

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Worlington Parish Council

Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall Worlington

Councillors present: Cllr L Osborne (LO), Cllr Paula MacKenzie (PM) - Chair, Cllr Chris Hall (CH) and Cllr Tim French (TF)

Present: Clerk – Joanna Priestley (JP)

ITEM		Action
23/04/1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972, SECTION 85(1 and 2)) There were nine members of the public present and the Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Geraldine Ciantar (GC) and Alan Marshall (AM).	
23/04/2	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (LGA 2000 PART III) PM – Item 6.	
23/04/3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(2)) The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd March 2023 were approved as amended at 10.1 and signed by the Chairperson, having been previously circulated to the Councillors. Resolved 23/04/3	
23/04/4	PUBLIC FORUM – LGA 1972, SECTION 100(1) A member of the public asked if anyone knew how to use the defibrillator. LO explained she did and that training was given when it was installed. PM to speak to a contact regarding costs of training. The parishioner also enquired about the state of the gutters at the Village Hall and that they needed cleaning. It was agreed that this would be done as part of a rolling programme of works. Another village member expressed concern that the builders at 5 Freckenham Road were still parking at war memorial. The Clerk confirmed that developer had been told several times to stick to the agreed arrangement to park at The Meadows or on the neighbouring farmer's land. AM had spoken to them several times and LO and AM had also emailed the developer directly. The Clerk will write to the enforcement officer.	PM JP
23/04/5	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE LO showed the Councillors and public the NP booklet and said limited paper copies could be loaned for up to five days from 11 th April and this would also be available on the website from then. LO commented that the section on green spaces needed checking and urged people to study it and let the committee know if they have any queries. On 15 th April, from 10am to 1pm, the committee would hold a session at the Village Hall with coffee and cake to discuss the NP. Comments are due by 30th May. The Clerk will give CH the key to the post box to receive replies.	JP
23/04/6	SUNNICA UPDATE PM explained that the examination for the Sunnica Energy Farm closed at midnight Tuesday 28th March 2023. The Government Examiners will spend the next 3 months reviewing the evidence they have received and will compile a Recommendation Report that will be issued to the Secretary of State at the end of June, which will not be published. The Secretary of State will then have a further three months to make a final decision. The final decision will be announced around late September. The Say No to Sunnica group have stated "We need you to ensure our local councillors and MPs are still supporting the refusal of this flawed scheme. They need to know that our objection hasn't waned and that we continue to say No to Sunnica. So please write to your MPs again and discuss with any councillors you might meet."	

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23/04/7 FINANCE

The Clerk stated that the balance stood at £23,616.26 as at 17th March 2023. The following cheques were approved:

Subject	Amount (£)
Expenses	57.90
Play Area Sign	48.00
Payroll Service to 31 March 2023	54.00
Coronation event supplies	169.11
March landscape maintenance	324.00
Neighbourhood Plan support	9,858.00

23/04/8 SCC HIGHWAYS REPORT 373970 - THE STREET, WORLINGTON

CH explained that a parishioner wrote to Suffolk Highways about water not draining outside Holly House. It was not logged on their website so the Clerk reported it again and it is now showing on Suffolk Highways' website. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot do much more do at present other than keep an eye on it and chase as necessary.

23/04/9 HYTHE SIGN

CH explained that a sign had previously been agreed to state "no camping and no open fires" and Nick Foster had obtained a quote for £54 including VAT. It was agreed that this should be purchased.

23/04/10 PLANNING

10.1 Planning application - variation of condition 2 (approved plan) of DC/20/0775/FUL - Land Adjacent to The Grove 10 The Street Worlington Suffolk

CH advised that this variation was for a Porch, garage and kitchen extension. The vehicular access and felling of about 12 trees were approved in a previous planning application dated in 2018. LO stated that in the letter the trees had already been felled but they were actually felled today. No objections.

10.2 Planning application for one detached garage - DC/23/0319/FUL - Hall Cottages Mildenhall Road Worlington Suffolk IP28 8RY

CH advised the council were now outside the consultation period but noted there is a recommendation that trees and hedges are protected.

11 KING'S STAUNCH

11.1 CH explained that Clerk had logged with Suffolk Highways a tree growing in the staunch in a gap in the brickwork and awaits a response. The Clerk will seek advice from Suffolk Heritage who state on their website that this is one of the best examples of a complete staunch. JP

12 STREET LIGHTS

The Clerk confirmed that two more LED lights had been ordered for the street lights near the Worlington Hall Hotel.

13 CORONATION

The Clerk confirmed that GC has made most of the purchases for the event on 8th May. LO stated that the DKW will provide gonks for the children to paint and LO will assist them and provide any necessary first aid at the event. PM advised the trail had been organised and GC had organised face painting. The Church will provide teas and coffees.

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14 SID DATA

TF stated his proposed report shown last month had been amended slightly and would go on the website. He confirmed it needs to show recording dates for when the batteries run out. 88,000 vehicles were recorded passing the SID in 20 days in March, 11,000 of those exceeded 35mph. It was agreed to send TF's data to the County and District Councillors with a view to securing the ANPR device. CH will keep pressure on Suffolk Police to help reduce speeding.

15 HEDGEROW CLEARANCE ON RECREATION GROUND

TF wanted to make people aware of zealous pruning along part of one side of the paddock. He had a conversation with a member of the Cricket Club who was cutting back the hedge who stated they were losing balls. The ivy bush is on the paddock side not on the Recreation side. TF suggested the Club should let WPC know before pruning in future.

16 Date of the next meeting

The Clerk advised that the election for Manor Ward would be held on the usual date of the next parish council meeting (4th May) and she was taking the next Thursday as holiday. It was decided that the next full parish meeting should be held on **Tuesday 9th May 2023** and this should be promoted via the website, Facebook page and noticeboard accordingly. For the next PC meeting on Tuesday 9th May, was it decided to also have the Annual Parishioners meeting.

JP

Meeting Closed 8.30pm.

Signed: *Chris Hall*

Date: 9th May 2023

Chair, Worlington Parish Council