

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2014, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Mr K Bellamy; Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC];

Also present: Mr Robilliard; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

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14/15/091 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Goss declared a pecuniary interest in the item on ground rents.

14/15/092 Minutes of the last meeting

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

14/15/093 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported on a recent dog attack, and thanked Cllr Gamble for his assistance in arranging Wiltshire Council officer support. The Chairman also noted the volume of hedging at Prince Hill House overgrowing the pavement.

14/15/094 Public participation

Mr Robilliard enquired of Cllr Gamble as to the outcome of the recent speed limit review, and Cllr Gamble responded. The Clerk reported that this Council's rejection of the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member not to decrease the speed limit at the west end of the village was set out clearly at the recent CATG meeting. It was **agreed** that liaison with adjacent parishes sharing the C20 would assist in a co-ordinated response to Wiltshire Council highways officers and Members in lobbying for future change.

14/15/095 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble noted the next Area Board meeting on 29 September, themed for health and youth matters, and that the Core Strategy remains under development.

14/15/096 Consultation on proposed revision to the Settlement Boundary

Cllr Rose explained the draft methodology and its impact as put forward by Wiltshire Council, and sought a small working group to develop a detailed response to the consultation questions. Cllrs Rose, Francis, Goss and Johnson were nominated. [Cllr Gamble left the meeting]

14/15/097 Community Safety – defibrillator

The Clerk reported completion of the defibrillator installation, and sought confirmation of the arrangements for the proposed public training event on 18 September, which was **agreed**. Cllr

Rose undertook to design advertising material, and Cllr Simpson to arrange refreshments. It was also proposed by Mrs Bonfield, seconded by Mr Johnson and with all **agreed**, that a grant of £50 be paid to Mr K Green of the Rose & Crown in compensation for his costs and contribution to daily checks of equipment.

14/15/098 Recreation – benches

The completion of the installation of three benches and the removal of defective play equipment at Whatley's Close was reported by the Chairman.

14/15/099 Open Spaces Survey

The Clerk reported receipt of a survey request from Wiltshire Council to determine the parish ownership of open spaces for amenity use, and its aspirations for future requirements. Cllrs Wilshire, Bonfield, Simpson and Midgley were nominated to complete the survey.

14/15/100 Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority

The Clerk reported receipt of a consultation from the Fire Authority with proposals for revision to its management and governance, including a possible merger with Dorset Fire Authority. The matter was deferred pending further consideration of the issues.

14/15/101 Planning matters

The following decisions were notified:

14/05855/FUL Gertasha, Seend Road – proposed relocation of access driveway;
14/04408/FUL Lutsey Farm, Seend Rd – erection of general purpose building;

Both applications were approved with conditions.

14/15/102 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
668 Marmax Products (picnic bench)	558.00
669 South Western Ambulance (defib)	1600.00
670 Village Hall (bin grant)	184.34
671 Grant Thornton (audit fee – replacement chq)	120.00
672 D & M Builders (VH porch refurb)	3488.34
673 P Baxter (postage and mtg refreshments)	10.10
674 R Shercliff (Area Board grant)	150.00
675 K Green (defib support grant)	50.00

14/15/103 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported receipt of crime statistics from the Police (no activity in Worton) and an invitation from Community First to their AGM. Mrs Bonfield reported receipt of clarification from

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the Village Hall Committee on their lack of capacity to add the Parish Council as a trustee, which was **noted**.

14/15/104 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

14/15/105 Items of Maintenance

The Clerk noted that the Streetscene Co-ordinator had supplied a copy of the outstanding worksheets for the parish, which required updating. Cllr Johnson undertook to supply the Clerk with a listing. Cllr Johnston sought agreement for the circulated draft of a letter for delivery to those households with vegetation overgrowing pavements. Subject to final review through further circulation, it was **agreed** that copies of the letter would be printed. The Chairman noted that two trees in the Sandlease play area were now dead or dying. It was **agreed** that these should be felled, and that expenses in doing so would be reimbursed. The Grass Keep hill was also noted as overgrowing. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor for a specific cut.

14/15/106 Land valuation

The Clerk reported on progress in seeking advice as to how the Council's land assets value might be reviewed, with further contact due in the coming weeks.

Mr Goss left the room

14/15/107 Grass Keep ground rent

The Clerk reported on advice received on a suitable rent to charge for the use of the Keep, which had not been altered for many years. The Clerk was delegated authority to commence a negotiation.

14/15/108 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that the defibrillator, benches, the fire authority consultation, overgrown hedges and planned work on the grass keep slope be mentioned in an article to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Chairman, 6 October 2014