

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Worlington Parish Council

Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall Worlington

Councillors present: C Hall (CH) – Chair, Cllr L Osborne (LO) – Vice Chair, Cllr T French (TF), Cllr E Kerr (EK), Cllr A Marshall (AM), Cllr N Foster (NF) and Cllr S Foster (SF)
Present: Clerk – Joanna Priestley (JP)

ITEM		Action
23/10/1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972, SECTION 85 (2)) CH welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were four parishioners in attendance. There were no apologies.	
23/10/2	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (LGA 2000 PART III) None.	
23/10/3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(2)) The minutes of the meeting dated 7 th September 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.	
23/10/4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING SF confirmed that anti slip material for the steps to the Kings Staunch footbridge would cost £12-14 and it was agreed that he should purchase and fit this. CH confirmed that the parking issue at the Green was resolved but only because the works had been completed at the property nearby.	SF
23/10/5	PUBLIC FORUM – LGA 1972, SECTION 100(1) Former Cllr Ken Lucas enquired about the repairs to the Green and CH confirmed that once WPC receives a response to the letters sent to Anglian Water and Suffolk Highways regarding the damage, next steps would be agreed. KL announced he no longer wished to be responsible for the maintenance of the Green and grass around the War Memorial and NF and SF confirmed they would take over this work.	NF/SF
23/10/6	PLANNING	
6.1	DC/23/1473/TPO – 2 The Paddocks - PO 01 (1985) tree preservation order - one Robina acacia (T2 on plan and order) overall crown reduction by up to five metres No comments or objections.	
6.2	DC/23/1474/TPO - Threadneedle 3 The Paddocks - TPO 01 (1985) tree preservation order - one Robina Acacia (T1 on plan) overall crown reduction by up to five metres No comments or objections.	
6.3	DC/23/1408/HH - Groom House Newmarket Road Worlington Suffolk IP28 8RZ - Householder planning application - detached two and a half bay garage and store with home office and gymnasium above The location was discussed and it was noted that the proposals are in keeping with the existing property. No objections. TF suggested that since the Parish Council need to respond to WSC on these applications, that we take the opportunity to encourage WSC to undertake appropriate enforcement of planning consent since there have been instances in the past (not related to the current applications) where enforcement has not been adequate.	
23/10/7	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LO updated councillors that the comments have been collated and the plan adapted. This is now available to view. One comment asked to look at holding an area of special interest. The consultant advised that individual consent of householders and another vote would be necessary and it would take a minimum of four weeks. As there is no funding remaining for	

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this work, an extra paragraph is to be included to this extent. The final NP will be ready to approve at the next meeting in November.

23/10/8 SUNNICA

CH explained that the original deadline was at the end of September and the Secretary of State had moved this to 7th December.

23/10/9 PLAY AREA

CH stated that the monthly inspection had been circulated. The inspection noted that the bark chippings are lower than the recommended depth of 400mm but still deemed low risk. Generally, the inspection report was positive and any low risk issues will be monitored by the Parish Council.

23/10/10 HIGHWAYS

10.1 Closure of A11 crossings

CH explained that Tuddenham PC has invited Worlington Parish Council and other PCs to a meeting to form a strategy group. This was discussed and a vote on the closures was taken. Four opposed the closure and three were in favour. JP to reply to Tuddenham PC to agree to join the strategy group with a majority vote but a split PC.

JP

23/10/11 FINANCE AND AUDIT

11.1 Cheques for signing/approval to authorise payment of outstanding invoices

The following cheques were authorised and duly signed:

Cheques to be signed		
Payee	Subject	Amount (£)
NALC	Advert for Clerk in August 2022 (July cheque lost in post and cancelled)	120.00
R H Landscapes	August Grass Cutting	354.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	AGAR Audit	252.00
Gallagher Insurance	Insurance 2023-24	803.76
R H Landscapes	September Grass Cutting	354.00
SALC	March – September 2023 Payroll Service	54.00
Joanna Priestley	September Expenses	70.82

11.2 AGAR Audit

JP confirmed that the AGAR audit had been completed during the summer and submitted to PFK Littlejohn who had concluded the audit with no further action. The appropriate documents had been made available to view on the website.

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm.

Signed: *Chris Hall*

Date: 2nd November 2023

Chair, Worlington Parish Council