**Councillors present**: Cllr. N Foster (NF) Chair, Cllr. K. Lucas (KL), Cllr. S. Foster (SF), Cllr. L. Osborne (LO) & Cllr. P. Merrick.

**Present:**  Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Brian Harvey – WSC.

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| **Item**  **20/01/1**  **20/01/2**  **20/01/3**   |  | | --- | |  |   **20/01/4**  **20/01/5**  **20/01/6**  **20/01/6.1**  **20/01/6.2**  **20/01/6.3**  **20/01/7**  **20/01/7.1**  **20/01/7.2**  **20/01/7.3**  **20/01/7.4**  **20/01/7.5**  **20/01/7.6**  **20/01/8**  **20/01/8.1**  **20/01/9**  **20/01/9.1**  **20/01/9.2**  **20/01/10**  **20/01/10.1**  **20/01/10.2**  **20/01/11** | **Meeting opened at 07.30pm**  **Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):**  3 Members of the public were in attendance.  **Chairman’s Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):**  **Apologies:** Cllr. Alan Marshall.  **Absent:** None.  **Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**  None.  **Sunnica Energy Farms Update & Discuss Neighbourhood Plan**  The Clerk advised that the Sunnica Parish Council Alliance had sent a round robin email asking all local Parishes to offer support to their objections to the size of the proposed solar farm. The Clerk confirmed that the village meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan is to be held on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 10:30am, in the village hall.  **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2019 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):**  **Resolved 20/01/4.01**  The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2019 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chairman (NF).  **Councillor Vacancy Update**  No further applications received.  **External Forum:**  **County Councillor**  Cllr. Louis Busuttil sent apologies. No report.  **District Councillor**  Cllr. Brian Harvey read out the following report;   1. “County Lines” drug issues and the impact upon our rural communities is being actively pursued by Suffolk Constabulary. This is a cross border operation resulting in several arrests and prosecutions being made. Recent updates and presentations by Suffolk Police concerning the issues are being actively pursued by the Constabulary. 2. The first round of consultation for the proposed Sunnica Solar farm has now closed. There has been joint WS / SCC submission which is available via the planning portal. The next stage in this process will be for Sunnica to respond to these submissions. Once this is received I will be in a position to advise further. The planning portal number is: - DC/19/0472/EIASCO – The joint SCC/WS Consultation Response dated 11th April 2019 has now been issued. We have received an updated Sunnica Energy Farm proposals for land which has slightly changed for the original issued.   The September briefing note has been copied to all Parishes accordingly. No further updates are available at this time.   1. As you may have seen in the local press WS have setup a Rural Task Force and have requested that local residents complete the survey shown at: - This survey has now closed (30th September 2019) and we await the summary report. Thanks to Residents who have taken part in this survey and attended these briefing meetings.   No further updates are available at this time.   1. West Suffolk Council are part of the Suffolk wide campaign to crack down on fly tipping with prosecutions taking place resenting with a business in Bury St Edmunds being fines accordingly. If Residents are aware of fly tipping in their villages please contact Dominic Owner by email at [dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk) with a copy to myself please.   **Police Report**  The latest edition of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) newsletter is now available to view on the Suffolk Constabulary website <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area>.  **Reports:**  **Update from the Friends of the Village Hall**  Cllr. N. Foster gave the following report;  “The usual bookings are still reliable, some slowed before Christmas, but are due to start again next week.  The Worlie Café Christmas meal was well attended and made £200 profit. The next Café is on Friday 10th January.  The Caretaker was asked to ensure the bins are put out to be emptied by WSC, on time each week.  **Play Area and Maintenance**  Cllr. Foster/Clerk will look into options for replacing the Cargo Net.  **Parish Footpaths & Public Footways.**  The Clerk advised that Cllr. Lucas and Cllr. N. Foster were still to meet with RH Landscapes to discuss the Bell lane hedge cutting schedule.  Cllr. Lucas advised he will chase up the Cricket Club to get the speed humps replaced soon.  **SID (VAS) Scheme Update**  The Clerk is to liaise with Highways Speed & Safety Team to request if Pole No.6 can be re-sited further down between Red House and The Oaks. Cllr. Brian Harvey advised that the covert SID has been in place in the village, the Clerk is to contact Inspector Shipton / Guy Smith to request the data.  **External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon**  Cllr. Lucas & Cllr. Osborne advised they had met with Glenn Smithson – RLCP at the Hythe and it had been agreed that there was nothing else to do and no further action would be taken as it is not a designated public right of way. It was agreed to put up signs advising “To be used at own risk”.  **Clerks Report**  None.  **Planning Applications (For consideration):**  **DC/19/2283/FUL – 1no Fishing Lodge – Location: Land South of Worlington Road, Mildenhall Road, Worlington**  **Resolved 20/01/8.01**  No Objections submitted for application DC/19/2283/FUL on the 20th December 2019 by email.  **Parish Matters:**  **Dog Bin – Badlingham Lane**  The Clerk is to liaise with WSC to see if they have any second hand bins to purchase, alternatively she will also look into quotes for a new bin & signage.  The Clerk is to check the Asset Register for ownership of the dog bin opposite the church and to report it online for repair, or source quotes for repair respectively.  **Repairs & Insurance Claim Update Ref: War Memorial Plinth & Fence**  The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the RTC to the Police, but had so far only received an email from them advising that they have up to 6 weeks to respond to the report. The Clerk is already liaising with the Insurance regarding a claim to repair.  **Highways Issues:**  **Golf Links Road & Flooding Issues Update**  The Clerk was asked to write to the CEO of SCC, Highways Complaints Department & cc. our MP to request a site visit by Highways to discuss the issues of flooding at Golf Links Road and the issue of the landowner and his concrete pad, the issue of HGV’s using the Golf Links Road and the possible designation of some passing places to be agreed.  **Traffic Calming & Speeding in the Village**  No response received yet from Highways regarding the feasibility study request. Cllr. Harvey agreed he would follow up with Guy Smith and Cllr. Busuttil regarding the traffic calming at the Freckenham end of the village.  **Correspondence:**  The Clerk presented a letter from Red Lodge Parish Council;  *“It has been suggested that it might be fun next year to hold a Mini-Olympics on July 25th, the day after the 2020 Olympics start in Japan. It would include events both for children and adults, like welly-wanging, wacky races and a 6 a side tug of war.*  *We quite like the idea but think it might be good fun for us all if we invite the local villages to each send a team. As with the real thing, some teams could be very small, others bigger. The children may like the idea of a little parade behind a village name sign.*  *We would be very happy to host the event on our 14 acre playing field. We would invite some food trucks and funfair attractions to join us. Our bar can cope with liquid refreshments. However, we would need to ask each village to provide some volunteer helpers.”*  If anyone is interested in organising a team or volunteering, contact the Red Lodge Clerk; [vanessakovacevic@btinternet.com](mailto:vanessakovacevic@btinternet.com) |  |
| **20/01/12**  **20/01/12.1**  **20/01/13**  **20/01/13.1**  **20/01/13.2**  **20/01/13.3**  **20/01/13.4** | **Village Hall:**  **Village Hall Accounts**  The Lloyds accounts balance was confirmed as £194.44 as of 19th December 2019.  **Resolved 20/01/12.01.**  That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled as such by the Chairman (NF).  The Clerk advised that due to the Christmas period, the income had not been paid into the account, and as such the cheque for the oil had bounced.  **Resolved 20/01/12.02**  It was agreed to pay the oil by cheque from the Parish Council in the interim, to be paid back once the income cheques have cleared and the funds are available.  The Clerk and Caretaker are to review the banking procedures before the next meeting.  The Clerk is also to check the Anglian water rates & tariff.  **Finance & Policies:**  **Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts**  The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The accounts balance was confirmed as £14,473.77 as of 19th December 2019.  **Resolved 20/01/13.01**  That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (NF).  **Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval**  **Resolved 20/01/13.02**  It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. N. Foster & Cllr. K. Lucas.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Mrs V Bright | Mileage & expenses | 000830 | £8.71 | | Browns of Burwell | Heating oil – village hall | 000831 | £576.29 |   The Clerk is to prepare a new mandate for the Lloyds Bank accounts to add the new Councillor’s as signatories on the accounts.  **Budget to Actual Report 2019/20 & Adoption of Projected Budget 2020/21**  The Clerk presented the Budget to Actual Report for 2019/20 up to 31st December 2019. The Clerk presented the projected budget for 2020/21, it was scrutinised and approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. N. Foster.  **Resolved 20/01/13.03**  It was agreed to adopt the budget for 2020/21 with expenditure of £16,321.00.  **Adoption of Precept Request Figures 2020/21**  The Clerk presented two options for final Precept request figures for 2020/21,  **Resolved 20/01/13.04**  It was agreed to submit the Precept request at £13,321.00, a 3.35% increase. An increase of £2 per household (Band D) for the year, 16p per calendar month. |  |
| **20/011/14** | **Items for Next Agenda:**   * **Golf Links Road Update on Highways Site Visit & Complaint** * **Play Area Repairs (Cargo Net)** * **VAS Data & Pole locations & Police Enforcement Update** * **Traffic Calming & Speed Limit Feasibility Update** * **Sunnica Solar Farm Update / Neighbourhood Plan** * **Badlingham Lane – Dog Bin & Signage** * **Village Hall Banking Procedures to be Reviewed** * **War Memorial Repairs & Insurance Update**   **The Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.**  Meeting Closed 8:54pm. |  |