



**WORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 December 2016, 7.30PM  
THE VILLAGE HALL, WORTON  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr M Fisher; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Mr B Devine;  
**Apologies:** Cllr A Midgely; Cllr W Francis;  
**Also present:** 1 member of the public; Cllr R Gamble; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Francis and Cllr Midgely, these were accepted by the Council

**2 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Johnson declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 8 regarding the nursery lease

**3 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council**

These were proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Goss.

**4 Chairman's announcements**

The nursery has been given planning permission.

Village clean up was successfully completed, but did not have a big turn-out.

Wiltshire Council bin lorries are once again damaging the verge at Sandlease by the bus stop, as are Buses Libra from Frome. Council agreed for the Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council and the bus company to get them to reverse up Sandlease.

Good to see the land drains at Sandlease are working and ensuring that the field is drier for playing on.

**5 Wiltshire Councillor's report**

Deferred to allow RG to arrive

**6 Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person. [Note: this item is only for questions or representations addressed to the Council on any matter set out below and is the only opportunity for such at this meeting. New business cannot be raised but should be requested for a future agenda to a councillor or Clerk to the Council outside this meeting].**

None

**7 Neighbourhood Planning – update from the group**

Malcolm Powell reported that there have been two notices to all residents in Worton about a Neighbourhood Planning meeting Weds 7th December. Developers from Marston and Worton United Charities, and Sandlease

Court to give presentations. The NP steering group will be there, to introduce the speakers, listen to presentations and facilitate questions and answers. Notes on the questions and answers will be ratified by both parties and form the basis of the evidence of what to do next with the NP. Next Steps will include a housing need survey (HNS) to build evidence. NPSG expect that the HNS will be free if it is completed through Wiltshire Council. WPC would require a quote for printing costs if needed, or costs could be put through the solar fund or Locality grant.

With regard to the housing needs survey request to the Council, it was agreed that there has been nothing in writing to the Council, but verbal requests or comments dozens of times. Local people and young families need housing, and social housing does not prioritise local people. Whatleys was the result of support from the Council, as well as affordable houses at Sandlease Court – Clerk to draft and confirm with RW RG.

8 **Whatleys – nursery school – to consider proposed lease**

Chairman read out items which other than a small amendment to add “subject to negotiation” to the item regarding end of the lease and removal of installations. Cllr Wilshire will take draft lease to Goughs in Trowbridge, Nursery will pay for legal fees

Clerk to arrange advertising in the Gazette and Herald regarding public land use announcement.

9 **Sandleaze – consider quote from Mark Goddard for works to hedges**

With regard to hedges all hedges to be cut £130 +£26VAT agreed

10 **Broadband – update and ways forward**

Cllr Johnson reported that he has had an encouraging email from Matthew Lloyd at BT, saying that it is taking longer to get fibre broadband to Gaisford Chase and others in Worton which isn't unusual with a large programme, and Worton is scheduled to be completed in the next quarter – Spring 2017.

This looks very promising, and while there are other options available, this seems to be the best prospect, particularly as they will be surveying with a view to providing fibre to the premises.

11 **Richard Gamble**

Rubbish lorries and bin lorries see Chairmans report – clerk to copy Cllr Gamble into letters.

Parish Steward – Clerk to email Malc Beaven re items asked for in meeting (flooding by phone box, and where the drains are higher than the road – by Ibsens and The Grange both sides of the road) and ring Kennet House regarding coordination with the parish steward.

Boundary changes, the Boundary Commission has received proposals which include moving The Lavingtons and Erlestoke into a new constituency of Warminster and Shaftesbury. This was opposed before by local villages, and this appeal was successful. The Council decided to support the Commission's proposals to stay in the Devizes constituency. Clerk to respond.

A new PC community engagement officer Theresa Herbert is reviewing the Community Speed Watch systems.

Planning permission has been given for the nursery school – an achievement and the instinctive response would be “no”, but a good thing for the village, and thanks for the support of the PC.

12 **BT payphone consultation response – proposal to object to its removal, and adopt if necessary.**

BT phone box removal agree to removal – put into the Bridge

13 **Hedges overhanging High Street – discussion of what to do**

The hedges by Prince Hill are up to a metre into the road, pushing cars into the centre of the road. Ask Wiltshire Council to write to Prince Hill.

14 **Finance – to agree Precept demand**

Precept demand agreed at £11314.06

15 **Allotment – tenancy agreement with John Butler**

Clerk to ask Cllr Francis about the other half of the Allotment – and arrange tenancy agreement with John Butler

16 **Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider and decide any that are received before the meeting**

16/11106/TCA Felling of two cypress trees and crown reduction of maple 15 Cedar Close - No objection

16/10573/FUL Construction of stable and tack room to the rear of Rose Cottage, 124 High Street - No objection

17 **Disbursement**

Clerks pay and allowance

Grant Thornton Auditors £200 +£40 VAT

MP Williams 93 +18.60 = 111.60

18 **Future agenda item planning**

NP, nursery lease, speed cameras (SIDs), traffic report, flooding

19 **Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 9 January 2017)**

20 **Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda)**

21 **Key messages.**

DJ and BD to put it into the Bridge regarding Broadband, Phone box, Nursery, Vacancy, Happy New Year