

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 JANUARY 2014, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Mr A Midgley.

Also present: Cllr P Salaman; Ms J Banks; Mr R Robilliard; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

ACTION

13/14/156 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

There were no declarations. Cllrs Bellamy, Francis, Goss and Rose made applications for dispensation to participate in the item related to the setting of the precept for the next four years, having registered pecuniary interests in property in the parish. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Bonfield, and with all **agreed**, that the dispensations be approved. The Clerk undertook to inform the Monitoring Officer. The remaining councillors had previously had applications approved in 2013 for a term of 4 years.

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13/14/157 Minutes of the last meeting

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

13/14/158 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported that the Sandlease bankside had again been damaged by a refuse lorry. The Chairman noted that complaints or comments from the public should be made in writing. Also noted were a number of drains positioned higher than surface water levels on the new carriageway surfacing and adjacent pavements. The Clerk undertook to investigate and report to Highways, advising that a new online defect reporting system was available to the public. A link would be circulated to councillors.

13/14/159 Public participation

The Chairman welcomed members of the public, and Mr Robilliard queried how proposals were being formulated by way of contribution to the review process. Cllr Bonfield explained the relationship with the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and that a paper is to be presented to it on 13 January.

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13/14/160 Village Hall Questionnaire

The Chairman introduced a discussion on the proposed questionnaire. Cllr Salaman advised that Marston Parish Council was supportive of the concept, but would not be participating at the moment, with comments on the nature of the questions. Ms Banks, for the Village Hall, advised that whilst the Hall Committee would like to learn of the community's views, there was concern that some questions could lead to unmanageable expectations. The comments of the Hall Committee Chair had also been circulated, requesting delay until the arranged meeting on 25 February could clarify the position. It was **agreed** to delay circulation of the questionnaire pending the outcome of the joint meeting on 25 February.

13/14/161 Council training event

The Clerk confirmed details of the 22 January event and the syllabus was **agreed**.

13/14/162 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble reported on flooding in the Norney Bridge area, and expressed support for the speed limit review paper to CATG. Cllr Gamble also reported the forthcoming temporary closure of the A360 and some side roads near Shrewton, and the possible wider consequences for travel. The next Area Board would have Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council, in attendance.

13/14/163 Finance – bank reconciliation

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a bank reconciliation and statement of reserves, which was **agreed**, and signed by the Chairman.

13/14/164 Finance – Precept 2014/15

The Responsible Financial Officer set out two further draft budgets for 2014/15. Cllr Francis proposed, seconded by Cllr Bonfield, with 4 in favour and 4 against, the Chairman used his casting vote to support an overall budget of £10,000.00, requiring a precept of £9519.98, supported by a Council Tax Support Grant contribution of £480.02 from Wiltshire Council, representing an increase of 32.15% or £9 per annum per Band D house.

13/14/165 Funding application to Aster Communities

The Clerk reported completion of an application to Aster Communities for funding to support the provision of two public benches.

13/14/166 Rights of Way and Conservation – dog fouling

Mr Goss reported the availability of ‘Bag it, Bin it’ signs from Wiltshire Council. The Clerk undertook to obtain a supply for fixing. The possibility of hiring a contracted Dog Warden was discussed, and the potential for creating a local ‘responsible dog owners’ charter’ was explored.

13/14/167 Roads and Transport

The Clerk explained the circulated draft paper to CATG on proposals for providing a 40mph buffer zone at the west end of the current 30 mph limit, and for a 50 mph zone from the south end of the village to Black Dog crossroads. After discussion, it was **agreed** that the paper should be altered to propose a 40 mph buffer zone at both ends of the village, the south zone being extended to South Cross Lane, and the 50mph zone being extended from that point to the A360. The Clerk undertook to make the alterations and present the paper to CATG on 13 January.

13/14/168 Recreation and Leisure

The Clerk introduced a draft specification for the procurement of grounds maintenance services to the playing fields, and for ad-hoc provision of Grounds services elsewhere in the parish as required. The specification was **agreed**, and the Clerk undertook to commence advertising as soon as practicable.

Mr Francis volunteered to attend a course on Playground Management at Calne Town Council on 23 January. The Clerk undertook to make the arrangements.

13/14/169 Planning matters

The following decision was reported to the Council:

13/06312/TCA 13 Cedar Close, fell cheery tree and apple tree – no objection.

The following application was considered by the Council:

13/06577/LBC 88 The Old Forge, High Street – retrospective permission for two rear extensions.

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No objection was made.

The Clerk presented a consultation from Wiltshire Council on the proposed designation of the Potterne Parish Council boundary as a Neighbourhood Planning Area. No objection was raised, and the Clerk undertook to respond.

13/14/170 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
633 HMRC (PAYE)	298.80
644 Wiltshire Citizens Advice (donation)	50.00

13/14/171 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from the Village Hall Committee for a letter of support in its bid for Landfill Tax Credit funding, which was **agreed**. Planned roadworks at Shrewton were **noted**, and email correspondence with Cllr Rose from a resident of Cedar Close regarding the table/bench was **agreed** as an agenda item for the next meeting.

13/14/172 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for 3 February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Five Lanes School. It was **agreed** that the landlord of the Rose and Crown would be invited to the next meeting in order that the Council may learn more about meal deliveries for vulnerable residents. It was also **agreed** that the Good Neighbour Coordinator be invited to establish scope for cooperation or support in the scheme.

13/14/173 Items of Maintenance

There were none.

13/14/155 Key Messages

It was agreed that an article be prepared for The Bridge explaining the Council Tax precept decision; How to use the Wiltshire Council defects online reporting system; To further encourage disposal of dog waste; To notify the availability of a share in the Council's allotment plot, vacated by Mr Johnson.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm Signed Chairman, 3 February 2014