

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 6 January 2020 in Worton Village Hall at 6.00pm.

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

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); 1 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG);

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| 119/19/20 | Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies. |
| 120/19/20 | Declaration of Members' Interests: RW declared an interest in item 8, Damage to grass verge in Sandlease. |
| 121/19/20 | Minutes of meeting held on 2 December 2019: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 2 December 2019 were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed. |
| 122/19/20 | Chairman's Announcements: None. |
| | 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. RW expressed frustration with Hills waste/recycling lorries frequently driving over the grass verge in Sandlease. The verge is damaged and there is mud all over the road. There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session. |
| 123/19/20 | Damage to grass verge in Sandlease: This has been reported to Wiltshire Council on several occasions but it continues to happen. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Hills Waste with copies to RiG and Wiltshire Council Highways. |
| 124/19/20 | Wiltshire Councillor's Report: RiG not present at meeting. |
| 125/19/20 | Parish Council Action Table Update: 57/19/20, Item 4 Mastic repair to rubber matting at Sandlease not yet done due to weather. 94/19/20 RG still to speak to landowners re fences. 98/19/20 Wiltshire Council's response to the request for advice on putting sign on bus stop was to suggest submission put through to CATG for a Bus Stop Clearway. |
| 126/19/20 | Waiting and Parking restrictions: Wiltshire Council need requests by 31 January. It was suggested junction of Cedar Close and High Street should have parking restrictions as parked cars are causing visual obstructions. Councillors to meet and walk High Street to consider any other potential areas. |
| 127/19/20 | Submission to CATG: RS confirm that CATG were looking at ways to resolve the parking issues at the bus stop. Need to complete Highways Improvement form to formalise submission. |

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| | Parish Council to arrange for informal signs to be placed inside the bus shelter e.g. "Please do not park – bus stop" | | | | | | |
| 128/19/20 | <p>Consideration of the formation of Village Maintenance working group: Proposal: To form a Village Maintenance Working Party to undertake maintenance and enhancement of Parish Council owned land and assets, including, inter alia, the recreational areas, village gates and bus stops. The Working Party will consist of both Councillors and Village Volunteers/Groups and will work under the direction of the Parish Council. (Hedge cutting carried out by volunteers to come under the jurisdiction of this group) Proposed by MP, seconded by BD. Resolved: To form a Village Maintenance Working Group.</p> | | | | | | |
| 129/19/20 | <p>Possible asset transfer of Wiltshire Council land: Councillors have looked further at the following two plots of land 1. Land at entrance to Mill Head 2. Land at western side of Mill Head estate It was agreed that the Parish Council <u>do not</u> want to accept responsibility for the land at western side of Mill Head estate. Discussions were held regarding the potential use of the land at the entrance to Mill Head. Proposed by RS, seconded RW. Resolved: To express an interest in the asset transfer of the land at the entrance to Mill Head without commitment. Taking ownership would be conditional on obtaining planning permission for example.</p> | | | | | | |
| 130/19/20 | <p>Community Led Housing (CLH): It was proposed to hold a village meeting in March. MP to write article for February Bridge magazine on CLH and mention that there will be a meeting. Date etc to be confirmed in March edition.</p> | | | | | | |
| 131/19/20 | <p>Planning: a) The following application was considered:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1308 1449 1447"> <tr> <td>19/11789/TCA</td> <td>Ivy House, 41 High Street, Worton, Devizes SN10 5RU</td> <td>Cherry tree - 30% crown reduction Yew Tree - 30% crown reduction Maple Tree - 30% crown reduction</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">No objection</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) No decisions received since the last meeting</p> | 19/11789/TCA | Ivy House, 41 High Street, Worton, Devizes SN10 5RU | Cherry tree - 30% crown reduction Yew Tree - 30% crown reduction Maple Tree - 30% crown reduction | No objection | | |
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| 132/19/20 | <p>Reports from representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Area Transport Group (CATG): Change to speed limit working well. Next CATG 4 February. 2. Village hall: 3. Recreation and Playing Field: 4. Footpaths: Back Lane from Orchard Cottage – surface mud to be scraped back to the hardcore; RG will do this. | | | | | | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Parish Steward Liaison: NS wants to meet with Parish Steward on a regular basis to confirm the work that needs to be done. | | | | | | |

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| 134/19/20 | <p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Quote of £2477 plus VAT has been received from Mark Goddard for the grounds maintenance contract for 2020/2021. It was noted that Mark only charges for the actual work carried out so actual cost likely to be less than quote. Resolved: It was proposed by DP and seconded by NS that the quote be accepted. Agreed.</p> <p>c) Accounts to be paid: It was agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 499 1509 707"> <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>888</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs</td> <td>68.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>68.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>889</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>116.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>116.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Information Commissioners Office</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <i>Chq No.</i> | <i>Payable to</i> | <i>Net</i> | <i>VAT</i> | <i>Gross</i> | 888 | HM Revenue and Customs | 68.00 | 0.00 | 68.00 | 889 | Worton & Marston Village Hall | 48.00 | 0.00 | 48.00 | | Total | 116.00 | 0.00 | 116.00 | DD | Information Commissioners Office | 35.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 |
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| 135/19/20 | <p>Correspondence: None</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Items to be considered for the next meeting: Date for Annual Parish Meeting Dates for Parish Council meetings 2020/2021 VE Day Celebrations</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Date of next meeting: Monday 3 February 2020, 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Key messages: Be careful of Back Lane footpath – deep rut Formation of village maintenance working group Parking in front of bus stop</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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