

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Worlington Parish Council
Held via Zoom, on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr. N. Foster (Chair), Cllr. Peter Merrick, Cllr. Steve Foster, Cllr. Ken Lucas & Cllr. Lesley Osborn

Also Present: Cllr. Brian Harvey, WSC & Cllr. Louis Bussuttil & Cllr. Lance Stanbury, SCC Cllr. Michael J Peachey, West Row PC & Ian Poole, Places4People (Neighbourhood Plan Consultant). 3 members of public were also in attendance.

21/01/1 Apologies: Cllr. Alan Marshall.

It was noted that the Clerk was unable to attend due to being on sick leave.

21/01/2 Declarations of Members' Interest

None.

21/01/3 Approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd October 2020

Resolved 21/01/3.01

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2010 were agreed unanimously & signed by the Chair (NF).

21/01/4 To Agree the Co-option of Paula MacKenzie, as Councillor.

Cllr. Ken Lucas proposed co-opting Paula MacKenzie (Maddie) onto the Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Steve Foster.

Resolved 21/01/4.01

The vote was unanimous in favour of co-opting Paula MacKenzie onto the Council. Cllr. MacKenzie signed her Declaration of Office, this will be duly countersigned by the Clerk upon receipt after the meeting. The Clerk will issue Cllr. MacKenzie with a Register of Interests Form and the Governing documents of the Council after the meeting.

21/01/5 EXTERNAL FORUM

21/01/5.1 County Councillor

Cllr. Louis Bussuttil was present and gave the following report; he introduced Cllr. Lance Stanbury, who he hopes will be his replacement as County Councillor, as Cllr. Bussuttil Retires at the next election (6th May);

1. 300 Covid vaccines per day at the Jubilee centre, behind schedule but making progress for over 80's
2. Council Tax Rate rise will be maximum 2% plus additional 2% which will be ring-fenced for adult social care.
3. Asked for responses to west Suffolk housing public consultation. Voiced concern over traffic.

21/01/5.2 District Councillor

Cllr. Brian Harvey was present and gave the following report (see report **Appendix 1**)

1. Covid-19 Business grants now available.
2. Locality budget is now totally committed until April 2021

3. Sunnica are now approaching landowners with details of compulsory purchase at £1k per acre. Landowners must take own legal advice. Council cannot provide advice. Expecting a briefing on 4th February. No development control order put forward yet, but step to compulsory purchase is worrying. 4 councils put forward 79-page report but no information as yet.
4. Planning procedure has changed all councillors must be aware. Made the point that all “live” planning applications must be on agenda’s – we were missing Isleham Road and Mildenhall Road applications and wants them on as still “live”.

Question from Public – How are farmers being informed of compulsory purchase and what is time scale? – Cllr. Harvey advised he can’t answer that, as it is between landowners and Sunnica, but repeated advice for legal representation.

21/01/6 REPORTS

21/01/6.1 Play Area Update

Discussion over new net and wood chip to be dealt with after Lockdown.

21/01/6.2 Parish Footpaths

No issues to update.

21/01/6.3 VAS (SID) Data

Freckenham Road done, Hotel now and Newmarket Road next, but pole must be re-sited. Cllr. Brian Harvey to request prosecution figures from police. The most recent data will be in the Pump.

21/01/6.4 External meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon

None.

21/01/7 PLANNING (Consideration & Information)

21/01/7.1 Sunnica Energy Farm Proposal – Statutory Consultation Update

No updates. The Minutes of the last Sunnica Parish Alliance meeting to be forwarded to the Clerk.

21/01/7.2 Worlington Neighbourhood Plan Update

Ian Poole from Places4People, who will be hopefully acting as the Planning Consultant for the Parish Neighbourhood Plan was present and advised that Government grants are now available up to £10K

Our first decision is; do we include new Red Lodge housing or ask for new boundary? Ian Poole is to send meeting dates through for the Preliminary Meeting of the Working Party in March. Suggested to get the boundary sorted first and then apply for grants in April.

(Formal Resolution passed between meetings)

21/01/7.3 DC/20/2090/HH - detached double garage and bin store Location Rose Forge Worlington Road

Resolved 21/01/7.01

No objections to DC/20/2090/HH submitted 5th January 2021.

NOTE:

Isleham Road –not resolved – Highways now involved in producing report – should be ready for next meeting.

Newmarket Road DC\20\2252/OUT - new build south of Chestnuts. This application is to be formally resolved at the next meeting, as Objections are to be submitted 4th February 2021.

21/01/8 PARISH MATTERS

21/01/8.01 Classification of Worlington War Memorial as a Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

Historic England have advised that the War Memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. This means it is now listed as Grade II.

21/01/8.2 Worlington to West Row Track Maintenance (West Row PC)

Cllr. Peachey told the meeting that the footpath to West Row is not listed on any current Definitive Map and may cease to be maintained if the Parish Council's don't request it is maintained. Need community support of users of footpath to support the application. The footpath to Staunch House is also not listed. Looking for information in 1880 maps.

Cllr. Foster (NF) to gather forms to allow parishioners who use footpaths to express views. Cllr. Harvey, WSC offered to write a letter of support if parishioners want.

21/01/9 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

21/01/9.1 Meeting with Highways Ref: Traffic Calming & Highway Issues in the Village Update

Still no date for meeting, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Clerk will continue to follow up for a date post Lockdown

21/01/10 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

21/01/11 FINANCE & POLICIES

21/01/11.1 Parish Council Bank balances/reconciliation from list of payments & receipts

The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The Lloyds account balance was confirmed as £15,850.80 as of 8th January 2021

Resolved 21/01/11.01

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

21/01/11.2 Cheques for signing/approval & to authorise payment of outstanding invoices Clerk to arrange signatures after the meeting.

Resolved 21/01/11.02

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.

ICO	Data Protection Fee	000855	£40.00
Mrs V Bright	Mileage, expenses (Printer/Laminator contribution) & backdated pay rise	000856	£166.41

21/01/11.3 Review & Adopt the Projected Budget for 2021/22

The projected budget for 2021/22, was scrutinised and approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. N. Foster. With projected expenditure of £15,927.80.

Resolved 21/01/11.03

It was agreed to adopt the budget for 2020/21 with expenditure of £16,321.00.

21/01/11.4 Agree & Adopt the Precept Figures 2021/22

Options presented; Option 1 £13,992 (5.13% increase), Option 2 £14,749 (0% increase), Option 3 £14,884 (0.91% increase). Cllr. S. Foster proposed adopting Option 2, this was seconded by Cllr. L. Osborn.

Resolved 21/01/11.04

It was agreed to submit the Precept request at £14,749.00, a 0% increase, due to the anticipated 4% increase on rates from WSC & the Police.

21/01/11.5 To Discuss and Agree any Procedures during the Clerks Long Term Sickness

Not discussed?

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th March 2021 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8:41pm

Signed: *Nick Foster*
Chair, WPC

Date: 4th March 2020