

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 1 November 2021 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Suzanne Bonfield (SB); Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (Vice Chair); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR); 8 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP)

90/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chair received apologies for absence.
91/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.
92/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 4 October 2021: <u>Resolved</u>: It was proposed by SB, seconded by RG, 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>
93/21/22	<p>Wiltshire Councillor's Report:</p> <p>TR asked if date of meeting could be changed if it clashed with Area Board. Advised that this is on the agenda.</p> <p>She informed the meeting that Wiltshire Council have approved an interim Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy which includes a grant scheme.</p> <p>There is no update on Black Dog crossroads.</p> <p>TR has chased Wiltshire Council Rights of Way for the updated quote for the improvements to the WORT11/MARS9 footpath but no reply as yet.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about strimming vegetation on footpaths and byways. Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council who have a dedicated Rights of Way team, but they do get behind with maintenance and the Parish Council will use volunteers to sometimes clear the paths. Leaves on pavements are added to the Wiltshire Council Parish Steward worksheet. The Parish Council are unable to deal with issues unless they know about them and these should be reported to the Clerk (clerk@worton.org.uk) or if it is a Wiltshire Council matter, it can be reported to Wiltshire Council direct via MyWilts (https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting)</p>
94/21/22	<p>Transport and Road Safety</p> <p>a) Update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): RS confirmed that the installation of posts for the SIDs is on the Wiltshire Council CATG agenda. He will try to meet with the Wiltshire Council Traffic Engineering Manager prior to the meeting to review the proposed locations. The progress of the SIDs will depend on the CATG budget and where we are on the priority list.</p> <p>b) 20 mph limit - Five Lanes School:</p>

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A Highways Improvement request has been received from Five Lanes School for a permanent 20mph limit in the vicinity of the school; the Parish Council need to consider whether or not to put this to Wiltshire Council CATG. The alternative to a permanent reduction was discussed which is a part-time advisory 20mph limit advertised by signs and flashing lights and operational at the beginning and end of the school day; this would go through Taking Action on School Journeys (TAOSJ). We need to know the financial implication of the two options. Also, would CATG support a permanent 20mph in spite recent metro count results?
RS will liaise with the school governors and Wiltshire Council to gather further information.

c) AutoSpeedWatch

SB informed the meeting that Wiltshire Police only use the heatmaps from AutoSpeedWatch and do not use the data to target excessive speeders. She has proposed that the Parish Council agree to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request that Wiltshire Police review their policy on using data from AutoSpeedWatch. It was also suggested that a letter is sent to Danny Kruger MP. A lengthy discussion was had, and it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner but would like to speak with Councillor Dominic Muns (as CATG chair) to get his support first. Clerk will invite him to the next meeting.

95/21/22 Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment

a) Village Maintenance Working Group: MP has two more volunteers and an offer of tools but no storage facility as yet.

MP has also carried out some maintenance to the two play areas, including making the gates secure with new padlocks and chains. This did cause an issue with the kissing gate at Whatleys, but this has been repositioned into a straightforward pedestrian gate.

The surface under the pedestrian gate at Sandlease still needs to be levelled; this has been tasked to Mark Goddard and MP will liaise with him on this.

A budget will be needed for a section of replacement fencing at both Sandlease and Whatleys.

David Johnson has offered to complete a risk assessment for the Village Maintenance Group.

b) Parish Plan: Nothing further to add to the plan at the moment.

96/21/22 Planning

a) The following planning applications were considered:

PL/2021/08599 PL/2021/08890	The Old Mill House, Mill Road, Worton SN10 5SF	Reinstatement of Barn/Store, new flood prevention wall, and refurbishment of the Mill House, including all other associated works.
No objection (although a question was raised as to whether or not a brick wall, as opposed to a concrete wall would be able to withstand flood water - not up to the Parish Council to make a judgment on this)		
PL/2021/09842	Orchard Cottage, 147 High Street, Worton SN10 5SE	T1 Ash. Fell due to Ash dieback.
No objection		

c) The following decision was noted:

PL/2021/08724	Manor Farm House, 63 High Street, Worton SN10 5RU	Flowering Cherry (T1), (T2) - fell because of excess growth and low amenity value. Flowering Cherry (T3) - fell - self seeded and no amenity value.
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			Flowering Cherry (T4) - fell because of excess growth and low amenity value. Flowering Cherry (T5) - fell because of excess growth and low amenity value.																																				
Wiltshire Council decision: No objection																																							
97/21/22	<p>Community and Learning</p> <p>a) Community Fund Application An application had been received from the VE Day sub-committee for a grant of £1,000 to fund the printing of WWII book that will produce a permanent record of the 2020–2021 commemoration of the end of WWII event held in Worton and Marston Village Hall 21-22 August 2021. It was noted that ‘match funding’ were in kind contributions of unskilled labour (volunteers) on the preparation of the event and the book. Resolved: It was proposed by NS, seconded by MP and agreed by all that a grant payment of £1,000 be made towards to cost of printing the book. This will be paid to the Worton and Marston Village Hall account.</p>																																						
98/21/22	<p>Communications</p> <p>a) Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.</p>																																						
99/21/22	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Draft budget 2022/2023: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. AN amount of £500 was suggested for the Village Maintenance Group but this could be included in to £2,500 allocated to Grounds Maintenance. The following reserves need to be re-allocated: Sandlease Bank Project - a budget is no longer needed for this so re-allocated to playground fencing repair. Election costs to be reduced to £1,000 and remaining £1,000 to be re-allocated to Neighbourhood Plan. Resolved: It was proposed by RS and seconded by SB that the draft budget be provisionally accepted with the above changes. Agreed.</p> <p>b) Accounts to be paid: Resolved: Proposed by RS, seconded by NS and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Payable to</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Net</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>VAT</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Gross</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HMRC/E M Starling</td> <td style="text-align: right;">375.74</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">375.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playsafety Limited</td> <td style="text-align: right;">72.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14.40</td> <td style="text-align: right;">86.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping</td> <td style="text-align: right;">330.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">66.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">396.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malcolm Powell</td> <td style="text-align: right;">91.60</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">91.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wiltshire Association of Local Councils</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">894.34</td> <td style="text-align: right;">85.40</td> <td style="text-align: right;">979.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><i>Inter account transfer:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/11/2021</td> <td colspan="2">Amount:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	HMRC/E M Starling	375.74	0.00	375.74	Playsafety Limited	72.00	14.40	86.40	Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping	330.00	66.00	396.00	Malcolm Powell	91.60	0.00	91.60	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	25.00	5.00	30.00	Total	894.34	85.40	979.74	<i>Inter account transfer:</i>				1/11/2021	Amount:		1000.00
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100/21/22	<p>Dates of December 2021 and March 2022 meetings: The December 2021 and March 2022 meetings clash with the Devizes Area Board meetings. The December meeting also clashes with a local community event. It was suggested that these meetings be moved back a week. Resolved: Proposed by NS, seconded by BD and agreed that the December meeting is changed to MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021 and to the earlier time of 7pm.</p>																																						

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	The date of the March meeting will remain unchanged - Monday 7 March 2022 due to availability of the Clerk.
101/21/22	Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council: AutoSpeedWatch SIDs update Budget update
	Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: Monday 13 December 2021. This will be held at 7.)0pm in Worton Village Hall. Please note change of date and time.
	Key messages: Date of next meeting Community Fund

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