

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 September 2015, 7.00PM
Five Lanes School, WORTON

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Mrs C Simpson;

Also present: 3 members of the public; Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

15/16/082 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Simpson had sent her apologies and these were accepted.

15/16/083 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

15/16/084 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

Cllr Rose made an amendment – minutes agreed as amended.

15/16/085 Chairman's announcements.

The 50mph at the East end of the village has been extended after a lot of work by the Parish Council. The Mill Race footpath should be preserved for the foreseeable future, following work with Wiltshire Council to agree an arrangement with Edna Fry.

Volunteer meetings have been postponed due to the village hall being refurbished, date now 23rd of November.

Footpaths and pavements are in a poor condition, ideas needed for a meeting with Wiltshire Council.

15/16/086 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].

Mr Slack updated the Council about progress with the concealed entrance sign he has agreed to erect on his land.

15/16/089 To consider and decide on supporting the Worton Village Hall refurbishment with further funds

Veronica Franklin from the Village Hall explained the financial situation regarding the work on the village hall, and requested the shortfall of £5000 from Marston and Worton Parish Councils.

Cllr Wilshire proposed that Worton Parish Council pays £4166 for the Village Hall, with Marston contributing £834 as agreed with Marston PC – carried.

15/16/087 Wiltshire Councillor's report.

Cllr Gamble was not able to attend and sent his apologies.

15/16/088 To accept Cllr Rose's resignation and confirm arrangements for vacancy.

With regret Council accept the resignation of Cllr Rose. He stated that he has not taken the decision lightly, but due to increases in his own work and the councils work, he is finding that he cannot do justice to the Council's work, so he is stepping down.

15/16/090 To discuss and agree a plan for the content and agenda for community meetings on 23rd November

The outline of the evening was clarified by Cllr Johnson and agreed by the Council. There will be discussions, time for questions and information available about what Neighbourhood Plans and other plans involve. The Clerk to invite members of nearby villages, and to advertise the event in the village.

15/16/091 Speeding on C20 road – to update the council regarding the joint parish meeting (Cllr Midgley)

Cllr Midgley presented fifteen ways in which the C20 can be made safer. Clerk to send document to Marston, Seend, Poulshot, Bulkington. The correspondence to state that the Council will understand

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that the other councils have no objections if no correspondence is received before the next meeting of the Council. The document, including views from the survey will then be sent to Claire Perry, Richard Gamble and Philip Whitehead and residents of the road. Cllr Wilshire and Cllr Midgley to speak to Mr Helps.

15/16/092 Good Energy – to set up terms of reference and committee membership for administration of the fund

The Council agreed to postpone this item to another meeting where an advisory Committee will be set up. The Clerk confirmed that the expected solar farm money has not arrived. Clerk to contact Good Energy.

15/16/093 Broadband – to receive update regarding provision of superfast broadband to those properties connected to Cabinet 3 and decide on next steps (Cllr Johnson).

Cllr Johnson reported on his meeting with BT and Claire Perry. The Council noted that Claire Perry had made it public in the media that the Worton houses would be getting Broadband in the next round of upgrades. Cllr Johnson to write to Claire Perry regarding the lack of progress on the broadband issues, and to continue working with BT in particular to get the details of the technical solution and its cost.

15/16/094 Adoption of response to the Consultation of the Development Plan Document.

The Council agreed to send the response as tabled.

15/16/095 Planning matters – to receive those decisions To consider and decide - 15/08550/TCA work to trees in a conservation area notified

15/08550/TCA and 15/08776/TCA no objections

15/16/096 Fracking consultation – to consider response to consultation on ST96 area proposals.

This item was tabled with little notice, so the clerk and Councillors could not decide at the meeting what the response should be. Cllr Johnson will take advice regarding the prospect of fracking within the area.

15/16/097 Simon Franklin has resigned, he has transferred his work to Mark Williams – council to agree.

Hedgecutting – Simon has said that he will not be working on the hedges anymore, and has transferred his work to Mark Williams at the same prices. The Council agreed to transfer of work.

15/16/098 Disbursements

Mark Goddard – mowing and spraying	£804
Emily Jones – survey report	£400
Charlton Baker accountants	£121.80
Grant Thornton Auditors	£120.00
E Read pay July standing order	£328.69
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15/16/099 Correspondence and circulars received

The Clerk magazine has a good article on Neighbourhood Planning

15/16/100 Future agenda item planning.

Land at Sandlease – the bank south of Sandlease playing field – suggestion of planting trees and wildflowers. Planning for 23rd of November, Broadband, Budget, PEAS and Weather Plan.

15/16/101 Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 5th October 2015)

15/16/102 Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda).

Broken water drain cover opposite Worton House on the pavement.

Post office box by Mill Road to be moved other side of the gate to enable access by 7 Mill Head – hedge removed – follow up with Sovereign

15/16/103 Key messages.

Vacancy for councillor

Volunteers for NP meetings

Moved the 30mph and instigated 50mph zones and new signage

Meeting regarding broadband with CP and BT regional manager

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Village Hall funding and work being started
Meeting ended 8.50pm