

# Worlington Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall from 7.30pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

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

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting opened at 07.30pm</b>
	<b>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</b> 2 Members of the public were in attendance.
<b>19/01/1</b>	<b>Chairman’s Welcome &amp; Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)):</b> <b>Apologies:</b> None. <b>Absent:</b> None.
<b>19/01/2</b>	<b>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</b> None.
<b>19/01/3</b>	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):</b> <b>Resolved 19/01/3.01</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chairman (NF).
<b>19/01/4</b>	<b>Councillor Vacancy Update:</b> The Clerk advised that no applications had been received.
<b>19/01/5</b> <b>19/01/5.1</b>	<b>External Forum:</b> <b>County Councillor</b> Cllr. Louis Busuttil sent his apologies.
<b>19/01/5.2</b>	<b>District Councillor</b> Cllr. Brian Harvey had nothing to report.
<b>19/01/5.3</b>	<b>Police Report</b> The latest edition of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) newsletter is now available to view on the Suffolk Constabulary website <a href="https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area">https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area</a> .
<b>19/01/6</b> <b>19/01/6.1</b>	<b>Reports:</b> <b>Update from the Friends of the Village Hall</b> Nick Foster read a report for the Friends of the Village Hall;  No parties were booked for November & December, although there are a few things booked for January & February already. Two of the regular club bookings topped for December, but will be re-starting again in January. ‘Worlie Café’ had their Xmas meal in early December, with a 3 course meal & raffle, which raised £70, a good time was had by those who attended. We will be planning to ask for a deposit for booking the meal next year to avoid people not

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	turning up after they had booked.	
19/01/6.2	<b>Play Area and Maintenance</b>	
i)	The wooden bench in the play area has some rot, Cllr. S. Foster & Cllr. N. Foster will repair this.	SF/NF
ii)	<b>Parish Footpaths &amp; Public Footways.</b>	
	The footpath to Mildenhall 'skirting' has still not been completed. The Clerk is to attend a meeting at Rougham Highways Depot to discuss this and other ongoing issues.	Clerk
	The Clerk was asked to raise the surface erosion and lifting to the footpath on The Street, from the War Memorial to the hall.	Clerk
19/01/6.3	<b>SID (VAS) Scheme Update</b>	
	The latest data will be in the next edition of the Pump. The highest speed recorded in this round of session was 71mph on 29/11/18 at 8:12am.	
	The SID has been at the Worlie Hotel until 18 <sup>th</sup> December, and will be for the next 12 weeks, to gage the traffic flow and speed, following the impact of the roadworks. Monitoring the impact, the new traffic calming from Red Lodge has on speeds into the village, has not shown any improvement. Further S.106 monies are hoped to be used towards a 40mph reduction from Mildenhall to Worlington (Barton Mills), or perhaps a narrowing option, this will be agreed following Highways recommendations.	BH
19/01/6.4	<b>External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon</b>	
	None.	
19/01/6.5	<b>Clerks Report</b>	
	The Clerk is to report faults on street lights; Church Lane (Opp. Walnut Tree), War Memorial, Bus Shelter (1 The Meadows) and opposite the Village Hall.	Clerk
19/01/7	<b><u>Planning Applications:</u></b>	
	None.	
19/01/8	<b><u>Finance &amp; Policies:</u></b>	
19/01/8.1	<b>Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts</b>	
	The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The Lloyds Treasurer account balance was confirmed as £11,424.74 as of 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the Lloyds Business Instant Access account balance was confirmed as £1,369.63 as of 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2018.	
	<b><u>Resolved 19/01/8.01</u></b>	
	That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (NF).	
19/01/8.2	<b>Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval</b>	
	<b><u>Resolved 19/01/8.02</u></b>	

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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	000801	£6.69
ICO	Data protection Fee	000802	£40.00

19/01/8.3

### **Village Hall Accounts**

The Lloyds Treasurer account balance was confirmed as £2,512.77 as of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the Lloyds Business Instant Access account balance was confirmed as £0.38 as of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

#### **Resolved 19/01/8.03.**

That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled as such by the Chairman (NF).

19/01/8.4

### **Budget & Precept Setting & Approval for 2019-2020**

The Clerk presented the projected budget for 2019-20, it was scrutinised and approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. N. Foster.

