

WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Worlington Parish Council Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall Worlington

Councillors present: Cllr Chris Hall (CH) – Chair, Cllr Lesley Osborne (LO) – Vice Chair, Cllr Tim French (TF), Cllr Nick Foster (NF) and Cllr Edward Kerr (EK)
Present: Clerk – Joanna Priestley (JP)

ITEM		Action
24/02/1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972, SECTION 85 (2)) CH welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were two parishioners in attendance. Apologies were received from Councillor Edward Kerr (EK). Councillor Alan Marshall (AM) was also absent.	
24/02/2	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (LGA 2000 PART III) None.	
24/02/3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(2)) The minutes of the meeting dated 11 th January 2024, having previously been circulated by JP, were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.	
24/02/4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING JP explained that she had spoken to the owners of 1 The Paddocks who had agreed to cut back their overhanging hedge as soon as possible. Councillors thanked them for their swift response to their letter. TF asked for Cllr David Taylor and Sergeant Williams' email addresses to set up a meeting and CH will give him 3 years of SID data to bring to the meeting. CH wants to ask Lance Stanbury (LS) how his plan to reduce speeding is going. LS will also be invited to the meeting. TF will send minutes of the last meeting to them all. NF said he has taken pics of fallen tree at the Hythe and will liaise with donor of posts to make a fence. NF stated the new post and sign has been stolen at the Hythe and must have been done by machine as the concrete dug out. All agreed this was very disappointing. JP to put this on the next agenda.	TF NF JP
24/02/5	PUBLIC FORUM – LGA 1972, SECTION 100(1) A parishioner stated he saw a Police van in the village and said he thought he should be in a better location than by the truck that parks along The Street.	
24/02/6	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LO stated that the NP was still available to read. LO has spoken to the consultant who confirmed his fees were within what had been funded. He will make sure but it seems that WPC refunded to the grantor unspent funds and then had increased fees the next time resulting in some confusion in what had been spent. LO reiterated that, on the day, it was really important for members of the village to vote on the NP as a low turn out may not help to achieve everything the NP sets out to do.	
24/02/7	SUNNICA CH confirmed the new deadline was 7 th March 2024. The Secretary of State (SOS) issued a letter on 14 th December to Sunnica requesting a landscaping visual impact report and a response to Natural England's concerns regarding stone curlews populations by 11 th January. The responses were published on SOS' website on 25 th January. SOS invited all registered parties to add comments to both of these before 26 th January.	

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24/02/8 LOCAL PLAN

CH explained that the Local Plan (LP) commenced on 30th January. LO stated that the NP was included on the presentation. The LP can be viewed at the following locations until 12th March:

- Brandon Library, The Brandon Centre, Bury Road, Brandon, IP27 0BQ
- Haverhill House, Lower Downs Slade, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 9EE
- Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7JX
- Newmarket Library, 1a The Guineas, Newmarket, CB8 8EQ
- West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

CH confirmed that the settlement boundary has not moved for Worlington on the LP. Old Bridge Close is still outside settlement boundary.

24/02/9 FUNDING

9.1 West Suffolk Council Locality Budget

CH explained that there is money to be spent in both locality budgets for WSC and SCC before the end of the financial year on 31st March. Ideas that had been suggested prior to the meeting were improvements to the Village Hall, eg more double glazed windows or fire doors and resurfacing the area outside. Minor improvements to the play area were suggested to which SF advised these were inexpensive and not worth using funding.

TF suggested a new SID device post on the verge near the post box or opposite. JP to make enquiries. LO advised that the wide verge at Reeders would be a good location. JP

It was agreed to seek locality funding to replace the stolen sign at the Hythe (see item 4). The hedge falling into ditch was discussed but this was deemed too expensive for locality funding. NF to speak to a parishioner who may be able to assist with fencing. It was also agreed to clarify who is responsible for the maintenance of the hedge, the Parish Council or Suffolk Highway as the former owns the ditch and the latter owns the PROW. JP

A dog waste bin was suggested by LO to be situated on Green Lane where a previous one was stolen. JP to complete forms asking for the bin and the sign for a start. JP

9.2 Suffolk County Council Locality Budget

See 9.1.

9.3 Decarbonisation Initiatives Fund

LO confirmed that this had been completed and sent to West Suffolk Council.

10 FINANCE

10.1 Approval to authorise payments of outstanding invoices

It was agreed to make the following payments online.

Outstanding payments		
Payee	Subject	Amount (£)
Joanna Priestley	January Expenses	46.05
Places4People	January Invoice Neighbourhood Plan	3,368.88

10.2 Online Banking

JP explained that although CH and TF were now authorised to make payments, the banking system acknowledged JP as a signatory. Therefore, it was agreed to select the option that three signatories are required to make payments to negate JP's authorisations. LO will print the form to become an online signatory. CH commented how good the system is. CH
LO

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11 PLAY AREA

There was no update.

12 HIGHWAYS

12.1 Extension of 30mph limit

CH explained that an order had been received from Suffolk County Council to extend the 30mph section from Mildenhall to Worlington by about 100m.

12.2 Suffolk Highways signs

CH confirmed that Suffolk Highways (SH) had left at least three road closures signs around the village for many weeks after works were completed. Two of these had been collected and the last one, by the hotel, had been reported by JP. SH apologised and confirmed they would collect it as soon as possible.

12.3 Litter

CH stated that litter pickers at West Suffolk Council were working along Newmarket Road today. NF also commented he is in the process of arranging another litter pick in the village and will give further details nearer the time. **NF**

The next full parish meeting to be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Worlington Parish Council