

**Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 2 March 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 Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS); Cllr Roger Wilshire (RW)

**Also present:** Cllr Richard Gamble (RiG); Liz Starling (Clerk); 6 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP)

**Absent:** Cllr Richard Slack (RS)

151/19/20	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> The Chairman welcomed councillors and received apologies.
152/19/20	<b>Declaration of Members' Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest.
153/19/20	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 3 February 2020: <u>Resolved</u>:</b> It was proposed by RW, seconded by MP and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
154/19/20	<b>Chairman's Announcements:</b> None.
	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Comments were made concerning the Parish Council possible interest in the transfer of land from Wiltshire Council at the top of Mill Head. There are covenants on the land preventing its change of use from a children's play area.</p> <p><b>There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.</b></p>
155/19/20	<p><b>Wiltshire Council Asset Transfer - Land at top of Mill Head</b></p> <p>BD clarified that Wiltshire Council had approached the Parish Council to ask if they were interested in various land transfers. The Parish Council had considered all the pieces of land and felt that the land at the top of Mill Head may be of potential interest as this had coincided with complaints about parking on the High Street by village hall users. At that time, the Parish Council had not been aware on any restrictions on the land and were simply exploring the viability of taking it on. If it was viable (taking into consideration the cost of maintenance), all parishioners would have been consulted before an agreement was entered into with Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>In light of the information that has recently been passed to the Parish Council, it no longer seems a viable option.</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> MP proposed, RW seconded and all agreed that after further investigation, the Parish Council is no longer interested in the land at the top of Mill Head.</p>
156/19/20	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillor's Report:</b></p> <p>RiG reported that Wiltshire Council now have a development company and are able to build their own houses.</p> <p>It may be worth noting that land in Marlborough that was designated as recreation land 'in perpetuity' has now had planning permission for development.</p> <p>There have been complaints about the differentials between rural and town parishes and</p>

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	<p>the differences in the precept. Town dwellers are less likely to afford the higher precept. Recycling changes have already been publicised and letters have now gone out to householders.</p> <p>Area Board is on 16 March and the main topic will be environmental issues.</p> <p>CATG – Black Dog Crossroads is now number 7 in the police collision database and whatever work is carried out will be down to Highways as will exceed CATG budget.</p> <p>A360 Tilshead to Shewton will be closed from 8 April for 12 days (diversion will be via Chitterne).</p> <p>A bid is being put to the Government for funding for Devizes Parkway station.</p>
157/19/20	<p><b>VE Day Celebrations:</b></p> <p>Minutes of the working group have been circulated. Risk assessment has been done. 400 leaflets have been delivered to homes in Worton and Marston. An update was given on the arrangements.</p>
158/19/20	<p><b>Parish Council Action Table Update:</b></p> <p>32/19/20 (a) Reinstatement of kissing gate is still on hold. Leave on action table.</p> <p>57/19/20, Item 4 Mastic repair to rubber matting at Sandlease not yet done due to weather.</p> <p>94/19/20 RG will be repairing fences when weather improves.</p> <p>146/19/20 Clerk has reported pavement at Turnpike on MyWiltshire as parish steward has been transferred to pothole filling again this month.</p> <p>150/19/20 Clerk has booked the village hall for the 2020/2021 Parish Council meetings.</p>
159/19/20	<p><b>Good Energy Community Fund:</b></p> <p>The revised Grants Policy prepared by GrantScape had been circulated prior to the meeting. Also circulated was the revised application form. Clerk will pass the comments made back to GrantScape so they can amend the documents accordingly.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that not all organisations have a constitution or guidance document.</p> <p>A query was raised on the length of time taken between receipt of the application and grant award as it is currently advertised in The Bridge prior to consideration at a Parish Council meeting. <b>Resolved:</b> It was proposed by BD, seconded by DJ and agreed that when an application is received, it will be considered at the next meeting but at the same time, publicised in The Bridge and on the website for information purposes.</p>
160/19/20	<p><b>Community Led Housing (CLH):</b></p> <p>MP reminded the meeting of the arrangements for the village meeting on Friday 3 April at 7pm. Two Wiltshire Council staff from Homes of Our Own will be present. Worton and Marston Charities will have a stand with their idea of what they would like to do with the land at Whatleys.</p> <p>NS encourage members to look at the Seend Community Land Trust plans (<a href="https://www.seendclt.org/">https://www.seendclt.org/</a>).</p> <p>A reminder will be put in the next edition of The Bridge.</p>
161/19/20	<p><b>Parish Online – Digital Mapping:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> BD proposed, MP seconded and it was agreed to subscribe to Parish Online from 1 April 2020.</p>
162/19/20	<p><b>Village Maintenance Group:</b></p> <p>Trees for Sandlease Bank should be delivered any day. Repairs to the fence are almost complete.</p> <p>Clerk has received complaint re litter on grass verge between school and village hall. She will put it on Parish Steward list but next visit will not be until the beginning of April.</p> <p>Villagers to be encouraged to pick up litter if they see it.</p>

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163/19/20	<p><b>Planning:</b> a) The following planning application was considered:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="395 293 1560 465"> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 293 635 432">20/00839/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="635 293 1043 432">60 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU</td> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="1043 293 1560 432">Two storey side extension, dropped kerb, existing house windows to be replaced with white PVC double glazed units.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" data-bbox="395 432 1560 465" style="text-align: center;">No objection</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) There were no decisions to note</p>	20/00839/FUL	60 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	Two storey side extension, dropped kerb, existing house windows to be replaced with white PVC double glazed units.			No objection														
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164/19/20	<p><b>Reports from representatives:</b> There were no reports from representatives.</p>																				
165/19/20	<p><b>Finance:</b> a) Accounts to be paid: <b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 775 1509 949"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="384 775 475 846"><i>Chq No.</i></th> <th data-bbox="475 775 1086 846"><i>Payable to</i></th> <th data-bbox="1086 775 1241 846"><i>Net</i></th> <th data-bbox="1241 775 1370 846"><i>VAT</i></th> <th data-bbox="1370 775 1509 846"><i>Gross</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 846 475 880">892</td> <td data-bbox="475 846 1086 880">HM Revenue and Customs</td> <td data-bbox="1086 846 1241 880" style="text-align: right;">68.20</td> <td data-bbox="1241 846 1370 880" style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1370 846 1509 880" style="text-align: right;">68.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="384 880 1086 913" style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></td> <td data-bbox="1086 880 1241 913" style="text-align: right;"><b>68.20</b></td> <td data-bbox="1241 880 1370 913" style="text-align: right;"><b>0.00</b></td> <td data-bbox="1370 880 1509 913" style="text-align: right;"><b>68.20</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" data-bbox="384 913 1509 949"> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Chq No.</i>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	892	HM Revenue and Customs	68.20	0.00	68.20	<b>Total</b>		<b>68.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68.20</b>					
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166/19/20	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Clerk has received Open Spaces survey from Wiltshire Council. To meet with RW to complete. Wiltshire Council Briefing Note relating to government funds that local authorities can bid for to improve or enhance bus services. Town and parish councils can provide suggestions on what public transport schemes might be considered. BD will look at it and respond as appropriate.</p>																				
	<p><b>Items to be considered for the next meeting:</b> Open Gardens Feedback on CLH meeting to be on APM Agenda</p>																				
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 6 March 2020, 6.00pm in Worton Village Hall followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.</p>																				
	<p><b>Key messages:</b> Update on land at Mill Head Reminder of meetings 3 April &amp; 6 April Village maintenance group and tree planting</p>																				

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