

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 7 June 2021 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chairman); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR); Suzanne Bonfield, Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator (SB); 4 members of the public

Apologies: None

33/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chairman received apologies for absence.
34/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
35/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2021: <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by RS, seconded by NS and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.
	<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 raised.</p> <p>There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.</p>
36/21/22	<p>Wiltshire Councillor's Report: BD introduced TR to the members of the public. TR updated the meeting on news from Wiltshire Council: Cllr Philip Whitehead has stepped down as leader of the Council; new leader is Cllr Richard Clewer. TR has been given the portfolio for Climate Change; her role is to work with the Lead on Climate Change to produce the Wiltshire Council Climate Change Strategy. She said she was here to help; for example, with questioning Worton's Large Village status.</p>
37/21/22	<p>Update on Worton Community Speed Watch: BD introduced SB who has taken on the role of Community Speed Watch (CSW) Co-ordinator and welcomed her to the meeting. SB reported that a team of 12 volunteers continue to carry speed checks 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off; still just doing 1 session per day, as due to the Covid 19 regulations, the camera must be cleaned between the sessions. Have also resumed checks at the Village Hall, as well as Sandlease and Park Farm. Motorists doing 36mph and over are reported to the police. The CSW team also record those doing less than 36mph, but who are still breaking the speed limit. Recent figures show that in just 11 hours of monitoring during April/May, 67 motorists were reported to the police and a further 228 were found to be breaking the speed limit. During May/June in just 12 hours, 79 motorists were reported to the police and a further 306 were found to be breaking the speed limit. Community Speed Watch is needed to continue to raise awareness to motorists and to try and help keep the High Street safe for our residents. Another figure is the number of vehicles going through the village – over 3,500 during the 11 hours monitored during April/ May and a similar number during</p>

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	<p>May/June. SB cited dangerous and potentially harmful occurrences which were happening along the High Street: speeding, overtaking along the narrow stretches, HGVs mounting the pavement in order to pass each other either side, pedestrians being hit by wing mirrors whilst walking on the pavement, damage to residents' vehicles and property. The C20 particularly the High Street is really a country lane which is being overused. The road and pavements are narrow; in some places, pavements are only on one side so pedestrians need to cross to continue. Things can only get worse unless we try and do something. The installation of a SIDs will help and the Parish Council's offer to provide one for the village is welcomed. SB was asked on the process if a driver was reported to the police: 1st report = letter, 2nd report = stronger letter, 3rd report = visit from police.</p> <p>It was noted that repeater signs had previously been considered for the High Street. RS confirmed that following email correspondence with regard to carrying out CSW on Seend Road, he is happy to be trained and carry out checks with DP but his availability is limited due to day job.</p> <p>SB said that a few years ago, Cllr Richard Gamble was looking at an HGV route through the county to try and reduce the number of HGVs going through the villages. This does not seem to have progressed, but Cllr Tamara Reay says that she is very aware that traffic in Worton, along with other communities in Devizes Rural West, is very much an issue and that she will be a strong voice at Wiltshire Council for additional traffic management measures. In particular to address the volume of freight lorries and vans through our rural areas, as well as policies to encourage cycling and walking as alternatives, where possible.</p> <p>SB asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take this matter up further with Wiltshire Council and try and ensure that we keep up the pressure on them to look at ways of reducing the volume of traffic through our village, in particular large vehicles? The Parish Council response is that there is a need to be realistic as some HGVs are local, but they will not dismiss the idea.</p>
<p>38/21/22</p>	<p>Purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): Clerk had circulated information from 3 companies. Various options discussed and it was confirmed that mains (or solar), with data logging was the best option. £3,000 already in Parish Council reserves for SIDs, additional funding available from Community Fund. RS will speak to Gareth Rogers at Wiltshire Council to get his advice, also Cllr Dominic Munns who is the new chair of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and report back. Resolved: It was proposed by RS, seconded by NS and agreed that Clerk will firm up quotes for a minimum of 2 SIDS, fixed and mains powered, blue tooth data logging. Speed and words or smiley face.</p>
<p>39/21/22</p>	<p>Improvements to WORT11/MARS9 footpath: Wiltshire Council have now sent through the quote for improvement to the footpath; £9389.60 for approximately 115m x 2m tarmac path and 20m x 1.8 gravel path. Clerk has emailed Marston Parish Council and resident who has pledged funding to confirm their contributions; up to 50% of funding can possibly obtained from Wiltshire Council Path Improvement Grants Scheme; possible contribution from Community Fund. Clerk advised sufficient in the Parish Council contingency fund for the remainder. Resolved: Rs proposed, MP seconded, and all agreed <i>in principle</i> to the work being carried out but will not give Wiltshire Council the go ahead to start the work until it is know where all the funding is coming from.</p>

