

Minutes of the Meeting of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 7 March 2022 in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Suzanne Bonfield (SB); Cllr Chris Collins (CC); Cllr Barry Devine (BD) (Chair); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP); Cllr Richard Slack (RS) (Vice Chair)

Also present: Liz Starling (Clerk); 5 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dicky Parsons (DP); Cllr Nick Stokes (NS); Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council (TR)

132/21/22	Apologies for absence: The Chair received apologies for absence.																		
133/21/22	Declaration of Members' Interests: There were no declarations of interest.																		
134/21/22	Minutes of meeting held on 7 February 2022: Resolved: It was proposed by RS, seconded by SB, 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>																		
135/21/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Neighbourhood Planning: Email has been received from a resident who suggested that a village survey was carried out again. NS and DP unable to be at meeting but NS had emailed to say that their opinion is that there is no point in progressing any work on Neighbourhood Plans at the current time as their future is in doubt. Because of this they suggest holding off on carrying out a survey for the time being. Some discussion was had concerning the usefulness of carrying out a survey to find out the concerns of the village; it was noted that going back as far as the late 1990's the issue of traffic through the village has always been the main concern. It may be worth carrying out a survey regarding housing, but it is not the right time for that.</p> <p>b) The following planning application was considered:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">PL/2021/11130</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Ashton House 111 High Street Worton SN10 5RU</td> <td style="width: 35%;">6 x Silver Birch trees - crown reduce</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">No objections</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) The following decisions were noted:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">PL/2021/08955 PL/2021/08557</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Prince Hill House High Street Worton SN10 5SE</td> <td style="width: 35%;">Proposed conversion of part of existing outbuilding to provide parking for 2no. cars</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">PL/2022/00083 and PL/2022/11860</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Park Farm House, 39 High Street, Worton, SN10 5RU</td> <td style="width: 35%;">Removal of car port and part-of shed. Erection of oak-framed garage with games room above.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions</td> </tr> </table>	PL/2021/11130	Ashton House 111 High Street Worton SN10 5RU	6 x Silver Birch trees - crown reduce	No objections			PL/2021/08955 PL/2021/08557	Prince Hill House High Street Worton SN10 5SE	Proposed conversion of part of existing outbuilding to provide parking for 2no. cars	Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions			PL/2022/00083 and PL/2022/11860	Park Farm House, 39 High Street, Worton, SN10 5RU	Removal of car port and part-of shed. Erection of oak-framed garage with games room above.	Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions		
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136/21/22	<p>Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment</p> <p>a) Request has been received from a resident requesting the Parish Council purchase a kissing gate to replace the broken stile at the bottom corner of the field near the trout lakes. Footpath WORT22 crosses diagonally through the field but the stile is not on the footpath, instead it was put in place by the farmer who owns the land. The resident has confirmed with the farmer that he is happy for a kissing gate to replace the stile. Clerk was asked to get quotes. Resolved: BD proposed, RG seconded and all agreed in principle depending on the cost. Clerk advised there is no provision in the budget and the money would need to come out of capital reserves.</p> <p>b) Village Maintenance Working Group: Workday planned for weekend of 2/3 April has been advertised in The Bridge and there are 6-8 confirmed volunteers. Only one person has a petrol strimmer and could do with more. CC and MP will carry out a village inspection on Saturday 26 March to confirm the jobs that need to be done. Will also do survey of the new trees that were planted in 2019.</p> <p>c) Whatleys play area: MP circulated ideas for a community area with picnic tables, child seat, goal and nets; this would cost around £3,500 and could be seen as Phase One. It was noted that there will be £27,000 of Section 106 money from the new Sandlease development which will be for all play areas in the village but it is not known how long this would take to come through. MP will speak to the Whatleys' families to find out what they think and will bring back to the next meeting.</p>
137/21/22	<p>Community and Learning</p> <p>a) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event: David Johnson updated the meeting with a report from the working group on the events to take place on Saturday 4 June. Resolved: MP proposed, CC seconded and all agreed that the report is accepted and arranged approved.</p> <p>b) The Gardening Club have requested the use of Whatleys field for parking for the Open Gardens weekend 25/26 June 2022. This was agreed with the proviso that residents in Whatleys Close are advised that this will be happening.</p>
138/21/22	<p>Transport and Road Safety</p> <p>a) Speed Indicator Device: RS reported that WC now have the list of proposed locations and are on the waiting list for a site visit. BD reminded the meeting that Danny Kruger MP will be meeting residents to discuss traffic, speeding and other matters at the Rose & Crown on Friday 11 March (6-7pm).</p>
139/21/22	<p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Clerk had conducted a Doodle poll with the majority of councillors available for 16 or 30 May. The hall is not available on the 16th so it was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 30 May 2022 at 7pm. Residents to be encouraged to come along to air their views on traffic in the village and other issues.</p>
140/21/22	<p>Wiltshire Councillor's Report:</p> <p>TR unable to be at the meeting but has emailed through the following report: At a meeting on 15 February, Wiltshire Council debated and agreed the 2022/23 budget and 10-year Business Plan. Over the next year the council will spend over £417m – with over 56% (£235m) on support and care for adults and children. £92m will be spent on the vital day-to-day services such as waste management, road maintenance, leisure and library services, as well as the council's carbon management and climate change work. The council will also continue its commitment to invest £1m a year to support high streets across the county become vibrant places for shopping and leisure.</p>

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The council's capital programme, which is spent on projects to improve and maintain the county's infrastructure is confirmed to be £307m in 2022/23. This will be spent on many different projects including leisure services, council house building, schools maintenance, footpath and highway improvements. Also approved was the Council's 10-year Business Plan and this ensures that the budget has a clear long-term focus. More than half of the council's budget comes from council tax, and this will increase by 1.99%, with an additional 1% directly supporting adult social care. For a Band D property, that's an increase of 91p per week. Residents will be aware that the council is making changes to residual waste "black bin" collection rounds saving over £400,000 per year. However, it has been confirmed that some Hills Municipal Collection staff will take industrial action from 7 March for two weeks. Residents are advised that they should put their bins out for collection by 7am on their scheduled collection day. However, if a bin is not emptied as scheduled due to the planned industrial action or because of any other issues, then residents should leave them out and it's expected they will be emptied the following day where possible.

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Finance

a) Donations to charities: Requests have been received throughout the year from Wiltshire Citizens Advice, Wiltshire Search and Rescue, and Carer Support Wiltshire for the new Bereavement Help Point service. There is £200 in the 2021/2022 budget and it was suggested that a payment of £65 be made to each organisation. RS objected to any charitable giving and said he felt that the Parish Council should not be spending residents' money in this way.

Resolved: SB proposed and CC seconded that £65 be paid to each of the three charities. Four members voted for and two against. Motion carried.

b) Accounts to be paid:

Resolved: Proposed by RG, seconded by BD and agreed by all that the following accounts be paid:

<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
HMRC/E M Starling	481.37	12.57	493.94
Playsafety Limited	270.00	54.00	324.00
eUKhost Ltd	8.39	1.68	10.07
Malcolm Powell	52.51	0.00	52.51
Total	812.27	68.25	880.52
<i>Inter account transfer:</i>			
1/3/2022	Amount:		800.00

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Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council:

Format of APM
 Feedback from traffic meeting with MP
 Staffing matters

Date of next meeting: Monday 4 April 2022. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.

Key messages:

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