

Worlington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall from 7.30pm Thursday 5th September 2019

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

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Brian Harvey – WSC.

Item	Meeting opened at 07.30pm
	<p>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1): 12 Members of the public were in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the PCC confirmed that they are planning to discuss proposals to turn the lay-by opposite the Church into parking at their October meeting.• Several residents raised concerns over the Cricket Club Festival, they were concerned that the music was very loud over 3 nights, and that there was a lot of disruption and unruly behaviour by revellers leaving the event late at night. It was asked whether the Pc could write to the Club to ask them to consider changing the finish times for future events, and also whether they would consider donating some of the proceeds to local village charities.
19/09/1	<p>Chairman’s Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)): Apologies: Cllr. Ken Lucas. Absent: None.</p>
19/09/2	<p>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III: None.</p>
19/09/3	<p>To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2019 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2): Resolved 19/09/3.01 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2019 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chairman (NF).</p>
19/09/4	<p>Councillor Vacancy Update & Co-Option The Clerk advised that Peter Merrick had expressed an interest in coming back on the Council as a member. Cllr. Marshall proposed co-opting Peter Merrick onto the Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Nick Foster. Resolved 19/09/4.01 The vote was unanimous in favour of co-opting Peter Merrick on. Cllr. Peter Merrick signed his Declaration of Office, this was duly countersigned by the Clerk. Cllr. Merrick is to complete his Register of Interests, and return to the Clerk ASAP.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that an application had been received from Lesley Osborn to join the Council as a member. Cllr. Nick Foster proposed co-opting Lesley Osborn onto the Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Steve Foster. Resolved 19/09/4.02 The vote was unanimous in favour of co-opting Lesley Osborn on. Cllr. Osborn signed her Declaration of Office, this was duly countersigned by the Clerk. Cllr. Osborn also duly</p>

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completed her Register of Interests, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

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**External Forum:
County Councillor**

Cllr. Louis Busuttil sent his apologies and no report was submitted.

19/09/5.2

District Councillor

Cllr. Brian Harvey read out the following report;

“The first round of consultation for the proposed Sunnica Solar farm has now closed. There has been joint WS / SCC submission which is available via the planning portal. The next stage in this process will be for Sunnica to respond to these submissions. Once this is received I will be in a position to advise further. The planning portal number is: - DC/19/0472/EIASCO – The joint SCC/WS Consultation Response dated 11th April 2019 has now been issued. We have received an updated Sunnica Energy Farm proposal for land which has slightly changed from the original issued. The September briefing note has been copied to all Parishes accordingly.

As you may have seen in the local press West Suffolk have setup a Rural Task Force and have requested that local residents complete the survey shown at: -

Residents please take part at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ruralprioritiesresidents/>. Hard copies are also available to pick up at council offices and on request policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk 01284 757633.

Organisations and business, please take part at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ruralprioritiesorganisations/>

This survey has now closed (30th September 2019) and we await the summary report. Thanks to Residents who have taken part in this survey and attended these briefing meetings.

The process for Planning application reviews has changed slightly. It is now very important if Residents or PC's do have any concern's to ensure that these are raised to the appropriate Planning Case officer with copies to myself at: - brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk or on my mobile – 07801-472461, in order that I can present these issues at the “Revised Delegation Panel meetings”.

I have sent out to all Parish Clerks requesting (Manor Ward) that they update their settlement matrix and ranking. This is to ensure that the Planning Officers have the correct data recorded before we go forward. 2019 -2042. As many of you well know we still have a short fall in our current housing stock. When you take into account those construction projects already approved we will still have a shortfall of 6000 throughout West Suffolk to be constructed by 2042.

At the recent Full council meeting approval was given to the Single Issue Review (SIR) of core strategy Policy CS7 which has been approved by the Governments Planning Inspector. Report No COU/WS/19/007.

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In addition, the Site Allocation Local Plan (SALP) was reviewed and approved by the Planning Inspector for Adoption. Report COU/WS/19/008.

The Final Business case for the new Western Way Development which had been the subject to review by Residents and Councillors was approved at the meeting. Report COU/WS/19/009.

A notice of Motion was raised concerning the Environmental Emergency and global warming. This motion was referred to Full Cabinet due to the financial implication which maybe incurred.

