

Worlington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall from 7.30pm Thursday 7th November 2019

Councillors present: Cllr. N Foster (NF) Chair, Cllr. K. Lucas (KL), Cllr. S. Foster (SF), Cllr. L. Osborne (LO) & Cllr. A. Marshall (AM).

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Brian Harvey – WSC. Cllr. Louis Busuttil – SCC.

Item	Meeting opened at 07.30pm
	<u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> 13 Members of the public were in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chairman is to arrange a site visit with RH Landscapes to discuss the Bell lane hedge cutting.
19/11/1	<u>Chairman’s Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):</u> Apologies: Cllr. Peter Merrick. Absent: None.
19/11/2	<u>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> Cllr. K. Lucas Item 19/11/13.3.
19/11/3	<u>Sunnica Energy Farms Update & Discuss Neighbourhood Plan</u> The Clerk advised that Freckenham would not consider joining forces on their Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk is to arrange a village meeting to have a presentation from a Planning Consultant. The new site plan for the proposed Sunnica solar farm was shown and discussed. The Clerk confirmed that the Sunnica Parish Council Alliance had now formed and are to work closely with the Action Groups and WSC/SCC & ECDC/CCC. It has been suggested that a meeting with Landowners be arranged to discuss and answer questions. However, at this time it was agreed, following guidance from WSC, to hold off meeting Sunnica representatives until their response to the non-statutory consultation and summary papers have been received. No response to date has been received from our MP, Mathew Hancock. The Clerk presented the results of the village questionnaire, see Appendix 1, these results are to be sent to the Parish Alliance. The Clerk promised to keep the website up to date with any developments.
19/11/4	<u>To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2019 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):</u> <u>Resolved 19/11/4.01</u> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 th September 2019 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chairman (NF).
19/11/5	<u>Councillor Vacancy Update & Co-Option</u> No further applications received.
19/11/6 19/11/6.1	<u>External Forum:</u> <u>County Councillor</u>

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Cllr. Louis Busuttill gave the following report;

- 4% increase for Council Tax
- The Finance Minister has resigned and been replaced by Gordon janes.
- Mary Evans is now the Cabinet Member for Child Social Care & education.
- Andrew Reid replaces the Roads & Transport Cabinet Member.

19/11/6.2

District Councillor

Cllr. Brian Harvey read out the following report;

1. "County Lines" drug issues and the impact upon our rural communities is being actively pursued by Suffolk Constabulary. This is a cross border operation resulting in several arrests and prosecutions being made. Recent updates and presentations by Suffolk Police concerning the issues are being actively pursued by the Constabulary.
2. Recent Police action concerning the travellers site on Elms Road with 5 arrests being made. As this is an ongoing police investigation no further information is being released at this time. There is an ongoing planning enforcement issues currently being actioned by WS Enforcement officers
3. The first round of consultation for the proposed Sunnica Solar farm has now closed. There has been joint WS / SCC submission which are 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 proposals for land which has slightly changed for the original issued.
The September briefing note has been copied to all Parishes accordingly.
4. As you may have seen in the local press WS have setup a Rural Task Force. 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.
5. 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".
6. I have sent out to all Parish Clerks (Manor Ward) requesting 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.

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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>.

19/11/7

19/11/7.1

Reports:

Update from the Friends of the Village Hall

Cllr. N. Foster gave the following report;

“A few more parties have been booked since the last meeting and the Church held one of their Fish & Chip Quiz Nights. The regular activities in the hall continue to be a good source of income and last month a new activity was started, encouraging people to come along and join in with arts & crafts, such as sewing, knitting etc.

The Worlie Café continues to bring in a decent amount each month. Next month’s three course Christmas meal guarantees to be a success, as it has done in previous years, please check the Pump for more details.

19/11/7.2

Play Area and Maintenance

Cllr. Foster will look into options for replacing the Cargo Net.

19/11/7.3

Parish Footpaths & Public Footways.

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Lucas had completed the repairs to the Parish bridge

The Clerk presented a request from Barton Mills PC, requesting assistance with the costs for cutting the footpath from Worlington Road to Station Road.

Resolved 19/11/7.01

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for half the costs for the cutting of the footpath between Worlington Rd and Station Rd.

19/11/7.4

SID (VAS) Scheme Update

The Clerk is to liaise with Highways Speed & Safety Team to request if Pole No.6 can be re-sited further down between Red House and The Oaks. Cllr. Brian Harvey has put in a request to the Police to carry out Speed Enforcement on Freckenham and Newmarket Road. The Clerk is also to approach Highways and the Police to request a joint site meeting to review the speed limits from Mildenhall to Worlington, to look at reducing to a 40mpf Buffer Zone and moving the 30mph limit further out. The Clerk is to look into calibration for the SID and is to order a new key.

19/11/7.5

External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon

None.

