

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 APRIL 2013, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

ACTION

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr W Francis; Mr D Johnson;
Mr A Midgley;

Apologies: Councillor: Mrs C Simpson.

Also present: Mr P Baxter(Clerk).

13/14/001 Declarations of interest

Cllr Wilshire declared an interest in item 13/14/012(a) as he had worked for the applicant.

13/14/002 Minutes of the last meeting

Concern was expressed for the wording of item 5(b). The Clerk was asked to re-present the Minutes with a summary of the recorded debate, and for the Minutes to be deferred to the next meeting for approval and signature.

13/14/003 Appointment of new Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman introduced Mr Peter Baxter, who had been interviewed on 11 March by a panel of councillors. It was proposed by Mrs Bonfield, seconded by Mr Johnson, with all **agreed**, that Mr Baxter be appointed on national model contract terms and on pay scale LC1 SCP 20.

Mr Baxter accepted the appointment, signed the employment contract with the Chairman and commenced his duties.

The Clerk advised that the Contract required monthly salary payments by bankers Standing Order, which was signed by the Chairman and Mr Johnson. It was proposed by Mr Francis, seconded by Mr Midgley, with all **agreed** that Freetime Bookkeeping Ltd be engaged to provide an HMRC-compliant payroll service.

13/14/004 Public participation

There was none.

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13/14/005 Lead Member reports

Traffic and Transport – The Council noted that closure of Mill Road to permit repairs to Norney Bridge may still be delayed by poor weather.

Rights of Way – The Chairman reported that he had discussed FP10 with the Rights Of Way officer, and that agreement had been reached with the landowner for the path to be temporarily diverted for up to two years, in which time the scale of use of the path could be assessed. This would enable a view to be taken as to how repairs to the original path may best be progressed.

Community Speedwatch- Mrs Bonfield reported on a recent meeting with a Highways safety officer, noting shared concerns for the length of time in processing letters to drivers reported as speeding. Re-organisation is pending which should improve this performance.

13/14/006 Handover of Parish records and office equipment

The Council agreed proposals for the new Clerk to take possession of these items, and to review archive storage requirements.

13/14/007 Website

The Clerk reported on the process of establishing a website and associated email contacts. It was proposed by Mr Johnson, seconded by Mrs Bonfield, with all **agreed**, that a community website be established, that the domain name should be worton.org.uk and that email contacts be established for the Clerk and each of the councillors, using the website domain.

13/14/008 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted that the Village Hall may be able to receive a bin for dog waste. As the Hall had just invited a representative to the AGM, the Chairman undertook to attend the meeting on 23 April and offer the use of a bin. It was **agreed** that a small donation might be made to Hall funds to support the management of the bin and its contents.

The Chairman noted that an open container of anti-freeze had been deposited in a field, although it had since been removed since the agenda was published. Concern was raised for the motives behind such a poisonous substance being placed there.

13/14/009 Policing matters

It was noted that a police officer had not attended the Council for some time. The Clerk was asked to extend an invitation to the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

13/14/010 Disbursements

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The following payments were authorised:

Chq	£
604 M Hucker (Clerk's salary)	678.17
605 P Baxter (Website fee 6 months)	35.96

13/14/011 Correspondence and circulars received

The Clerk reported that the Core Strategy Public Inquiry would be considering whether Worton should be regarded as a large or small village. The Council **agreed** that representation at the Inquiry was not required. Future development planning for the parish was considered, the Clerk being asked to invite a representative of Community First to a future meeting to present the alternative approaches available.

A newsletter from the Bobby Van Trust was **noted**, and the new weekly newsletter service from Wiltshire Council was **agreed** for email distribution in future.

13/14/012 Planning matters

The following application decision was noted:

E/2013/0110/FUL Cloverleaze, South Cross Lane, Worton – Barns infil.

Approved with conditions.

The following applications were considered:

a) E/2013/0317/FUL 1 Sandleaze Court, High St., Worton - Conservatory

b) E/2013/0338/FUL Prince Hill House, High St., Worton – Fencing

There were no objections.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman, 13 May 2013