

**Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September in Worton Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Richard Slack (RS / Vice Chair); Cllr Robert Goss (RG); Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS), Chris Collins (CC);

**Also present:** David Johnson, Bob Mitchell, Tamara Reay, Pam Woods

**Apologies:** Barry Devine, Patricia Goodenough, Dicky Parsons

36/23/24	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> The Chairman received apologies for absence.
37/23/24	<b>Declaration of members interests:</b> Robert Goss
38/23/24	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b> It was proposed by NS, seconded by MP and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were signed.
	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>David Johnson raised the following issues with TR:  Banking Hubs – TR to find out what Wiltshire Council doing about it.  Oiler Boilers – national issue, set to become illegal to install a new boiler or tank from 2026. To be flagged to Devizes Area Board via Tamara Reay  Back Lane – reconsideration to be given to repositioning of gates if road is resurfaced.</p>
39/23/24	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillor’s Report</b></p> <p>Local Planning Review – is now in public domain. Formal consultation to start 29<sup>th</sup> September. Drop in event at Devizes Library on 4<sup>th</sup> October – opportunity to have a conversation about. Date to be included in The Bridge, Facebook and website. TR to send press release with details.</p> <p>Tree wardens – notice has been sent out.</p> <p>Household recycling centre at Hopton - new recycling scheme starting.</p> <p>Wessex Water – work taking place in Devizes, significant upgrade of sewers.</p> <p>Devizes Area Board – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, representative from Worton to attend. RS committed to attend. Needham House 6:30pm.</p> <p>RS suggested rural crime remain an important issue.</p>
40/23/24	<p><b>Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP)</b></p> <p>Black Dog – TR to get update from Cllr Caroline Thomas regarding traffic lights. They need identify local landowners – TR to email update.</p> <p>Items below still to be actioned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To engage with Wiltshire and arrange a site visit to discuss possible sites for a new crossing and street lighting. Funding to be agreed, but could be a mixture of Parish Council CIL payments for new development at Sandlease.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Instigate a request through the LHFIG for a speed reduction of Cheverell Rd from 50mph to 40mph from the Village gates at the east of Worton High Street to a position past Devizes Wood Products. Funding to be agreed but could be a mixture of 25% Parish Council and 75% LHFIG</li> <li>3. Ask Wiltshire Council to paint new 30/40mph roundels by the village gates at western end of the village and repaint the surface of the crossing at Cedar Close. Funding should be 100% Wiltshire Council</li> <li>4. To engage with Newland Homes to identify what they are doing to improve and maintain the safety of this new access and to discuss with Wiltshire Council Highways whether the road surface on that stretch up to the village gates should be painted.</li> <li>5. To establish where the new socket is to be installed and ask Wiltshire Council Highways for their advice and costings.</li> <li>6. To obtain permission for Wiltshire Council Highways for the installation of Auto Speedwatch and to agree siting along the High Street. If a new socket is installed then Auto Speedwatch could be positioned at the existing socket by Gaisford Chase.</li> </ol>	
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41/23/24	<p><b>Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Kings Copse/Wort 13 update: Plan for trees - sucklings to be found and overgrowth pulled away to give them light, area to be strimmed, grass cut and weeds raked. RG to take out gate and old fence posts. Eventually benches to be installed in the area.  RS proposed arranging a weekend workday to strim the banks early October. Gardening Club to be approached about assisting.</li> <li>b) Stream overflow update at Mill House/Croft Farm. Environmental Agency responsibility was established. Committed to exploring what can be done and agreed to another meeting in late Autumn. Suggested a member of the Worton PC should attend when meeting take place. TR to advise of meeting date.</li> <li>c) NS to confirm there is a 'no dogs' sign in Sandleaze play area.</li> </ol>	c
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	<b>Wiltshire Council Decision:</b>																								
<b>43/23/24</b>	<b>Community and Learning:</b> Nothing to report.																								
<b>44/23/24</b>	<b>Communications:</b> Email from Larry Parker regarding allotments adjacent to Sandlease. Allotments have been recently inspected and current tenant is not meeting terms of his allotment contract. Payment is due 1 <sup>st</sup> October for 1 <sup>st</sup> November start of contract. Suggested that allotment availability should be advertised in The Bridge. RS proposed RG seconded.  Gaisford Chase – Pam Woods commented that it had not been cut recently.																								
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<b>46/23/24</b>	<b>Items to be considered for the agenda for the next meeting and questions to the Council</b> (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)  Accounts: 6 month accounting update for review.																								
<b>47/23/24</b>	<b>Key messages:</b> Allotment Wiltshire Planning drop-in event Maintenance of plaques																								
	<b>Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October. This will be held at 7.30pm in Worton Village Hall.																								

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