

# WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 APRIL 2014, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mr K Bellamy; Mrs S Bonfield; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Mr Rose; Mr R Gamble [WC for part].

**Apologies:** Mr A Midgley; Mrs C. Simpson].

**Also present:** Mr G Collins; Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Good Energy Ltd.; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

**Before the meeting opened, Cllr R Hunt-Grubb and Mr P Mackie made a presentation on Potterne Parish Council's experience with community-led planning.**

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### 14/15/001 Declarations of interest.

There were none.

### 14/15/002 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

### 14/15/003 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted that Back Lane still had muddy areas caused by a spring emerging, but that surface scraping had improved the situation.

### 14/15/004 Public participation

There was none.

### 14/15/005 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble reported on the Core Strategy Inspector's comments, and potential impact on local Neighbourhood Plan preparation. Cllr Gamble also noted the completion of the School Bus parking zone outside the Primary School. It was reported that parents on the 'school run' were now parking on the verge.

### 14/15/006 Road Safety Strategy

The Clerk reported that four of the nine Action Plan items were now either complete or in hand, including design work for the proposed Informal Crossing Point near Cedar Close. This will assist public consultation when available.

Cllr Johnson reported receipt of a suggestion that the Council support a volunteer offer to undertake a traffic count survey. The Clerk undertook to establish from Wiltshire Council what support they would give to such results.

### 14/15/007 Defibrillator

The Clerk reported on his research as requested at the last meeting. The views of the British Heart Foundation (on device security) and British Medical Journal (on cost benefit) were noted, and the costs from a number of charities supplying installations received. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would establish further views from the Ambulance service, but that currently there was insufficient evidence to establish a case to proceed.

### 14/15/008 Cuckold's Green bench location

The Chairman reported receipt of correspondence arising from publicity in the last The Bridge magazine, challenging the proposed positioning of a bench opposite the Cuckold's Green turn, and suggesting it should be sited inside the play equipment enclosure at Sandlease. After

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discussion it was **agreed** that the original site was suitable to support walkers on a circular path around the village, and that the existing bench in Sandlease would be moved inside the enclosure when play equipment is moved to high ground.

#### **14/15/009 Planning matters**

There were no decisions to report.

14/02273/FUL Lower End Farm, Long St., Marston - PV Solar Farm and cabinets;  
An explanation was given by the applicant Company, and questions taken. The Chairman reported one written objection from a resident. The Council **noted** that the applicant had arranged a community consultation event before the application was lodged. Cllr Rose requested his concern that this Council had not consulted the community directly be recorded and Cllr Salaman concurred. All **agreed** that no objection be made.

14/03421/TCA 185 High Street - felling and reduction of trees;

14/02654/LBC 88 High Street - painting of external elevation;

14/02645/FUL Cloverleaze, South Cross Lane - stables and tack room;

14/02109/FUL Ware Farm, West End, Potterne- internal alterations, garden room, carport,  
No objections were made.

#### **14/15/010 Financial Statement 2013/14**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a report and accounts for 2013/14, which was **noted**.

#### **14/15/011 Grant to Village Hall**

The Chairman sought confirmation from Cllr Salaman as to Marston Parish Council's proposed financial support for the Village Hall, following the recent joint meeting with Trustees. Cllr Salaman confirmed that a £1000 grant would be made, and that purchasing facilities would be provided to assist with procurement of supplies.

Cllr Bellamy proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and all **agreed** that £7000 is to be made available to the Village Hall in support of its main grant application process, and that similar procurement facilities are provided, so ensuring an overall £8000 contribution.

#### **14/15/012 Disbursements**

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
644 R Wilshire (concrete re Notice Board)	17.20

#### **14/15/013 Correspondence received**

The Clerk reported receipt of a circular from the NSPCC requesting support for a schools-based support service. A donation of £34.13 was agreed to support a 'Buddy pack' (for next meeting).

Publicity for Wiltshire Council's Tick Awareness campaign had also been received. Cllr Rose undertook to prepare an article for The Bridge magazine.

#### **14/15/014 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Five Lanes School.

#### **14/15/015 Items of Maintenance**

The Clerk noted that the Village Survey by Streetscene managers would take place on 1 May. Cllrs Wilshire, Bellamy, and Johnson undertook to attend.

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**14/15/016 Key Messages**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed ..... Chairman, 6 May 2014