet pour repair kit has been purchased, repair still to be carried

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	<p>out.</p> <p>80/19/20 - Black Dog crossroads issue has been submitted to CATG.</p> <p>85/19/20 - RoSPA Playsafety have removed Whatleys play area from inspection list.</p> <p>86/19/20, Item 2 - Mill Race footpath WORT10 has been cut.</p> <p>88/19/20 – Clerk has written to Worton Toddlers Clerk and Village Hall Trustees asking them to remind all users to park considerately and not to block the bus stop.</p>			
96/19/20	<p>Community Fund Application:</p> <p>Worton & Marston Village Hall trustees have requested £1,200 to assist with the cost of replacing the chairs in the village hall. Total cost expected to be in the region of £2,400 and they will be fundraising for the remaining £1,200. Resolved: It was proposed by MP and seconded by MF and agreed to make a Community Fund payment of £1.200 to Worton & Marston Village Hall.</p>			
97/19/20	<p>Tree planting at Sandlease:</p> <p>Clerk had circulated further information about the Woodland Trust tree planting campaign. It was agreed RS will look at the bank to determine how many of the original trees are left and will confirm to Clerk the number and type of tree packs required.</p> <p>Gardening Club may be willing to maintain the area if Parish Council are in agreement. Resolved: BD proposed, RS seconded and agreed that Worton and Marston Gardening Club take on the maintenance of Sandlease Bank.</p>			
98/19/20	<p>Parking issues near village hall:</p> <p>It was noted that there are no markings or signs to indicate that it is a bus stop other than a timetable inside the shelter. To seek advice from CATG over any action that can be taken to deter people from parking there.</p> <p>Clerk with contact Wiltshire Council to get authority for ‘no parking’ signs.</p>			
99/19/20	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) the following planning application was considered:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="303 1272 1423 1344"> <tr> <td>19/09761/FUL</td> <td>The Old Forge, 88 High Street, Worton, SN10 5RU</td> <td>Detached 3 bedroom dwelling</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">No objection</p> <p>b) No decisions received since the last meeting</p>	19/09761/FUL	The Old Forge, 88 High Street, Worton, SN10 5RU	Detached 3 bedroom dwelling
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100/19/20	<p>Wiltshire Councillor’s Report:</p> <p>RiG reported that he is still looking at weight limit on B3098.</p> <p>Chasing the white line road marking for Plough Lane in Marston. It was noted that the Mill Road/C20 white lines still missing.</p> <p>The next Devizes Area Board was on Monday 18 November at Devizes School.</p> <p>Richard Sandford-Hill will be coming to talk about Devizes Health Centre.</p>			
101/19/20	<p>Reports from representatives:</p> <p>1. Community Area Transport Group (CATG):</p> <p>BD and RS will attend next meeting on 5 November. In respect of Black Dog Crossroads, it was commented that speed is not the only cause of accident sbut also visibility; it was felt road markings could be improved.</p> <p>Will ask advice on bus stop issues.</p> <p>2. Community Led Housing:</p> <p>MP advised that he had met with Wiltshire Council concerning the covenants on the</p>			

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	<p>land at Whatleys. There are 2 covenants – one gives Knightstone Housing the right to drain surface water across the field, the second restricts the use of the field for community and recreation. Wiltshire council would be willing to offer a deed of variation to allow it to be used for affordable housing.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council also would like the Parish Council to consider land asset transfers of four area of land in Worton. To go on the December agenda.</p> <p>Village status – it was noted that there were no plans to change the village status at present. Not likely to be straightforward but MP will find out how feasible it would be should the Parish Council decide to explore the possibility at a later date. A village consultation would take place before any decision was made by the Parish Council.</p>																				
	<p>3. Recreation and Playing Field: Play equipment has been removed from Whatley but stumps have been left. These will be cut down during the week but gates are currently locked for safety reasons.</p>																				
	<p>4. Footpaths: Mill Race (WORT10) has been strimmed. The Parish Council was reminded that this needs doing 3 times a year.</p>																				
102/19/20	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) The proposed budget for 2020/2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that the 2020/2021 tax base had not yet been issued by Wiltshire Council so suggested that the Parish Council <u>provisionally</u> approve the budget (down to the total expenditure line only. To formally approve the budget and <u>provisionally</u> agree the precept at the December meeting. Final approval of precept at January meeting. Proposed budget was agreed in principle.</p> <p>b) Accounts to be paid: It was proposed by MP and seconded by BD and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:</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>833</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>68.20</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>68.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>834</td> <td>E M Starling</td> <td>67.42</td> <td>9.98</td> <td>77.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>135.62</td> <td>9.98</td> <td>145.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Chq No.	Payable to	Net	VAT	Gross	833	HMRC	68.20	0.00	68.20	834	E M Starling	67.42	9.98	77.40		Total	135.62	9.98	145.60
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103/19/20	<p>Correspondence: None</p>																				
	<p>Items to be considered for the next meeting: Land at Sandlease – to consider registration with Land Registry Budget and precept WC asset transfer Community Led Housing – land at Whatleys</p>																				
	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 2 December 2019, 6.00 pm in Worton Village Hall. <i>Agreed to hold at earlier time due to Beer and Carols, 7.00pm in Rose and Crown.</i></p>																				
	<p>Key messages: Whatleys playground Parking Back Lane Black Dog Community Fund Grant</p>																				

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