

**Minutes of Worton Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 in Worton Village Hall at 6:00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Barry Devine (BD Chair), Cllr Malcolm Powell (MP), Cllr Anthony Higgins (AH), Cllr Patricia Goodenough (PG), Cllr Dickie Parsons (DP), Cllr Chris Collins (CC), Cllr Nick Stokes (NS)

**Also present:** Cllr Tamara Reay, Bob Mitchell, Lionel and Catherine Dawson

101/24/25	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> The Chairman received apologies for absence from Cllr Richard Slack, Cllr Rob Goss	
102/24/25	<b>Declaration of members interests:</b> RS declared an interest in the Clerk's salary and maintains his position of not participating on discussions and approvals of payments to the Clerk.	
103/24/25	<b>Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> , proposed by AH seconded by DP, and agreed by all that the minutes were an accurate record. The minutes were signed.	
	<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>	
104/24/25	<b>Wiltshire Councillor's Report – TR</b> Mill Leat update – concern over further breaking of the leat bank. TR has approached Environmental Agency regarding an inspection as soon as possible.	
105/24/25	<b>Transport and Road Safety (RS/DP)</b> - General reduction in speeds and increased presence from police - BM	
106/24/25	<b>Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment (MP/NS/RG/CC)</b> - Footpath 13 (Back Lane/Church Wall) – Church getting quotes for repairing of wall. Request to be made to PC for donation via Community Fund. - Best Kept Village 2025 (NS) – paperwork to be completed by NS and Clerk. Information to be displayed and advertised at newcomers evening and local events. - Village Hall update – mostly completed, small jobs still ongoing.	
107/24/25	<b>Planning (DP/NS)</b>	
	<b>App number</b> PL/2024/10379	<b>Address</b> Christ Church, Church Lane, Worton
	<b>Description</b> Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 double trunk Ash – fell. T2/T3 Oak – fell  OBJECTION: felling trees for no obvious reason.	
	<b>PL/2024/10101</b>	12 Gaisford Close, Worton SN10 5RX

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108/24/25	Community and Learning				
109/24/25	<b>Communications:</b> Garden Club / access to Milton field: conclusion is that responsibility lies with GC and owners of land. Community Fund applications: NS requested a change in the format to allow specific projects to roll-over.				
110/24/25	<b>Finance:</b> a) Monthly bank reconciliation: request bank access for MP again b) 2025 precept discussed and was AGREED at £11,950 making the Band D Charge £43.68, an increase of 0.05% c) Finance: DP proposed, AH seconded the following payments.				
	Payable to		Net	VAT	Gross
	J Slack	Salary			£397.00
	J Slack	Admin Allowance			£26.00
	HMRC	PAYE			£99.25
	TOTAL				£522.25
	Inter account transfer:				
	Date:	n/a	Amount:		
111/24/25	<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). - Best Kept Village - Budget / Reserve Fund Allocation				
112/24/25	<b>Key messages:</b> - Best Kept Village - Church Wall - Village Hall				
	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 7:00pm in Worton Village Hall.				

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