

# Worlington Parish Council

## Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

**Councillors present:** Chairman – Cllr. N. Foster (NF), Cllr. B. Harvey (BH), Cllr. P. Merrick (PM), Cllr. S. Foster (SF) & Cllr. K. Lucas (KL).

**Present:** Clerk – Vicky Bright. Five members of public were present.

Item	
EM18/03/1	<p><b><u>Chairman’s Welcome &amp; Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2):</u></b> <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Alan Marshall.     <b>Absent:</b> None.</p>
EM18/03/2	<p><b><u>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u></b> None.</p>
EM18/03/3	<p><b><u>To consider the Consultation on District Ward Boundaries for OneCouncil – West Suffolk</u></b></p> <p>The consultation proposes to combine Worlington, Freckenham and Barton Mills, with Tuddenham St Mary, Cavenham and Lackford parishes, all under one ward. The ideal electorate for a ward is 2,055, plus or minus 10%. Manor Ward will have 2,182 electoral residents to 1 member. It is proposed to keep the name as Manor Ward, with the District Councillor due to be re-elected in May 2019.</p> <p>Red Lodge will be two members, with 3,753 electorates. Mildenhall is proposed with 3 or 2 wards, with 5 members currently being reduced to 2 or 3. The wards would be either Mildenhall North &amp; South, or Central, Market &amp; Great Heath.</p> <p>It is felt that this is the best way forward to ensure villages are kept together as a rural standing, rather than being joined with large towns. It was fought strongly for village continuity and establishment. There are money savings expected of £800,000. All housing developments approved before April 2017 are included within the calculations, with any future developments after April 2017 being reviewed in the 2022 Boundary Review.</p> <p>It is suggested that all residents go online to look at the consultation and proposals and submit their opinions the consultation is open to public until 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018; <a href="http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/waroptions">www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/waroptions</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Resolved EM18/03/3.01</u></b> It was agreed to submit the following comments on behalf of the Parish Council; <i>We are not concerned with the joining together of the 6 parishes into the new Manor Ward, and believe that this will strengthen communication and the relationship between the villages. The ward should remain named as the Manor Ward.</i></p> <p><i>We do have concerns regarding one member now being responsible for 6 parishes, instead of 3, and the constraints upon his time as a result if this. We would seek reassurance that we as an individual parish would still receive the personal touch and the good communication and response that we already receive from our District Councillor.</i></p>

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### **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at 7pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:40pm.

Signed: *Nick Foster*  
Chair, Worlington Parish Council

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018