

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 April 2016, 7.30PM
THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON
MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mr M Fisher; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; vacancy;

Apologies: Mrs S Bonfield

Also present: 1 member of the public, Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Cllr R Gamble; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Bonfield sent her apologies and these were accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no interests declared.

3. The minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Bill Francis and seconded by Cllr Johnson to accept the minutes, this was carried and the minutes were signed.

4. Chairman's announcements.

It was agreed to remove the waste bin in Whatleys.

Bus shelter ivy has been sprayed with weedkiller, but this will need to be repeated as the ivy is very strong.

Neighbourhood Planning Group terms of reference – these are proposed to include at least 10 or 12 people on the steering group, keeping Parish Councillors to the minimum, and an independent Chair.

Cllr Simpson has resigned, the Council accepted her resignation and thanks her for her work.

5. Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person. [Note: this item is for questions or representations on any matter set out below and is the only opportunity for such at this meeting. New business cannot be raised but should be requested for a future agenda to a councillor or Clerk to the Council outside this meeting].

No issues were raised by the public.

6. Wiltshire Councillor's report.

Bin lorries have been damaging the verge in Sandlease, partly because of the parked cars on the bend. Suggestion is to deter parking by putting an H bar with a white line to remind people that it is not a good place to park. Cllr Wilshire to meet with Malcolm Beaven regarding the problem.

Balfour Beatty contract started on the 1st of April, and there will be a reinstatement of the Parish Steward Scheme.

Regarding the Mill Race footpath Cllr Midgely has identified that the land 6ft beyond the stream belongs to the Mill. Cllr Wilshire suggested arranging a meeting between Cllr Midgely, Miss Fry and Wiltshire Council. Clerk to contact Paul Millard regarding a meeting.

Cllr Gamble informed the Council that the B3098 is closing between West Lavington and Westbury at night for around 20 nights, which may lead to an increase in traffic through Worton.

Cllr Gamble apologised for the lack of progress with SIDs and confirmed that he would work on arranging the scheme.

7. Village condition survey feedback

Cllrs Johnson and Wilshire surveyed the High Street and identified 10 overgrowing hedges, foliage and gravel issues. The hedge outside Prince Hill is a highways issue as it is not accessible from the pavement. Clerk to contact Malcolm Beaven and to print 15 letters to residents about overhanging vegetation, Cllr Johnson to deliver.

8. Insurance for Mill Race footpath

The Council unanimously decided to include the Mill Race footpath – 250m from the Sluice to where the footpath widens to six feet along the rest of the Mill Race – on their Public Liability Insurance with no additional cost until further notice. This is as a special agreement.

9. Neighbourhood Planning - report and next steps

Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation application has not gone out for consultation yet and is in process with the clerk. Clerk to chase.

10. Report from the meeting with Marston

Three people attended to discuss how Worton and Marston can work together more, a village fete event or football match between the villages which is partly funded by Solar panel money from each village was suggested.

11. Update on Whatleys nursery application

The proposers have hired an architect and are approaching Wiltshire Council for pre planning advice.

12. Set a date for AGM/APM

Invite – speedwatch, Village hall, Link, WI, toddler group,

13. Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider application: and any applications received after agenda publication.

[16/02692/TCA](#) – Works to trees in a conservation area – fell one ash tree, 123 High Street, Worton – approved

[16/02686/TCA](#) – Works to trees in a conservation area – fell one pine tree, 121 High Street, Worton – approved

Sandleaze – extension – Cllr Johnson and Cllr Devine delegated authority to decide the application.

14. Disbursements

1&1 internet £35.93

Mark Goddard £228.00

Village Hall £119.00

Clerk and allowance £328.69 and £15

15. Date of next meeting (set for Monday 9 May 2016)

16. Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda).

Sandleaze playground is waterlogged under the climbing frame. Clerk to get quotes for matting.

17. Key messages.

Cut foliage back, clean up gravel.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

NP area designation – not meeting until okay to proceed

Meeting ended 8.31pm