**Councillors present**: Cllr. N. Foster (NF) - Chair, Cllr. K. Lucas (KL) (VC), Cllr. S. Foster (SF), Cllr. P. MacKenzie (PM) & Cllr. L. Osborn (LO), Cllr Geraldine Cianter & Cllr. Alan Marsh

**Present:**  Temporary Clerk – Mrs Jenny Gates & Cllr. Brian Harvey – WSC.

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| **Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):**Eight members of public were in attendance. A resident read a letter from another resident clarifying his complaint that emails had not beenresponded to and accepted the response outlined in the Parish Pump from the Chairman.A resident asked if the hedges by the Old Vickerage could be cut back as they are obstructinga footpath.A resident noted that the footpath to the Kings Staunch Bridge is supposed to be a metre wide and needs cutting back by the landlord.  |
| **Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):**Clerk - Ms, Vicky Bright**Absent:**None. |

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| **21/10/2****21/10/3****21/10/4****(i)****(ii)****21/10/5****(i)****(ii)****(iii)****(iv)****21/10/6****(i)****(ii)****(iii)****(iv)****(v)****(vi)****(vii)****(viii)****21/10/7****(i)****(ii)****(iii)****21/10/8****(i)****(ii)****21/10/9****(i)****(ii)** | **Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**Cllr. Lesley declared an interest in planning application DC/21/1757/HH and Cllr. Maddie declared an interest in item 10(i) Sunnica.**To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on:****To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September 2021****Resolved 21/9/4.01**The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd September 2021 were adopted as a true statement and were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting (NF).**External Forum:****County Councillor Report**Cllr. Lance Stanbury sent apologies. Report in ***Appendix 1.*****District Councillor Report**Cllr. Brian Harvey gave a report; See Full Report in ***Appendix 2.*****REPORTS****Play Area Update** – The fence has been repaired. New cargo netting and bolt covers are needed. The surfacing was discussed and ideas for a cheaper alternative to the wood chips were considered as this need replacing every two years. No decision was made at this time.**Parish Footpaths** - A meeting has been arranged with SCC on Monday to discuss issues that have been outstanding for some time.* **Worlington to West Row Track** – Evidence has been gathered and a case will be put forward shortly.
* **Footpath skirting Worlington to Mildenhall** – The footpath has now become very narrow with overgrowth and very dangerous to people walking. To be reported to SCC again as an urgent issue.
* **Staunch Bridge repairs and gates** – No update at this time.
* **Hythe to West Row footpath/bridge** SCC proposal update – No update at this time.