#### **Resolved 19/01/8.04**

It was agreed to adopt the budget for 2019/20.

The Clerk presented the final Precept request figures, it was agreed to request an increase of £716.00, due to the allowance of Election costs for May 2019 and increase in general expenditure.

#### **Resolved 19/01/8.05**

It was agreed to submit the Precept request at £12,863.00, a 4.02% increase. An increase of £2.31 per household (Band D) for the year, 19p per calendar month.

19/01/8.5

### **Asset Inspection & Maintenance Report & to Agree Inspections twice yearly**

#### **Resolved 19/01/8.06**

It was agreed to reduce Asset inspections to twice yearly. The inspections are to be carried out by Cllr. S. Foster.

Cllr. Foster advised that the painting of the fence and the pointing on the wall at the Memorial will be completed soon, dependent on weather conditions.

SF

19/01/9

### **Highways Issues:**

18/11/9.1

### **Golf Links Road & Flooding Issues Update**

The Clerk advised that Mark Stevens, Asst. Director Operational Highways suggested the issue be raised with Rougham Highways Depart at their meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk, Cllr. Lucas & Cllr. Harvey are to attend. Agricultural material is still being dumped and stored on the concrete pad. The potholes are now at least 3" full of water.

Clerk/  
KL/BH

19/01/10

### **Correspondence:**

### **RPA – Letter in support of ‘Hatchfield Farm’ development**

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The Clerk presented a letter of support for the appeal on the 'Hatchfield Farm' application, from the Rural Parishes Alliance, written on behalf of the local villages.

**Resolved 19/01/10.01**

It was agreed to back the RPA letter of support.

19/01/11

**Village Hall:**

No update or issues to discuss.

19/01/12

**Parish Matters:**

19/01/12.1

**'Hythe' River Access Update & Track Ownership Update**

Glenn Smithson from the RLCP has visited the site with the Environment Agency and ideas regarding the bank erosion issue and also some plans to improve the river directly in front of the picnic area were discussed. They believe it should be possible to get a dedicated dog run/steps built into the bank and contain the erosion to that area. They also have some ideas for the river itself which will make it a bit more interesting to visitors and much more ecologically diverse. Permitting is currently in progress for the project. The Clerk is to arrange a site visit with Glenn Smithson, RLCP to discuss the plans in full, a notice will be placed in the Pump advising residents of the date & time.

Clerk

The Clerk is to get legal advice and costs on the application for the Land Registry application for the track, at the 'Hythe'.

Clerk

19/01/12.2

**Update on Defibrillator Awareness Session**

The Clerk is awaiting confirmation of the date & time for the next public session.

Clerk

19/01/12.3

**Village Sign Repair Quotes/Options**

It was agreed to defer this to the March agenda, with the Clerk to put a consultation in the Pump for public opinion on style, material and options of sign. The Clerk is also to continue looking into funding/grants options.

Clerk

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19/01/12.4	<b>Update on 'Old Railway Cutting' Rear of Lark Close Land Ownership</b> The Clerk has advised that PROW are currently investigating ownership and maintenance responsibilities. It was suggested that if the land is unregistered, with no landowner then the PC may consider adopting and registering the land with Land Registry.	PROW /Clerk
19/01/12.5	<b>Discuss Purchase of Seating for the Bus Stop on Freckenham Road</b> Elderly residents often use the bus stop on the right hand side of The Street/Freckenham Road (Freckenham to Mildenhall), there is currently no seating or shelter. Cllr. Harvey is going to ask at SCC regarding the possibilities of a new shelter or move the shelter from the opposite side of the road, which is used less frequently.	BH
18/11/13	<b><u>Items for Next Agenda:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Golf Links Road Flooding Update</li><li>• VAS Data Update / Traffic calming Update</li><li>• Footpaths Update</li><li>• 'Hythe' River Access &amp; Track Ownership Update</li><li>• Village Options</li><li>• Old railway Cutting Land Ownership Update</li><li>• Bus Shelter - The Street/Freckenham Rd Update</li><li>• Defibrillator Public Session Update</li><li>• Asset Repairs Update</li></ul> <p>The Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 9pm.</p> <p>Signed: <i>Nick Foster</i> Chair, Worlington Parish Council</p> <p>Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>	