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40/21/22	<p>Confirmation of Worton Parish Council's response to Atkins Feasibility Study on Black Dog Crossroads: Wiltshire Council had sent through Atkins Feasibility Study on Black Dog Crossroads for the view of Councillors. Clerk had previously circulated this and 3 out of the 6 current councillors has responded. Further discussion was held, and the majority view was for some form of traffic lights but with some form of speed restriction as well. Clerk to forward all comments received to the Market Lavington Clerk who is collating the response to Wiltshire Council.</p>												
41/21/22	<p>Appointment of members to Whatley Play Area Working Group: MP agreed to join the group. Clerk has had three residents willing to join. She will circulate quotes and set up meeting.</p>												
42/21/22	<p>Update on Local History Project: BD had met with Roger Wiltshire and walked around village; notes have been made of the discussions but more work is needed. RS suggested possible websites for more information including Wiltshire OPCs.</p>												
43/21/22	<p>Internet Banking Policy: Resolved: The Internet Banking Policy was reviewed and it was confirmed no amendment is necessary. RS proposed, BD seconded, all agreed.</p>												
44/21/22	<p>Health and Safety Policy Statement: Resolved: The Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and duly signed by the Chairman. RS proposed, BD seconded, all agreed.</p>												
45/21/22	<p>Vexatious Complaints Policy: Resolved: DP proposed, MP seconded, and all agreed to approve the new Vexatious Complaints Policy.</p>												
46/21/22	<p>Co-Option Of Members: Clerk advised no applications received as yet. To re-publish on website and Facebook. Agreed to purchase Good Councillors Guide at £3.49 each for new Councillors. Also to get copies of the Good Councillors Guide to Neighbourhood Planning for new Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.</p>												
47/21/22	<p>Planning: a) The Parish Council's response to the following planning application was considered:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 1547 1465 1951"> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 1547 587 1682">PL/2021/05302</td> <td data-bbox="587 1547 954 1682">The Old Mill, 7 Mill Road, Worton SN10 5SF</td> <td data-bbox="954 1547 1465 1682">Willow (T1) - pollard to large fork at base of tree. Bay and laurel (T2) - reduce by 30 - 40% and cut back to boundary over road</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="360 1682 1465 1783">Response: T1 - concern that willow may be cut too far back - RS will visit site and report back. T2 - No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 1783 587 1917">PL/2021/05719</td> <td data-bbox="587 1783 954 1917">185 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE</td> <td data-bbox="954 1783 1465 1917">T1 - Yew tree - 1-2m reduction G1 - Cut back limbs over hanging road to wall</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="360 1917 1465 1951" style="text-align: center;">Response: No objection</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) There were no decisions to note.</p>	PL/2021/05302	The Old Mill, 7 Mill Road, Worton SN10 5SF	Willow (T1) - pollard to large fork at base of tree. Bay and laurel (T2) - reduce by 30 - 40% and cut back to boundary over road	Response: T1 - concern that willow may be cut too far back - RS will visit site and report back. T2 - No objection			PL/2021/05719	185 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	T1 - Yew tree - 1-2m reduction G1 - Cut back limbs over hanging road to wall	Response: No objection		
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48/21/22	<p>Finance: Accounts to be paid: Resolved: Proposed by BD, seconded by RG and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="247 353 1276 600"> <thead> <tr> <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>HMRC/E M Starling</td> <td>400.81</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>400.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conservation Contractors</td> <td>350.00</td> <td>70.00</td> <td>420.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping</td> <td>330.00</td> <td>66.00</td> <td>396.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community First Trading Limited</td> <td>360.72</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>360.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1441.53</td> <td>136.00</td> <td>1577.53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="247 600 1276 674"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Inter account transfer:</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Amount:</td> <td>None</td> </tr> </table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	HMRC/E M Starling	400.81	0.00	400.81	Conservation Contractors	350.00	70.00	420.00	Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping	330.00	66.00	396.00	Community First Trading Limited	360.72	0.00	360.72	Total	1441.53	136.00	1577.53	Inter account transfer:				Amount:	None
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49/21/22	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Clerk has received response from Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning re Large Village status. They will look at Worton's status if we send them information on services etc in the village.</p> <p>b) There has been email correspondence regarding one of the allotments on the north side of the village. It has a tenant but there are various items that appear to have been left on site that are inconsistent with allotment use. Clerk to contact Worton and Marston Charities to find out if they are aware of these items and to find out the proposed long term use of that particular allotment.</p>																														
50/21/22	<p>Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group SIDs Village maintenance</p>																														
	<p>Key messages:</p>																														
	<p>Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: Monday 5 July 2021. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.</p>																														

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