

Worlington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall from 7.30pm Tuesday 14th July 2015

Councillors present: Chairman – Cllr. K. Lardner (KL), Cllr N Foster (NF), Cllr. K. Lucas (KL), Cllr. P. Merrick (PM) and Cllr B Harvey (BH)

Present: Interim Clerk – Su Field

Item	<p>Meeting opened at 07.30pm</p> <p>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1): 7 Members of the public were in attendance. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The unruly hedge near ?? needs to be added onto INL Landscapes maintenance route.• The Exit Mirror opposite the Hall needs to be looked at as it appears to be in the wrong position. KL will look at it to see if it can be altered. If a suitable position cannot be found costings will be looked into for a replacement.• Prize Money – It was confirmed that the £100 from the Conservation Award will go towards two trees, one near the sign and the other one down by the cricket field. These will be planted in the autumn.• The additional prize money will be used for the planting around the village signs in the autumn.• A property undergoing renovation has now been Listed. Resident requested assistance in finding out why this had happened. BH confirmed that he will make some enquiries on the resident's behalf.• Parking problems on the Drove next to the Hythe had been observed. NF confirmed that it is a bridleway which you can drive on but not park as far as the Parish Council is aware. The Clerk was instructed to contact the PCSO to ascertain what action could be taken to prevent the parking on the bridleway.• Overgrown Hedge between Worlington Hall Hotel and the cottages. It was confirmed that this was privately owned (i.e. not FHDC or SCC responsibility). KL confirmed he would endeavour to contact the owner to request that it is cut as soon as possible.
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15/16.018	<p>Chairman's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)): Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 to consider the exclusion of the public and press for confidential items had taken place before the public meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. R. Osborn (RO)</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The Chairman announced the immediate resignation of Cllr Gill Jones due to personal circumstances. The Chairman will write to her to express the Parish Council's gratitude for all the work that she has done on behalf of the village and the Parish Council. Residents also voiced their good wishes and wished for their gratitude for the work that she has done be minuted.</p>
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This leaves a vacancy on the Parish Council and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy in accordance with usual practice.

15/16.019 **Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**
None

15/16.020 **Minutes of the meetings held on 12 May 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 11 June 2015 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):**
Resolved 15/16.020(1)

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 May and 11 June 2015 were adopted as true statements and signed by the Chairman (KL).

15/16.021 **External Forum:**
15/16.021.1 **Community Police**

The monthly report had been received but unfortunately the PCSO was unable to attend. Zero crimes reported between 12th May and 12th July.

One burglary in The Paddocks sometime on 27th June and various items stolen.

No crimes for Bridge Farm Close.

The Police are still receiving frequent phone calls from local residents concerning parking.

Many fixed penalty notices have been issued for unnecessary obstruction on Newmarket Road/Lark Close. The Parish Council have been requested to explore options for alternative parking. KL suggested that perhaps the pub can be approached to suggest parking on the Mildenhall Road instead to their customers.

Speed enforcement – 2 offenders on 5th June on Newmarket Road/Lark Close with FPNs issued along with points.

15/16.021.2 **County Councillor**

JW updated the meeting on several issues.

The devolution agenda is moving forward and there is a Group Leaders meeting on Friday.

Devolution is a central government initiative which the county are embracing as long as things are not “dumped” on the local areas without back up funding. It is a “Project in progress” and the Leaders are hopeful to have a draft to go to Government in September.

JW chaired the MALAG meeting which took place in Mildenhall on 10th July. Local MP Matthew Hancock was in attendance along with approximately 60 residents. It was felt that the event was reasonably positive and JW will work to keep the wheels in motion. Good debate came out.

In relation to locality funding, JW confirmed that he still had some funding available for local projects and it was agreed that the Clerk would forward relevant paperwork to ascertain whether there was any financial assistance that they could “tap into”.

JW also confirmed that he is still chasing re the traffic calming measures.

The other parishes within his Ward have commented that Worlington’s 30MPH (on the recycling bins) appear to have a positive effect and the others have expressed their wish to have similar signs.

BH asked JW if he could assist with ensuring that SCC dealt with verge cutting ASAP, especially at the top of Paddocks. JW confirmed that he will speak to the relevant officer at SCC to move this forward.

KL asked whether the MALAG/MAM group were still on track for a September

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announcement from the MOD. JW confirmed that indications were that the MOD was trying to slip the timing to October but he confirmed that they will continue to apply pressure to get the announcement when originally scheduled. He also reiterated the issue that if Lakenheath is to increase the amount of squadrons based there, the area must make sure that the infrastructure is in place to support this growth. There have been a lot of business enquiries following the A11 duelling. It was acknowledged that the improvements at Fiveways roundabout are not working at all. It is evident that more work must be done. JW stated that the campaign needs to start now to improve the roundabout. JW requested people to contact him if they would like him to take any other issues forward on their behalf.

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District Councillor

BH confirmed that the Council (FHDC) has now created their necessary committees etc and he has been appointed to Planning, Licensing, Disciplinary and the Police & Crime Panel. BH informed the meeting that he is not permitted to participate in any planning decisions that the Parish make as it would render his participation in the District Council invalid. As mentioned at the previous meeting, BH distributed the Police Connect forms. It had also been agreed by FHDC that a press release styled document is scheduled to be issued monthly concerning developments to inform/update the villages and towns within the District. There are two neighbourhood watch schemes in operation. Would like to distribute leaflets to encourage more members of the scheme. NF volunteered to assist with expanding the scheme.

