

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 OCTOBER 2014, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Mr A Midgley; Mr M Rose; Mrs C Simpson.

Apologies: Mr K Bellamy; Mr W Francis; Mr R Gamble [WC].

Also present: Ms J Banks; Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

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14/15/109 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Midgley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Mill race footpath.

14/15/110 Minutes of the last meeting

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

14/15/111 Chairman's announcements

There were none by the Chairman. Cllr Bonfield reported on recent attendance at the Village Hall Management Committee, which noted progress with the refurbishment of the porch and that toilets will be the next phase which may include disabled facilities. The Viridor grant application remains in progress, awaiting tenders.

14/15/112 Recording and transmitting during meetings

The Clerk reported on new legislation requiring facilities to be made available for recording, transmitting and use of social media during public meetings. It was **agreed** to suspend Standing Order 3L until it could be re-worded and to facilitate such actions should they be requested.

14/15/113 Public participation

There was none.

14/15/114 Wiltshire Councillor's report

There was none.

14/15/115 Financial Statement

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a report as circulated, which was **noted**.

14/15/116 Recreation – annual safety reports for play equipment

The Clerk presented the annual reports received from the external inspector, noting some minor maintenance items at Whatley's Close site, capable of local resolution. Some maintenance items were also noted at the Sandlease site. Cllr Johnson proposed, seconded by Mrs Bonfield, and with all **agreed** that this work should be commissioned. The Clerk was asked to make the arrangements.

14/15/117 Rights of Way – advisory letters

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Arrangements were **agreed** for the distribution and recording of letters to those householders responsible for such as overgrowing vegetation.

14/15/118 Rights of way – Mill race footpath

Cllr Midgley made a suggestion that the route of the footpath be agreed to run 6ft from the bankside of the Mill race. It was **agreed** that a site meeting would be requested with the Rights of Way warden to seek assistance in reaching an agreement on the route and on an extension of the temporary agreement with the adjacent landowner to permit negotiations to continue. The Clerk was asked to request contact by the Warden with Cllr Wilshire.

14/15/119 Rights of way – FP 13

The Clerk reported the concerns raised by a correspondent with the condition of this path, which had been inspected by Cllrs Wilshire and Johnson. It was **agreed** that the advisory letters referred to in item 14/15/116 would also be a suitable response for rights of way issues, with the addition of the householders leaflet.

14/15/120 Worton/Marston footpath

Cllr Johnson reported that trial lengths of this path had now been cut back, exposing a wider tarmac area. Further work was required to complete the refurbishment. A work party was **agreed** for 16 November.

14/15/121 Streetscene

Cllr Johnson reported on the meeting with the Streetscene co-ordinator on 25 September, and subsequent work by BBLP. A considerable amount of work had been achieved at the western end of the village in the time available. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the planning schedule to enable monitoring of the work outstanding.

14/15/122 Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority

This consultation was further considered. It was **agreed** to support merger with Dorset Fire Authority, whilst commenting on the lack of detail to make an in-depth financial judgement.

14/15/123 Planning matters

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council had arranged a number of training courses for councillors and invited nominations.

The following decisions were notified:

14/04888/APD Old Forge, High Street – steel-framed agricultural building.
Approved with conditions.

14/15/124 Disbursements

The Clerk reported receipt of the annual allotments rental. Cllr Goss reported his agreement with the revised annual rental charge for the Grass Keep access.

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
676 C & S Hoddinott (bench installs)	456.00
677 Playsafety Ltd (play eqpt inspections)	156.00
678 HMRC (PAYE)	625.20
679 Outdoor Play South West	588.00
680 Mark Goddard (grass)	440.00

681 Mark Goddard (grass) 570.00

682 P Baxter (expenses, website) 44.11

14/15/125 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported receipt of traffic speed data from the recent metrocount survey. It was **agreed** to circulate this to councillors and to provide a summary report for The Bridge magazine. It was also **agreed** to invite Chairmen and Clerks of Marston, Bulkington, Seend and Poulshot parish councils to an informal meeting before the next parish council meeting on 3 November, to discuss speeding on the C20 road. The Clerk was asked to issue the invitation.

The Clerk also reported receipt of information from Wiltshire Council on available flood relief equipment. This matter is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

A consultation on Community Remedies from the Police and Crime Commissioner is to be circulated to councillors.

14/15/126 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday 3 November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

14/15/127 Items of Maintenance

There were none.

14/15/128 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that dog fouling, the footpath work party for 16 November, a narrative on the metrocount data, and completion of the road works (due w/b 13 October) be mentioned in an article to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman, 3 November 2014