

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Worlington Parish Council
Held via Zoom, on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Cllr. N. Foster (NF) - Chair, Cllr. S. Foster (SF) & Cllr. A. Marshall (AM)

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Brian Harvey – West Suffolk Council.

ITEM	<u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> No members of public were in attendance.
20/09/1	<u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u> Cllr. P. Merrick, Cllr. K. Lucas and Cllr. L. Osborne. <u>Absent:</u> None.
20/09/2	<u>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> None.
20/09/3	<u>To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings:</u>
i)	<u>Resolved 20/09/3.01</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th July 2020 were adopted as true statements and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (NF).
20/09/4	<u>External Forum:</u>
i)	<u>County Councillor Report</u> Cllr. Louis Bussuttil was not present, no apologies or report were sent.
ii)	<u>District Councillor Report</u> Cllr. Brian Harvey gave the following report; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid-19 restrictions are continuing, and Council meetings are still being held remotely. SCC is now drafting protocols for potential local lockdowns. Locality funding is still available to any Community Groups set up to help regarding Covid-19 etc.• County Lines – there are 14 live within Suffolk.• Sunnica consultation has now been set for 22nd September to 2nd December 2020.
20/09/5	<u>Reports:</u>
i)	<u>Play Area</u> Cllr. Foster/Clerk will look into options for replacing the Cargo Net. The spraying of the weeds and clearing of any vegetation has now been done. Covid-19 Safe signage has now also been installed at the play area.

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- ii) **Parish Footpaths & Public Footways.**
None.
- iii) **SID (VAS) Scheme Update**
The VAS is now back up and running and has been positioned at 'Old Bridge Close'. The recent data is to be included in the Pump and will be forwarded to the Road Speed & safety Team at the Police, for their information.
- iv) **External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon**
None.
- v) **Clerks Report**
The Clerk advised that she has been informed that a planning application is due to be sent to us for consultation for a Travellers site on land opposite Pen Villa, Isleham Road, for 12 pitches and accompanying amenity buildings and parking. The Council are to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss this application in full, via Zoom on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7:30pm.
- 20/09/6
- i) **Planning Matters (For Information):**
West Mildenhall Development – SCC
A proposed development for a western extension to Mildenhall, being planned on SCC land, as per local plan SALP Policy SA4a, is currently being prepared and will go to public consultation in late Autumn. The site allocation is 97ha and includes up to 1,300 homes, a new primary school and pre-school, new public open spaces, and employment land. The site is proposed to be located right of the hub facing from Comet Way, parallel to RAF Mildenhall, down to the West Row junction. The Parish Council was invited, and attended, a Zoom briefing held by SCC and there are arrangements to hold a second Zoom briefing, to focus on Transport issues, which the Parish Council will be attending also.
- ii) **Sunnica Energy Farm Update**
The statutory consultation will be held on 22nd September to 2nd December 2020. The height has been reduced from 3.5m to 2.5m, they have agreed to a Buffer Zone and screening, and there will now be central battery units in each section. The consultation documents will be available from; <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/> and will also be available to view at Mildenhall & Newmarket Libraries by appointment.

The Parish Neighbourhood Plan is currently on hold, until the group is able to meet in person.
- iii) **MHCLG – Consultation on Planning Processes (NALC)**
Last week the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government issued three consultations on reform of the planning system:

Changes to the current planning system (NALC deadline for responses 17 September)
Planning for the future - the planning white paper (NALC deadline for responses 15 October)

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Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control (NALC deadline for responses 16 October)

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i)

Parish Matters:

War Memorial Plinth & Fence Repairs

The Clerk confirmed the works to the Memorial are almost complete, the repairs to the steel fence and the concrete plinth have been done and now the fence and surround are being painted by Cllr. Lucas, our thanks to him. It was suggested that the chippings be replaced with white stone chippings. The Clerk is to look at quotes to clean the memorial professionally.

Resolved 20/09/7.01

It was agreed to purchase white stone chippings to lay at the base of the Memorial at an extra cost of £100.

ii)

To discuss the Grass Cutting & Landscaping Schedule

Cllr. Lucas & Cllr. Foster (NF) met with RH Landscapes in the village to go over the grass cutting and hedge trimming schedule. The grass cutting and hedge cutting has now been done and the weeds at the play area have been sprayed and cleared. The hedge in Bell Lane has now been cut and the correct height has been agreed with RH Landscapes and the residents. RH Landscapes are going to submit quotes to; 1) To cut back and top the Holly trees in front of the hall, 2) To tidy up the hedge opposite Bell Lane.

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i)

Highways Issues:

Traffic Calming & Speeding in the Village

The Clerk advised that she had received a response form Highways, who have stated that at present there are no funds/budget available to the Safety & Speed Team to install new traffic calming schemes and that they are encouraging communities to carry out Speed watch, and purchase VAS/SID machines to reduce speeding.

ii)

They have suggested we email Rougham to arrange for a Community Liaison Engineer to do a site visit to discuss any Highways issues we have in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange this and District Cllr. Brian Harvey is also going to try and attend.

iii)

The VAS data from the Worlington Hall post, traffic coming from Mildenhall shows that the majority of motorists are exceeding 30mph at that bend. The two key traffic calming options that Cllr. Harvey is pushing for is; 1) moving the 30mph signs to the village entrance, to make it clear you are entering a village and to improve the visibility of the speed limit signage, 2) installing a 40mph Buffer Zone from Barton Mills to Mildenhall. He confirmed that Highways and SCC will not permit speed humps or road narrowing as traffic calming measures.

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Correspondence:

None.

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Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts

i) The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The Lloyds account balance was confirmed as £21,029.07 as of 21st August 2020.

Resolved 20/09/10.01

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

ii)

Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval

Resolved 20/09/10.02

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 & postage	000846	£3.51	
Came & Company	Insurance	000847	£636.64	
Mijan Ltd	Audit 2019-20	000848	£70.00	
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting	000849	£540.00	

Approval of cheques signed between meetings

Resolved 20/09/10.03

Approved cheque payments since the last meeting. Signed by Cllr. N. Foster and Cllr. K. Lucas.

ImpressExpress	Covid-19 Playground signage	000845	£15.00	
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iii)

Renewal & Adoption of the Annual Insurance Schedule & Policy 2020/21

Resolved 20/09/10.04

It was agreed to accept the renewal quote from Came & Company under the Long Term Agreement, with Pen Underwriting (AXA), for a total of £636.64.

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Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8:26pm

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Signed: *Nick Foster*
Chair, WPC

Date: 22nd October 2020