19/11/7.6

Clerks Report

- The RLCP have agreed to another site visit at the ‘Hythe’ to see if the slope can be improved.
- Bell Lane Hedge has now been cut back. Cllr Lucas & Cllr. N. Foster are to meet with RH Landscapes to confirm the cutting schedule.
- The Clerk advised she had reported complaints to Planning Enforcement regarding

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the development at 5-19 The Street. Their response is that footpath 2 is not in a bad condition and they feel they have no need to pursue Enforcement Action at this time. They suggested that the residents speak with the builders directly. They have spoken to the builders too, and they have agreed to put material down to fill the potholes that have been made.

- The Clerk confirmed she had written to the Cricket Club regarding the noise complaints and the speed humps.
- An update on planning application DC/19/1046/FUL was received, advising that the applicant has been given an extension, as they are working with Highways to establish whether a footpath link can be delivered along the road. Notwithstanding these discussions the Planning Officer has advised the applicant that they are likely to recommend refusal.

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Planning Applications (For consideration):

DC/19/1927/FUL – (i) Change of use of land to equine use (ii) associated new field access – LOCATION: Land opposite Burnside, Mildenhall Road, Worlington

Resolved 19/11/8.01

It was agreed to offer No Objections to application DC/19/1927/FUL, with comments supporting Highways concerns.

19/11/9
19/11/9.1

Parish Matters:

Communication Methods & Procedures with Residents

The Clerk reiterated that all communication is published on the PC website and on the Notice Board and in the Pump. Other suggestions were discussed; and it was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Editor of the Pump to request a regular page in each edition for the PC, as there is a requirement for the residents to be made aware of any PC business. The suggestion of a second notice board was also discussed.

19/11/9.2

Dog Bin – Badlingham Lane

The Dog Bin and signs have been removed from Badlingham Lane. Cllr. N. Foster is to source a replacement bin and the Clerk is to look into signage on Dog Fouling.

19/11/10
19/11/10.1

Highways Issues:

Golf Links Road & Flooding Issues Update

The Clerk read out a response from Highways Complaints Team, stating that their top priorities are sites where flooding effects homes, businesses and major transport routes, as such Golf Links Road sits below mid-table on the list. They have confirmed that it is on the 'longlist' and they will look into collaborating with any planned surfacing works.

The Clerk was asked to respond to advise that the issue of flooding and surface erosion is due solely to the concrete pad which is owned by the Landowner, and as such any action taken by Highways should not cost anything and in fact they should be urging the landowner to take

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action or face enforcement.

19/11/10.2

Traffic Calming & Speeding in the Village

No response received yet from Highways regarding the feasibility study request.

19/11/11

Correspondence:

None.

19/11/12

Village Hall:

19/11/12.1

Village Hall Accounts

The Lloyds accounts balance was confirmed as £482.25 as of 18th October 2019.

Resolved 19/09/12.01.

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

19/11/13

Finance & Policies:

19/11/13.1

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts

The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The accounts balance was confirmed as £16,661.69 as of 18th October 2019.

Resolved 19/11/13.01

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

19/11/13.2

Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval

Resolved 19/11/13.02

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.

SALC	Payroll	000823	£54.00
ICO	Data Protection Fee	000824	£40.00
Mrs V Bright	Mileage & expenses	000825	£69.05

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WSC	Elections	000826	£21.34
Mr K Lucas	Parish Bridge repairs	000827	£100.00
CAS	Website fee	000828	£60.00
PCC Worlington	Churchyard Tree Works	000829	£800.00

The Clerk is to prepare a new mandate for the Lloyds Bank accounts to add the new Councillor's as signatories on the accounts.

19/11/13.3

Discuss Donation to PCC for the Churchyard Tree Works

The Clerk presented a request from the Church PCC, asking for a donation to tree works in the churchyard. The request was discussed and voted upon, Cllr. Ken Lucas declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Resolved 19/11/13.03

It was agreed to make a donation of £800 to the PCC for essential tree works in the churchyard.

19/11/13.4

Remembrance Wreaths – Resolution to Purchase

Resolved 19/11/13.04

It was agreed to purchase a wreath from the Parish Council for the Remembrance Service and also a second one on behalf of the Church, at a cost of £18.50 each.

Cllr. Lucas is to lay the wreath on behalf of the PC, at the service.

19/11/14

Items for Next Agenda:

- **Golf Links Road Flooding –Highways Complaint Update**
- **Play Area Repairs (Cargo Net)**
- **VAS Data & Pole locations & Police Enforcement Update**
- **Traffic Calming & Speed Limit Feasibility Update**
- **Sunnica Solar Farm Update / Neighbourhood Plan**
- **Badlingham Lane – Dog Bin & Signage**
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The Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd January 2020 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 9:28pm.

Signed: *Nick Foster*

Chair, Worlington PC

Date: 2nd January 2020