19/09/5.3

Police Report

The latest edition of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) newsletter is now available to view on the Suffolk Constabulary website <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area>.

19/09/6

Reports:

Update from the Friends of the Village Hall

19/09/6.1

Cllr. N. Foster gave the following report;

“Not much has changed since my previous report. We have a few parties booked for later in the year. The Worlie Cafe returns tomorrow from 12pm-2pm, running the first Friday of the month until next May. The Café are also hosting an Afternoon Tea on 21st September for Macmillan Cancer Research.

19/09/6.2

Play Area and Maintenance

i)

Cllr. Foster (NF) advised that the recent H&S reports had identified that the fixings on the Cargo Net were rusted and unsafe. Cllr. Foster will look into options for replacing it.

ii)

Parish Footpaths & Public Footways.

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Lucas will do the repairs to the parish bridge in October.

19/09/6.3

SID (VAS) Scheme Update

The machine will be back in use when Cllr. Harvey is back in action following surgery.

19/09/6.4

External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon

None.

19/09/6.5

Clerks Report

None.

19/09/7

Planning Applications (For consideration):

19/09/7.1

DC/19/0146/FUL - (i) Change of use from agricultural land to accommodate 10no. holiday lodges (ii) manager's accommodation (iii) and open space for tourist accommodation and (iv) new access and associated parking – LOCATION – Ferry Lane, Worlington

Resolved 19/09/7.01

Formal Resolution of Objections submitted 19/08/2019.

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- 19/09/7.2** DC/19/1428/FUL & DC/19/1566/LB – Application for Listed Building Consent/Planning Application (i) Construction of new roof & rear wall (following demolition of existing roof & wall) (ii) Re-cladding rear & side elevations (part retrospective) (iii) new concrete floor (iv) re-pointing brick work & flint panels front and side elevations (v) insertion of doors (following removal of upvc door) (vi) insertion of windows & doors on front & side elevations (part retrospective) – LOCATION - Church Farm, 36 Church Lane, Worlington
Resolved 19/09/7.02
Formal Resolution of No Objections submitted 21/08/2019.
- 19/09/7.3** DC/19/1355/HH - (i) Conversion of existing kitchen and outbuildings to form new kitchen/diner and removal of boiler flue stack – LOCATION - Silverlea, Freckenham Road, Worlington
Resolved 19/09/7.03
Formal Resolution of No Objections submitted 26/07/2019.
- 19/09/7.4** **Sunnica Energy Farms Update**
The Parish Council Sunnica Alliance Group is due to meet on 9th September, the Clerk and Chair are to attend. The Questionnaire will then be approved and circulated to all residents. Currently the status is waiting for the formal application and finalised map. Suffolk Preservation Society and WSC/SCC have submitted formal response to the non-statutory consultation stage. It was agreed that collaboration between the PC Alliance and the Action Groups is vital and key. The Clerk is to look into the process and costs for a Neighbourhood Plan and is to discuss a proposal to join forces with Freckenham PC on their plan.
- 19/09/8** **Parish Matters:**
- 19/09/8.1** **'Hythe' River Access Update**
The Clerk is to liaise with Glenn from RLCP to see if there are any further options or solutions to the bank and mud problem.

The Parish Council will be looking at planting etc. and also clearing some of the branches and nettles in the woodland behind.
- 19/09/8.2** **Cricket Club Events & Lease Terms**
The Clerk is to write to the Cricket Club reiterating the terms of their lease and reminding them that they should be asking formal permission of the PC for any events and removal of the speed humps, which also need to be returned after as speedily as possible.
- 19/09/9** **Highways Issues:**
- 19/09/9.1** **Golf Links Road & Flooding Issues Update**
The Clerk has once again chased Fran Clarke and cc'd Mark Stevens, and sent new photos of the erosion and potholes and surface water, showing even in hot weather. The Clerk will now write to the CEO of SCC and our MP. Cllr. Harvey said he would try and talk to the Portfolio Holder.

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Traffic Calming & Speeding in the Village

The Clerk confirmed she had submitted a FOI request to the Suffolk Police Team to request the date on speed checks, data and convictions in the last 12 months for the village.

The Clerk advised that the Police were not willing to attend a site visit with Highways to discuss feasibility if any traffic calming solutions, the Clerk is still waiting to hear from Highways regarding this meeting.

