

# WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 February 2017, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, WORTON

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Cllr S Bonfield; Cllr M Fisher; Cllr R Goss; Cllr D Johnson; Cllr B Devine; Cllr A Midgely; Cllr W Francis;

**Also present:** 1 member of public; Cllr R Gamble; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

### 1 **Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence from Council, Cllr Gamble sent a message saying he would be late arriving.

### 2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Bonfield is now on the Village Hall committee

Cllr Johnson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items 9 and 11

Cllrs Francis, Devine, Fisher and Johnson confirmed non pecuniary interests in the Neighbourhood Planning group item.

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

Clerk discussed the items raised by Mr Slack and proposed amended minutes. These were passed by the Council.

### 4 **Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman said that he had had contact from the Village Hall committee enquiring about a short term loan for the toilets, to free up grants or bridge the gap between grants and work. Clerk to check legal and financial feasibility.

Message from applicants about progress on the nursery – with immediate effect cease legal work and adverts about the land. Cllr Wilshire has stopped work with Goughs, but money will be due when the project gets going again.

Cllr Wilshire was concerned about perceived interests on the Council. The Clerk encouraged the Council to think about the necessity to be objective and selfless in public service.

### 5 **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].**

Jules Slack stated her concern regarding school children waiting for the bus and getting off the bus opposite the Village Hall. With the speed of traffic and the children queuing up on the verge, it is a safety concern. The Council suggested that the bus stops for the school buses is moved up the road to the pavement. Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council passenger transport and Beeline buses and buses for Lavington School.

With regard to trees in the BT and electricity lines on the boundary of Woodborough House, both Mrs Slack and Clerk to inform electricity board to cut back.

### 6 **Wiltshire Councillor's report**

Cllr Gamble was keen that the Council took up the SIDs scheme and gave his backing to having metrocounts at each end of the village in order to clarify if perceptions of speeding are correct or not.

Cllr Gamble was also happy with the Bus stop being moved up the High Street so children are standing on the pavement not the verge.

Potholes - on the bend by Woodborough House and at the Turnpike by Cuckolds Green, towards Potterne, large pothole. Clerk to put issue in to My Wiltshire.

Meeting next Monday of JSA (Joint Strategic Assessment) Monday 13th Feb still space on Community Safety and Culture groups. Bill Francis to go, and respond to invitation. Area Board on 7th March, brought forward due to Purdah 7pm Devizes School – exhibition 5.30 onwards for volunteering. Cllr Gamble encouraged all PC to come.

7 **Neighbourhood Planning Update**

The group are waiting for the Housing Needs Survey from Wiltshire Council. When it comes the committee will deliver surveys to households.

8 **Safety on the C20 – next steps for Worton to Seend and High Street**

The Council are still concerned about speeds on the C20, and considered the problem of involving the other Parishes, and getting suggestions taken up by Wiltshire Council. Cllr Midgely to obtain Department for Transport guidelines and see if anything can be done. Clerk to request a metrocount at both ends of the High Street attached to telegraph poles. Request to SpeedWatch group to do more activity at Village Hall end of the village please.

9 **Whatleys nursery – Gazette advert for disposal of land – agreement of wording and expenditure**

Postponed.

10 **SIDs scheme – to decide if Worton Parish Council wishes to take part**

Council are happy to go ahead and to get two people trained. Clerk to ask Debi re a volunteer for the training.

11 **Solicitors top up – request from Nursery to pay for balance of Solicitors fees above £1000 for lease.**

Postponed, stopped work with Goughs, Clerk to hold pack of info.

12 **Gardening Club – proposal for PC to hold money**

Gardening Club is now on hold, close down in November at AGM if no interest, therefore postpone this decision.

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

**17/00596/TCA Work to trees in a conservation area – Fell Cockspur (Hawthorn) tree and Reduce Hornbeam tree by 50%**

Decision delegated to Cllrs Wiltshire and Johnson to decide by 17<sup>th</sup> February

14 **Disbursements**

Gazette and Herald £134.88 - postponed

Online playgrounds £95.90 inc VAT - agreed

Transfers to reserve and capital accounts (900 to capital, 200, 666 and 200 to revenue)

Clerk pay and allowance

15 **Future agenda item planning**

Village Hall loan, if possible

SIDs logistics, developments

Report back from JSA

Spring clean

Planters – advertising okay?

16 **Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017)**

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

Clerk to tell Mark Goddard to cut hedge

Salaman – overgrowth at Raybridge

Sandleaze – bin lorry all over the verge – green waste and buses.

17 **Key messages.**

Change bus stop for school

Speeding, SIDs, reports on C20