

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sunnica Update / Planning Meeting of Worlington Parish Council

Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall Worlington

Councillors present: Cllr Ken Lucas (KL) - Chair, Cllr Lesley Osborne (LO), Cllr Geraldine Ciantar (GC), Cllr Alan Marshall (AM), Cllr Chris Hall (CH) and Cllr Tim French (TF)

Present: Clerk – Joanna Priestley (JP) and Cllr Brian Harvey – WSC (BH)

ITEM

23/01/1 **Welcome and Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Three members of the public were in attendance. There were no apologies.

23/01/2 **Members' Declaration of Interests (LGA 2000 Part III)**

PM – Item 6.

23/01/3 **Approval of Minutes (LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2))**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2023 were approved as amended (to include items 8.2 – 8.4) and signed by the Chairman.

23/01/4 **Public Forum**

BH stated that a large branch had fallen on the verge outside 1 Lark Close, adjacent to The Paddocks. He questioned who owned the bank and asked that this be added to the next agenda to discuss the potential public liability risks. **JP**

A member of public commented on a hedge parallel with The Old Rectory stating that it was rotten and falling into the moat/stream on the public footpath by the cemetery. She was concerned that this was a health and safety risk. The Chairman stated that this hedge was maintained by R H Landscapes. The Clerk would seek their advice and PM would take pictures. Item to go on next agenda. **JP/PM**

23/01/5 **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Update**

LO confirmed that a Neighbourhood Plan meeting was held yesterday and draft would be ready by 24th February. This would be discussed at the next full meeting in March to ensure the Parish Council are happy with the content. The NP committee will do likewise at a meeting beforehand. LO advised that a plan to list buildings of interest had been scrapped due to homeowners' disapproval. The new parish boundary change takes effect on 5th April and the consultation cannot start until then but will be completed as soon as possible thereafter. A booklet will be available in the first week of April and on 15th April a presentation is to be held at the Village Hall for the benefit of the public. **JP**

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23/01/6 Sunnica Update

Site Visit and Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) – PM reported that there are more ISH on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February and a site visit on the 14th February - registration closed for these on the 30th January. WPC are registered to attend all three and speak. The ISH are in respect of Landscape and Visual Impact, Historical Environment, Combination Impacts, Traffic and Transport and Draft DCO and related matters. PM is unable to attend these dates due to family commitments and asked if anyone else would like to attend in her place. PM can advise the Inspectorate if they do not wish to speak but to just observe and/or attend on line instead of in person. WPC has written to the Planning Inspectorates in regards to the ISH stating they are unhappy that these particularly relevant hearings for Worlington have fallen during the half term week and that the majority of those who would have previously been able to attend are now unable. **SOCG** - WPC will be submitting their SOCG as a joint representation from the Council Alliance. Chosen members of the Alliance including their Chair and Fiona Maxwell, Chippenham Parish Council's Chair had a meeting with representatives of Sunnica in regards to the SOCG. **Sunnica responses** – WPC have responded via the Planning Inspectorate website to the responses by Sunnica regarding the open floor hearings. WPC have also responded to residents from Freckenham and Worlington in respect of the above and deadline 6.

23/01/7 Cheques for signing and approval of outstanding invoices

A cheque was duly signed in respect of the Clerk's expenses for January.

23/01/8 Elections

The Clerk explained that she had attended a training session in respect of the upcoming May elections and that a notice of election will go up around 24th March. The deadline for nominations is at 4pm on 4th April and they will need to be hand delivered to West Suffolk Council's offices. BH confirmed that the Clerk is able to deliver nominations on Councillors' behalf. BH also advised that the Parish Council should make very clear to voters that they must bring a photo ID to the polling station in order to vote. This is to be put on Worlington Life (Facebook), the noticeboard and the website.

JP/PM

23/01/9 DCON(A)/21/1906 Application to discharge condition 4 (Nature reserve management plan 120123 v2.1) of DC/21/1906/FUL | Land Opposite Pen Villa Isleham Road Worlington Suffolk IP28 8SW

CH commented that the Nature reserve management plan was somewhat confusing and questioned whether the applicants have to mitigate as a discharge means you have to remove or change it. The Clerk will email the Planning Officer to ask her to confirm if Condition 4 has been discharged yet.

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23/01/10 Play Area Sign

The Chairman stated he did not want his details to be added to the sign at the play park. It was agreed that the Clerk's details would be put onto a new sign. It was agreed that GC could get a quote from Impress in Mildenhall for this new sign.

23/01/11 Coronation

GC confirmed that WSC had approved £200 from their locality fund towards the for the Coronation event planned for 8th May but advised that she has not received much response to her request for volunteers. PM and AM confirmed they would assist and LO said she would see what her work commitments were on that date. AM queried if the Church would help and LO confirmed she would speak to DKW's Ceramics Studio if they would be interested in holding a pottery painting stall. Other events to include a treasure hunt, tea and cake at the Village Hall, face painting and crafting.

23/01/12 New Parish email and laptop

The Clerk explained the Parish Council can either have a gov.uk email address which while more secure, has not been budgeted for, or a free email address. The options were discussed at length. A free email address was voted in favour 3:2 with 2 abstentions. TF proposed the Clerk would be able to use the SID laptop for work purposes with Office 365 installed at a cost of around £60 per annum. TF would only need the laptop once a month to download all the SID data. This was unanimously voted in favour. TF to liaise with the Clerk regarding the laptop and the Clerk to obtain a new email address next week.

TF/JP

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Signed: *Paula MacKenzie*

Date: 2nd March 2023

Chairperson