

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 June 2016, 7.30PM
THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON
MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr M Fisher; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Alan Midgely

Apologies: Cllr B Devine and Cllr M Fisher

Also present: 4 members of the public, Cllr R Gamble [WC]. Mrs E Read (Clerk) and Ian Jewson.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Devine and Cllr Fisher which were accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Goss expressed an interest in item 5 regarding Ian Jewson and SHLAA 1068.

Cllr Johnson expressed an interest in the Whatleys item.

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

Adoption was proposed by Cllr Bonfield and seconded by Cllr Johnson. The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's announcements.

Cllr Wilshire has forwarded the letter of complaint from a resident regarding debris on pavements to Claire Perry who wrote back and to the lady concerned.

The Council had correspondence from Nick Stokes regarding the Open Gardens event, to clear the footpaths particularly between Worton and Marston. Clerk to contact Paul Millard regarding the Mill Race footpath to be cut, and Prince Hill to be asked to clear and trim stinging nettles and overhanging vegetation.

Shop in Worton – through traffic, pub a possible venue for shop, possibly using Good Energy money to kick start the venture, subject to a community organisation being set up. A shop may assist the pub to keep going and is worth exploring. Cllr Midgely to summarise and approach pub with Cllr Johnson.

5. Ian Jewson Planning representative to provide information on SHLAA site 1068

Mr Jewson attended the meeting to explain the process and ensure no surprises and to let the Council know that there may be people on site from time to time for ecology surveys, ground conditions amongst others, not looking for an endorsement, but simply an information session. Mr Jewson is a consultant to Land Value Alliances who have been taken on by the landowner. It is suggested that the SHLAA 1068 is to be a housing site, but he has not looked at numbers or layout yet. There is not an immediate plan, but when this has been worked up they will then approach Wiltshire Council and get some pre application advice and approach the principle of development. There will then be consultation with the community on layout and proposed numbers. Mr Jewson is conscious that there is a Neighbourhood Plan coming up and the results of the survey indicate some potential to grow.

Questions were asked –

Cllr Wilshire observed that the site crosses over the footpath and down the side of the hill, but that he would be against this being impeded, as this would be crossing the footpath and the boundary of the village.

Ian answered that he is assuming there would be open space and undeveloped areas. They will need to understand the site constraints, footpaths, landscape impacts, development and non-development areas. Could leave the land further down undeveloped, but this is up to the architect.

Cllr Midgely asked about the figures of houses.

Ian answered that there are none at the moment, constraints will determine this, with issues such as drainage, ecology and open space.

Cllr Johnson said that the survey was clear about the quantity and type of housing and access and egress points. Also, superfast broadband is not available at this end of the village. The footpath is a big issue.

Ian answered that access would be possibly proposed on the High Street – although he is aware that the speeds are high in the village and will need to speak to the Highways authority. He also pointed out that development can bring benefits – broadband for instance could be brought forward, or a shop, either through CIL or a Section 106 agreement.

Nick Stokes - 1068 does not appear on the SHLAA sites because it is excluded because it is outside the development boundary.

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Ian answered that his client has asked them to consider it as a development site. Sites come and go from SHLAA documents. The next step will be to talk to the planning authority Wiltshire Council.

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].

7. Wiltshire Councillor's report.

Cllr Gamble said that while he would not comment on the development opportunity, it is an example of a good reason to press on with a Neighbourhood Plan. With regard to the Shop, Earlestone talking about saving their own pub, contact Keith Lewcock, and to speak to the Plunkett Foundation.

Cllr Gamble sends his apologies for the 4th of July meeting of Worton Council.

Highways newsletter – clerk to circulate.

Bus survey had 11000 replies, so WC will be assessing the replies before making any decisions.

8. To receive financial update

Liz worked through the finances – bank reconciliation.

9. Audit – to receive the Internal Auditor's report

The auditor was happy with the accounts and the finances of the Council.

10. Audit - to undertake a review of governance

The Council signed the Review of Governance

11. Audit - to sign the Annual Return for External Audit.

The Council signed the annual return for the External Audit.

12. Whatleys application – information required by Wiltshire Council

A pre- application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council about the idea of a nursery. The Parish Council decided to form a sub-committee to address any queries that may arise, for the project to be successful.

Cllr Wilshire and Cllr Fisher and co-opt anybody else that may be needed.

13. Sandlease play area – land drainage

Three prices had been received for work to install land drains in the Sandlease playarea.

Bodman £4800 +VAT

Breach - 300m of perforated pipe, but not as deep as otherwise £2650 +VAT

Keen – 200m of pipe £3200 +VAT

Bill Francis proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded to give Mr Breach the work - to spend money on the land drainage in order to alleviate the major problems with the site, ask him to contact Roger re gate.

Clerk to take advice about which account to use.

14. Sandlease – repair to play surface - suggested mastic purchase, and explanation of decisions between meeting.

Council to try the mastic provided by Cllr Goss, and then if necessary to buy some adhesive and more mastic to fill the gap up to £100. Cllr Goss left as he felt unwell.

15. Report from Neighbourhood Planning meeting

Notes were circulated by Cllr Bonfield regarding the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on the 22nd of May.

Next meeting in July 13th. Clerk to amend the Terms of Reference as agreed at the last meeting, and forward to Nick Stokes and the steering group as well as information on the area designation.

16. Planning matters – to consider any applications received after agenda publication;

17. Disbursements.

Air Ambulance £300

Village Hall £1000 grant from 2015/16 and waste grant proportion of £203.06

CPRE membership £36.00

David Johnson £11.90

Salary and allowance £328.69 + £15

Charlton Baker Accountants £139.20

Community First £36.00

Mark Goddard £396.00

Cllr Bonfield left at this point

18. Correspondence and circulars received.

19. Future agenda item planning.

Sandlease update and drainage

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Cllr Whitehead – Invite Seend, Marston, Keevil, Bulkington and Poulshot
Item for information on Fracking
Neighbourhood Planning
Shop

20. Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 4 July 2016)

21. Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda).

22. Key messages.

Key messages from last month, Sandlease closure, Cllr Whitehead

9.30 meeting ends.