

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2014, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Mr A Midgley; Mr M Rose; Mrs C Simpson; Mr R Gamble [WC][for part].

Apologies: none.

Also present: Mr C Nixon; Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

14/15/145 Declarations of interest.

There were none.

14/15/146 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

14/15/147 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reviewed achievements in the calendar year 2014 and thanked Members for their support.

14/15/148 Co-option to councillor vacancy

The Chairman reported that two further expressions of interest had been received in addition to one formal application. It was **agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting to ensure the Council had an opportunity to consider all confirmed applications.

14/15/149 Public participation

Mr Nixon made representations concerning road safety. Cllr Salaman re-affirmed Marston Parish Council's standing invitation for a member of this Council to attend their meetings.

14/15/150 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble reported on enquiries of officers concerning Semington Brook management, noting that a senior drainage engineer from Wiltshire Council and from the Environment Agency may be available to attend a meeting to offer guidance and advice. Broadband surveys may begin next year, and alternative technologies may also be available outside the current scheme. Concern was also expressed for a large lorry that had become blocked in Little Cheverell en route to Worton.

14/15/151 Road safety strategy

The Clerk presented a review of the 2013/14 Strategy and a proposed revision for 2015 and beyond. With clarification to the comments made regarding metrocount timetables, the revised strategy was **agreed**. It was also **agreed** that data from the Community Speedwatch team would be periodically published in The Bridge magazine. The Clerk undertook to notify the team leader.

14/15/152 Road safety – C20 multi-parish initiative

The Clerk presented a proposed discussion paper for use by the parishes attending the joint meeting on 3 November, to progress the development of a joint strategy for road safety improvements beyond the village limits. The paper was **agreed** for circulation, by the Clerk.

14/15/153 Finance – Draft budget 2015/16

The Responsible Financial Officer re-presented a draft budget for 2015/16 with predicted Council Tax precept implications. The draft was **noted** without alteration.

14/15/154 Ditches and Watercourses

Cllr Midgley reported on his inspections along the Semington Brook to assess the current situation, noting several blockages by fallen trees. Contact with the Environment Agency had suggested that they would attend to clear the obstructions. Cllr Midgley undertook to monitor that situation.

Cllr Simpson proposed that a Flood Group be established in the village, with invitations to join published in The Bridge magazine. This was **agreed** and that a Plan would be developed and access to the Wiltshire Council Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme requested, and that an open public meeting be convened before the next parish council meeting to explain the proposals to those interested. The Clerk undertook to forward contact details of the officer concerned.

14/15/155 Data Protection

The Clerk explained the requirement to comply with the Data Protection Act, 1998 with particular regard to the proposed establishment of a voluntary email database of residents' contacts. It was **agreed** that registration with the Information Commissioner's Office be arranged, with an annual fee of £35.00. The proposed email system would be discussed at the next meeting.

14/15/156 Planning matters

The following applications were considered:

14/11056/TCA 121 High Street - works to trees;

14/11459/TCA 65 High Street – works to trees.

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Simpson, Rose and Goss would inspect the sites and recommend a decision.

14/15/157 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
686 Community First (S.137 GNS donation)	25.00
687 P Baxter (expenses)	26.79
688 P Baxter (pay award)	18.92
689 Worton & Marston village Hall (second grant)	500.00

14/15/158 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported receipt of publicity material for the new Local Youth Network as part of the new youth service provision.

14/15/159 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday 5 January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It was **agreed** that the six month trial using the Village Hall was successful and that all future

meetings should use the Hall facility. The Clerk undertook to make bookings for the remainder of the municipal year.

14/15/160 Items of Maintenance

There were none. It was suggested that the Whatley's Close play area field could be developed into a model of the Poulshot Green Gardens woodland enclosure. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

14/15/161 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that the proposed flood plan and public meeting, stream blockages, Community Speedwatch data, proposed email circulation list, C20 road safety strategy, and the revised village road safety strategy be mentioned in an article for The Bridge magazine, to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed Chairman, 5 January 2015