

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 2 August 2021 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Suzanne Bonfield; Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair); Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR); 11 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Richard Slack (RS)

63/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chair received apologies for absence.
64/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: DP declared s personal interest in agenda item 5a (response to planning appeal for Sandlease development). He already has a dispensation in place allowing him to enter in discussion but not vote. NS advised he would not be declaring a personal interest in item 5a although previously he had done.
	<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>The following comments were made in relation to agenda item 5a: Developers taking advantage of Covid situation. Access is in a dangerous location. Not against development at eastern end of village but 26 houses are an overdevelopment. Will affect/overlook the bungalows at Sandlease and will affect residents' way of life. Traffic goes through the village too fast, there is too much of it and the pavements are narrow. The road is narrow in places and larger vehicles unable to pass each other. Development should be at the western end of the village where the village hall, church and school are. 26 houses could mean 50 extra cars. Plot is far too small an area for 26 houses. Have speed watch figures been sent to Wiltshire Council? (<i>Yes, they have; in addition a number of metro counts were done.</i>) A question was asked on the maintenance of the footpaths within the southern end of the development. BD stressed that this was an appeal against the outline planning application and that if the Planning Inspectorate overturns Wiltshire Council's decision, a 'reserved matters' application would need to be submitted and the detail of things like footpaths would be looked at that point.</p> <p>DP responded in saying that the final layout of the development is not known; the Parish Council agreed that road safety and the access is a major issue. He went on to explain about Wiltshire Council's five-year housing land supply in the county.</p> <p>There were no further comments from the public therefore the Chairman closed the Open Session.</p>
65/21/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the following site:</p>

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APPELLANTS NAME:	Worton LVA LLP
APPEAL SITE:	Land at Sandlease Farm, Worton, Devizes SN10 5RZ
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:	Outline planning application for up to 26 dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved for consideration except for access
INSPECTORATE REFERENCE:	APP/Y3940/W/21/3276094

BD explained that all comments already made to Wiltshire Council following the original application have been forwarded to the Inspectorate, but these may now be withdrawn, modified or amplified.

It was noted that main points of the appeal are concerning the access, traffic data (the applicants have questioned the validity of some of the data used), the size of the visibility splay and the speed of the traffic.

The Parish Council stands by its original response submitted to Wiltshire Council, but it was agreed that it should be amplified and the comments on the following points should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate:

1. Access - challenge over the visibility splay, speed of traffic and relevance of metro counts, proximity to Worton Road junction.
2. Neighbourhood Plan - the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group need to submit their own response.
3. Housing Needs Survey - the applicants have carried out their own which is different to the one undertaken by Wiltshire Council.
4. Impact of development - to challenge the applicants' claim that the beneficial impacts outweigh any adverse ones.

Councillors will submit their comments on the above to the Clerk for collating.

b) The following planning applications were considered:

PL/2021/070 72	3 Church Lane, Worton SN10 5SH	T4 T5 T6 & T10 - 4 x Ash trees - fell
No objection		
PL/2021/068 55	Marsh Farm Seend Road Worton SN10 1SG	Formation of new access track between existing field access off Seend Road and existing farmyard / buildings
Concern with surface stone being displaced onto Seend Road; likewise mud if left unsurfaced. Preference is for a solid surface. No objection if solid surface such as tarmac		
PL/2021/067 61	Moore's Cottage, 164 High Street, Worton, SN10 5SE	Construction of new house to replace substandard dwelling, with gardens and parking
No objection		

c) The following decision was noted:

PL/2021/05719	185 High Street Worton SN10 5SE	T1 - Yew tree - 1-2m reduction G1 - Cut back over hanging road to wall
Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection		

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Finance

a) Accounts to be paid:

Resolved: Proposed by DP, seconded by SB and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:

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<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
HMRC/E M Starling	375.74	0.00	375.74
Worton & Marston Village Hall	32.00	0.00	32.00
Total	407.74	0.00	407.74

<i>Inter account transfer:</i>		
28 June 2021	Amount:	500.00

Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: Monday 6 September 2021. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.

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