

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

FOR THE

PARISH OF WORTON

Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.00pm, in Village Hall, Worton

MINUTES

1 Welcome and apologies.

2 Minutes of the 28 May, 2015 Annual Parish Meeting

David Johnson proposed and Robert Goss seconded. The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

3 Village organisations' reports.

Village Hall

Loo Olympics take place on 16th of July at Rose and Crown "Spend a Penny" campaign. Ten toilet themed games, entry in teams, £10 a team, volunteers will be needed.

Monster trail 29th October – one or two days.

Church 18th and 19th June 175 anniversary of Christ Church, plus an open gardens event. Displays, presentations about history of the village, history of WI. Also refreshments all day, cream teas, street market in Church Lane. Sunday evening bring and share meal/finale 6pm. Gardens in aid of Dorothy House, and refreshments to the Church funds.

Gardening Club has been hard to run last few years with members moving out of the village and not so many people joining. Although attendance has been good this year. January to April there are sessions indoors then garden visits monthly. The 3rd September is the village show and the committee need to find people to run it.

Parish Council

- Parish Council reports for 2015/16 and look forward.
Negotiated and secured the long term opening of the mill race foot path, which was in danger of being closed again. Having not heard from Wiltshire Council, they have now resurfaced the footpath. Cllr Midgely says that the work opens up the whole area and connects and opens up Worton, well done to Roger and David for doing this. It will be in place for the foreseeable future. This would allow the foot traffic along here during the open gardens.
- Supported the start of the Worton Neighbourhood Plan. Hosted several public meetings to help recruit a core committee and other volunteers. Application submitted to Wiltshire Council for formal approval. Slow at the moment – there is a meeting on the 22nd May at the Pub to decide about the committee.
- Continued to commit funds and support to the long term future of the village hall and holds meetings there. £1000 a year to the village hall. (Clerk to check grant for 2014/15 was paid) Parish councillor sits on the hall committee.
- Recruited new Parish Clerk Mrs Elizabeth Read.
- Broadband: Held meeting with Claire Perry MP and BT Open Reach manager, to press for the survey and upgrade of the eastern half of the village; to be included in the next phase of the super-fast broadband by 2017.
- Traffic management: Improvements to the eastern end of the village traffic speed. (Successfully campaigned to get the village 30 mph zone extended and the 60mph reduced to 50mph).
- Traffic management: Started long term plan with surrounding Parish Councils to reduce the speed and improve the safety of the C20 from Worton to Seend. This is ongoing, especially considering an accident outside Woodborough House yesterday.
- Actively involved and supporting the Worton Community Speed Watch Group.
- Working with surrounding Parish Councils to get shared use of the police Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) to further manage traffic through the village.
- Flood Plan: Worked with Wiltshire Council to obtain flood protection materials in response to any possible winter flooding in village. (sand and signs – need to be moved)
- Obtained several grit bins and supply of salt-grit to be used by volunteers during the winter.

- Solar Farm: Set up the Terms of Reference for the use of the annual payment received from the owners of the solar farm. £2500 a year for Worton.
- Organised and held annual defibrillator / first aid training in village hall.
- Made and installed new community notice board for the village hall, thanks to Cllr Fisher.
- Carried out survey and reviewed the play area equipment. Volunteers still wanted to help with regular equipment checks.
- Held joint Marston – Worton community meeting. Agreed joint “ways of working” between the two Parish Councils.
- Carried out annual survey of the village paths and pavements and reported issues of overhanging foliage and path debris to Wiltshire Council. A resident fell on the slippery pavement debris and was injured.
- Worked with Wiltshire Council to survey and improve drainage along the high street. In particular the area around the telephone box and electricity sub-station.

4 Neighbourhood Planning.

Neighbourhood planning is coming into it's own slowly, and the meeting on the 22nd of May should ensure that it has a full committee. The community will be advised of what is going on via articles in the Bridge, questionnaires and meetings. The terms of reference will be agreed, and the committee will be confirmed. Then the volunteers will be contacted.

5 Public Forum

Meeting closed. 7.30pm