**VAS (SID) Data** – Position has been moved on the Red Lodge road – it does seem to have slowed traffic a little but data not in yet.**External Meetings** Cllr. Brian Harvey reported on his site visit to the anaerobic digestion plant: The planning variation was submitted to regularise planning conditions. The chicken and horse manure is delivered to the site in a dry state and no smell was experienced on site. There is no variation in the original traffic management plan.**Western Mildenhall Development –** Public consultations to begin mid-November. Cllr. Harvey has asked for consultations to take place with villages including Barton Mills and Worlington.**PLANNING:****Sunnica Energy Farm –** A meeting has been organised in Iselham with MPs Friday 15th October 3.30-4.30 asked to register so they can get an idea of numbers.**Worlington Neighbourhood Plan Update (NF/LO) –** Surveys have now been printed and will be delivered to all residents in the village. Deadline for return of surveys is 12th November. It was agreed to obtain an Ordnance Survey Map License.**Boundary Change (WSC) – Turnpike Estate (Red Lodge PC)** – No update at this time.**Church Lane Enforcement EN/21/0237** – No update at this time.**DC/21/1535/VAR - Variation of condition three of DC/15/2109/FUL: No feedstock shall be used in the development hereby approved other than agricultural crops, together with agricultural & industrial (non-waste) by products classified by the Environment Agency as suitable for processing within the AD industry for the installation of on-farm anaerobic digestion plant to produce biogas with three digester, silage clamps, lagoon, pipeline to gas grid, landscaping & associated infrastructure.****Location: Bay Farm, Worlington IP28 6BS**After a site visit the Parish Council wishes to withdraw their Holding Objection.**DC/21/1757/HH – a. replacement windows to front elevation b. single storey front & side extension including replacement front porch c. single storey rear extension with one roof light (replacing existing conservatory).****Location: 12a Church Lane, Worlington IP28 8SG**No objections.**DC/21/1906/FUL – a. change of use of land to Gypsy & Traveller residential area providing 12 plots with concrete pad pitches; b. 12 dayroom/amenity buildings; c. one touring caravan pitch; d. vehicular access & associated parking spaces; e. play area; f. open space.****Location: Land opposite Pen Villa, Isleham Road, Worlington.****OBJECT:** Worlington Parish Council objects to application DC/21/1906/FUL, with the following concerns;* The GTNA 2016 does not currently identify any need for additional pitches within the Forest Heath area. There are currently 6 Traveller sites within Forest Heath with a total of 67 pitches. The Beck Row site currently has vacant pitches, and both the sites at Beck Row and Red Lodge can be expanded.
* The application states that there are 12 families with strong local links, however, the occupants of sites 6,7 & 9 are single female occupancy, and do not meet the requirement/definition of having a nomadic habit of life. It is also clear that the applicant is from Diss, Norfolk, which is not in our opinion a local enough link.
* It is also apparent that the landowner resides on the Beck Row travellers site, which we have already stated has vacant pitches, there is therefore questions arising as to why the applicants cannot set up site on the Beck Row site?
* The development site is outside the settlement boundary and is not included within the Local Plan for development (JDMP DM5).
* It is felt that the site would also be classed as over-development, as the application states that each pitch will have two caravans (1 mobile and 1 static) and that up to another 12 travelling caravans may be on site for up to 28 days a year. This means that there will be in excess of 20 caravans on site at any one time. We ask how this will be enforced and monitored, and what is to stop further caravans being on site more than 28 days in the year. As such there are great concerns regarding the impact upon the nearest community settlement along Isleham Road and on the Farms locally.
* The village of Worlington, does not have any facilities, such as a shop, school or doctor/hospital or health services. With the nearest GP being 3.6km away in Mildenhall Town centre with no local transport link on the Isleham Road. The local schools are also at full capacity, so where will these 27 children go to school. This raises concerns over the vulnerable occupants and the 27 plus children which will reside on the site, and the lack of care and support that they will have (JDMP DM2 (e)).
* Serious concerns regarding the lack of footpath along the Isleham Road, and the fact the road is a National Speed Limit road, and is already prone to speeding, should be considered. As this appears to be a wholely inappropriate road to have access to a site, in which will reside 27 plus children. Especially as there are no transport links on the Isleham Road.
* The fact that we have already mentioned concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site, are strengthened when you consider that each site will have parking for 1 car and 1 large goods/people carrier vehicle, and there may also be further vehicles on site at any time, due to the possible 12 visiting caravans 28 days of the year, no explanation has been given for the parking for these additional vehicles.
* It is also felt that further clarification should be given regarding the lack of mains sewerage. There are concerns that the suggested system is to be drained into a drainage field, what impact will this have on neighbouring agricultural land and the water table? (JDMP DM6).
* We understand that the land has also been identified as lowland grassland habitat, and ask if any consideration has been given to the impact on the biodiversity of the land (JDMP DM10).
* The applicant has stated (Section 2.8) that since the cessation of the land being used for Dog Training, that the land has been used for fly-tipping, this is inaccurate, and both the Parish Council and local neighbours would testify to this.

The Parish Council and residents of Worlington would suggest that this application be refused, and we would request that it be taken to Delegation Panel for decision.**AP/21/0040/STAND – APPEAL – (DC/20/2252/OUT) Outline planning application (means of access to be considered) – one dwelling.****Location: Land South of the Chestnuts, Newmarket Road, Worlington.**Noted.**PARISH MATTERS****War Memorial Refurbishment –** Work is now finished. **Hythe Update –** Cllr. Nick Foster had received information from Greener Growth, unfortunately, they charge £1200 and as the work at the Hythe has really almost been finished it was felt this would be far too much money to spend. Bluebells, kindly donated, have been planted – many thanks to Denis and his son, Lisa and Ed Lubbock for their help planting. Hedge planting is scheduled for Sunday 21st November – there is an article in the Pump about this.**Cricket Club –** The terms of the lease did not need discussing at this time. The PC asked to reserve the field for 5th June for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**HIGHWAY ISSUES****Traffic Calming/Highway Issues –** These to be discussed at the meeting with SCC on Monday.**Quiet Lanes’ Scheme –** two different signs were discussed – the preferred option had the 20mph speed limit posted on it. These are to be put on Church Lane and Walnut Grove.**FINANCE & POLICIES****Insurance –** The annual insurance renewal was approved.**Invoices** – Invoices were approved for payment. |  |
|  | **Meeting closed at 9:02 pm****Signed Date:** **Chair, WPC** |  |