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Reports

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Clerks Report and Update from previous meeting (for info only)

None.

15/16.022.2

Update from the Village Hall Committee

Village Hall takings for May and June totalled £522 and Worlie Cafe income totalled £386 for the same months.

Following the resignation of Gill Jones, the committee now needs to recruit another member. KL suggested that a meeting is called in the near future and think about co-opting another member (a resident) and think about what is going to happen in the future. It was acknowledged that the Cafe needs somebody to lead it.

KL spoke about a Barton Mills initiative that earns their village hall £600 per annum which is equivalent to what the cafe is making. This initiative is in the form of a "100 Club". Further discussion about this would take place at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Ladies toilet refurbishment has now been completed and was deemed to have been a very successful project.

Fire alarm system has now been inspected and updated and is now in fully functioning order.

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- 15/16.022.3 Play Area and Maintenance of Parish Footpaths**
NF updated the meeting on issues relating to these issues.
The baby swing seat has now been ordered. It would appear, on closer inspection that the other swing seat probably needs to be replaced sooner rather than later.
Still waiting on sign from Impress so will chase.
NF will be contacting Mr Lubbock to resolve the issue of the gate that is currently just propped up. This needs to be removed.
Looking to realign the fence.
Hedge cutting has now been completed.
A question was raised concerning who owns the hedge down along Mildenhall Road near to the Memorial. This needs cutting as it is encroaching on the footpath. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain who is responsible for the upkeep of this hedge (FHDC, SCC or privately owned).
It was agreed that a short article/note be placed in the Pump to encourage residents to maintain their hedges throughout the village.
- 15/16.022.4 Village Speed Watch**
In RO's absence on holiday no update available for this meeting.
It was agreed that this would be on the September agenda for when RO returns.
- 15/16.022.5 External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon**
KL has been to a meeting of the quarry – nothing much to report on but suddenly it has all started up again. This is possibly due to the increase in house building. Residents are requested to keep an eye on lorries coming through.
Planning application received about the rephrasing.
Impressed with the landscaping that has taken place.
- 15/16.023 Planning Applications**
- 15/16.023.1** DC/15/123/HH – Single Storey Extension – 4 Lark Close
Resolved: Support the application. Clerk to send the form back.
- 15/16.023.2** PL/0183/15 – Mineral Extraction – Phasing Revision
Resolved: No objections.
- The Parish Councillors asked the District and County Councillors to provide them with information concerning the old garden centre and the building works currently taking place. BH confirmed that there had been a change of use application which had been agreed. Enforcement Officers at FHDC had been made aware of different works taking place and a report was in the process of being prepared which would be discussed by the District Council at their meeting on 15 July. The Clerk was instructed to write to FHDC Planning department to request an explanation of the current situation.
A question was also raised as to the permission that had been granted at Heath Farm/Ponderosa, Red Lodge. BH confirmed that two applications for a traveller's site had been received and whilst one of said applications had material planning issues the other did not so one was approved. BH confirmed that the permission allowed for the siting of 3 established mobile homes on the site and that no more would be allowed.
It was also confirmed that there is no provision for residential housing Worlington side of

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the A11 for Red Lodge contained within the Local Plan. JW confirmed that there is provision within the Local Plan for some sort of industrial around the roundabout area. There is also provision for possible industrial development on the filled in gravel pits. The Local Plan is due out for consultation in the near future.

15/16.024 **Finance & Policies**

15/16.024.1 **Parish Council Bank Balances/Reconciliation from list of payments & receipts**

Treasurers Account	£12,034.75
Business Instant Access Account	£1,185.12

15/16.024.2 **Cheques for signing/approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices**

14.7.15	663	Mrs V Bright	KIT Hours and Expenses	36.09
14.7.15	664	Mrs S Field	Wages - July	167.88
14.7.15	665	Pearce & Kemp	Lighting - May & June	132.08
14.7.15	666	INL Landscapes	Maintenance & Hythe etc	475.00
14.7.15	667	Mrs S Field	Expenses	3.42

15/16.024.3 **Approval of cheques and to authorise payment of invoices signed between meetings**

14.7.15	661	Mrs J Howard	Pre Clerk - missing wages	168.00
14.7.15	662	Pearce & Kemp	Repair at The Lodge	123.60

15/16.024.4 **Updated report on Village Hall bank accounts and expenditure**

Expenditure: £165.00
Paid in: £463.00

15/16.025 **Village Sign**

KL suggested that the local artists perhaps be approached to come up with suggestions. Then perhaps a village meeting to decide. This will be discussed again at the September meeting.

15/16.026 **Correspondence**

Letter from PCC thanking us for our donation (£2,000) from the gardens and art trail weekend.
Report in the local press concerning charges for brown bins which has alarmed some residents. JW indicated that he would investigate this issue.

15/16.027 **Items for next Agenda – next meeting on Tuesday 8th September 2015.**

Planting scheme.
Speed watch update.
Village Sign “competition”.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: Chairman, Worlington Parish Council

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Date: 22nd September 2015