19/09/9.3

Footpaths Update

The Clerk confirmed she had written to Highways and the Portfolio Holder regarding the ongoing and unresolved footpath issues in Worlington, no response had been received so far. The Clerk is to follow up on the overgrown vegetation on Mildenhall Rd and the blocked/damaged drain by 'Holly House' and the footpath erosion on The Street.

19/09/10

Correspondence:

- **Rural taskforce consultation**

The rural taskforce was established to help ensure the unique factors affecting our rural communities can be taken into account in making decisions. The first step is to find out what those factors are and the taskforce is seeking views from local people, organisations and businesses about what they see as the opportunities and issues in their area. Residents can take part at

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ruralprioritiesresidents/>

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In addition, the Rural Taskforce are holding 4 community engagement events which members are very welcome to attend. As per the e-mail from Sally Easton on Monday, the events are:

Monday 16 September 2.30 - 4pm at Freckenham Village Hall

Weds 18 September 5.30 – 7pm at Stanton Village Hall

Monday 23 September 2.30 to 4pm at Kedington Royal British Legion

Weds 25 September 6 to 7.30pm at Erskine Centre, Chedburgh

- **The Grants to External Organisations Review Group Consultation**

This group has been established to undertake a review of how the Council supports local groups and organisations through locality budgets, grants and reliefs. In the past, many of the core grant schemes worked in a similar way for both Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury, but there are some differences in the approach used to award grants and discounts. The creation of the new Council provides an ideal opportunity to review the processes for awarding locality budgets, grants and reliefs and to ensure they are consistent and fair across West Suffolk.

The purpose of the survey is to understand how the current arrangements have been

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working for your group or organisation, how they could be managed in the future and what might be improved. The survey is available at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/grantreview/>. The survey will close on 16 September and is open to all recipients and applicants for community grants (who have all been contacted directly about this).

- **Other Consultations;**

The chairman of the **Car Parking Review Group** is seeking Member comments and has written to group leaders to collate feedback. A user online survey is available

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WestSuffolkParking/

A consultation on the **Western Way Development** is underway, open to all residents, businesses and communities: <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council/wwd/>

The **Climate Change Taskforce** are currently considering plans for consultation and engagement.

The **Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document** is currently subject to consultation. This document helps guide the future delivery of affordable housing in West Suffolk. Details of the documents and how you can respond to the consultation is available at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/affordable-housing-supplementary-planning-document-2019.cfm>

Communities are being invited to have their say on the **Green Access Strategy – Rights of Way Improvement Plan** www.suffolk.gov.uk/rowip

19/09/11

Village Hall:

19/09/11.1

Kitchen Refurbishment Update

Cllr. Foster (NF) confirmed the cooker had now been installed and the patch on the wall has been fixed and painted. Thanks were given to Cllr. Harvey for his grant from his Locality Budget.

19/09/11.2

Funding Update

The Clerk continues to source grants & funding for the new windows and fire doors.

19/09/11.3

Village Hall Accounts

The Lloyds accounts balance was confirmed as £401.80 as of 19th August 2019.

Resolved 19/09/11.01.

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

19/09/12

Finance & Policies:

19/09/12.1

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts

The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The accounts balance was confirmed as £18,982.28 as of 23rd August 2019.

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Resolved 19/09/8.01

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

19/09/12.2

Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval

Resolved 19/09/8.02

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.

Came & Co.	Annual PC Insurance	000819	£619.55
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting June/July	000820	£540.00
Mrs V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	000821	£7.52
Mrs V Bright	PAYE Refund (HMRC)	000822	£110.00

19/09/12.3

Renewal of Annual Parish Council Insurance Policy

Resolved 19/09/12.03

It was agreed to approved the LTA 1st October 2022 at a cost of £619.55 with AXA Insurance through Came & Company Ltd.

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Items for Next Agenda:

- **Golf Links Road Flooding & Outstanding Highways Issues Update**
- **Play Area Repairs**
- **VAS Data Update**
- **Traffic Calming & Speeding Feasibility Update**
- **'Hythe' Track & Old Railway Cutting Land Registry Update**
- **Communication with Residents Formats**
- **Sunnica Solar Farm Update / Neighbourhood Plan**

The Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 9:18pm.

Signed: *Nick Foster*
Chair, Worlington PC

Date: 7th November 2019