

Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 6th November in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Barry Devine (BD / Chair), Cllr Richard Slack (RS / Vice Chair); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS), Patricia Goodenough (PG), Robert Goss (RG), Chris Collins (CC)

Also present: Veronica Franklin, David Johnson, Bob Mitchell, Pam Woods, Tamara Reay (TR).

Apologies: Dickie Parsons (DP)

60/23/24	Apologies for absence: The Chairman received apologies for absence from Dicky Parsons
61/23/24	Declaration of members interests: Richard Slack for point 11
62/23/24	Minutes of meeting held on 2nd October was proposed by RS, seconded by MP and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were 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>Pam Woods and David Johnson asked questions on the maintenance of High Street pavements and Back Lane. Noted and to be discussed during the appropriate part of the agenda.</p> <p>The Chair invited PG to discuss the placement of the Queens Walkway Plaque outside the Village Hall. It was agreed that the plaque would be best placed by the tree outside the village hall entrance. Victoria Franklin to confirm agreement of the Village Hall Trustees.</p>
63/23/24	Worton Crimes and Incidents Report – moved to next meeting as Jenny Groome was unable to attend.
64/23/24	<p>Wiltshire Councillor’s Report</p> <p>Semington Brook / deterioration of pathway - EA believe is natural degradation. Two courses of action: 1. EA contractor will look at what can be done as a temporary. 2, Allow brook to go back to original course.</p> <p>Weather – urging residents to report flooding issues using My Wiltshire.</p> <p>Devizes Area Board – specific funding pot for older and vulnerable residents. i.e Lunching clubs, yoga classes, LINK scheme.</p> <p>Devizes Area Board meeting 26th February - “Highways Matter” themed meeting.</p> <p>Mobile signal – transmitter in Rowde is the problem and TR will continue to update.</p> <p>TR noted a potential deadline of 2025 for all copper internet connections to no longer be supported; TR agreed to investigate.</p>
65/23/24	<p>Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RS reported outcome of October LHFIG meeting. Gained agreement for a meeting in Worton with Wiltshire Highways to discuss how to improve High Street. RS made the point that the PC needed to be very clear on what the issues or problems were that needed a solution. 3 issues were identified. A. The fact that the southern footpath is not continuous, forcing residents to cross the road. B. Speed of traffic approaching the eastern end of the village. C. Street lighting outside 122 High Street. - Details of the Parish Steward have been established. He attends the village once a month (the second week of every month). Residents are asked to

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	inform the Parish Clerk of issues that they would like to be addressed (pavement cleaning / gutter clearing etc).																			
66/23/24	<p>Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semington Brook update as above from TR. - Hedges at Sandlease playground – RS / MP to arrange a works party. - Poo Bins – Clerk to request quote from Mark Goddard about more regular bin emptying. 	c																		
67/23/24	<p>Planning (DP/NS)</p> <p>a) WCC Local Planning Update (NS) TR confirmed meeting 14/11/23 with Marston and Potterne PC's to add further comments. Next steps – Clerk to add Worton's comments to the WCC Local Plan consultation following meeting on 14/11. BD, in consultation with NS, to confirm the agreed substance of those comments.</p> <p>b) To consider the following applications:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">App number</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Address</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PL/2023/08867</td> <td>Land adjacent to 2 Sundown Cottages, Cheverell Road</td> <td>Erection of a single dwelling house – subject to ground survey. PC to respond noting that the site used to be a bricks work and suggest a ground survey is required.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Decisions:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PL/2023/07295</td> <td>Manor Farm House, 63 High Street</td> <td>Fell holly tree – no objection.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PL/2023/07763</td> <td>Home Farm, Cheverell Road</td> <td>Rural workers dwelling. Approved with conditions.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PL/2023/07596</td> <td>Amberwood, High Street</td> <td>Side garage side extension. Approved with conditions.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	App number	Address	Description	PL/2023/08867	Land adjacent to 2 Sundown Cottages, Cheverell Road	Erection of a single dwelling house – subject to ground survey. PC to respond noting that the site used to be a bricks work and suggest a ground survey is required.	Decisions:			PL/2023/07295	Manor Farm House, 63 High Street	Fell holly tree – no objection.	PL/2023/07763	Home Farm, Cheverell Road	Rural workers dwelling. Approved with conditions.	PL/2023/07596	Amberwood, High Street	Side garage side extension. Approved with conditions.	
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68/23/24	<p>Community and Learning:</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																			
69/23/24	<p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding of Jubilee Plaque fitting – to be applied for via Solar Fund. - No applications received for allotments at Sandlease. 																			
70/23/23	<p>Review of Parish Council Policies (RS/MP)</p> <p>BD signed the updated H&S policy. RS to circulate policies to nominated PC members for review in November and agreement at December 2023 PC meeting.</p>																			

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71/23/24	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Accounts balanced following internal audit by MP.</p> <p>Resolved: The following payments to be authorised. Proposed by MP and seconded by BD.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="354 427 1422 636"> <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>Admin J Slack</td> <td>£390.61</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>£390.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROSPA – play area annual inspection</td> <td></td> <td>0.00</td> <td>£94.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – PAYE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£272.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EUK Host</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£70.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£828.53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>	Admin J Slack	£390.61	0.00	£390.61	ROSPA – play area annual inspection		0.00	£94.20	HMRC – PAYE			£272.99	EUK Host			£70.73	Total			£828.53
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73/23/24	<p>Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council (a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given)</p> <p>Policies to be reviewed and updated. Website to be updated accordingly. Quote from Mark Goddard - Clerk</p>																								
74/23/24	Key messages:																								
	<p>Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: Monday 4th December. This will be held at 6:00pm in Worton Village Hall.</p>																								

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