

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2015, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Mr A Midgley; Mrs C Simpson.

Also present: Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Mr S Dewar; Ms S Willox; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

ACTION

Before the meeting opened presentations were received from the Wiltshire Council community youth officer and the Potterne, Worton and Marston parish church youth worker.

14/15/180 Declarations of interest.

There were none.

14/15/181 Minutes of the last meeting

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

14/15/182 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the last Marston Parish Council meeting at which funding of £300 per annum to the Village Hall and £150 per annum to Wiltshire Air Ambulance had been agreed.

14/15/183 Public participation

Cllr Salaman made representations on the future of Worton Primary School. It was **agreed** that this matter would be an agenda item in future.

14/15/184 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble reported that a Young Persons' exhibition event was set for 12 February at which activities and support for young people would be showcased. Cllr Gamble also offered support for continuing inquiries and investigations into drainage issues on the High Street.

14/15/185 Rose and Crown public house

The Clerk reported that a nomination to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted. Since the last meeting it had become clear that the pub was being marketed as a going concern, and that commercial interest had been shown by a buyer. It was explained that in this event, the imposition of a moratorium on a sale would achieve the contrary effect to that intended, and a recommendation was made to withdraw the nomination before the deadline of 10 February. It was **agreed** that the nomination be withdrawn with immediate effect, noting that it could be re-submitted if circumstances change again in the future.

14/15/186 Community Survey

Cllr Johnson noted that previous work to generate a community survey had not been finalised. It was **agreed** that a Working Group would meet to develop a survey. Cllrs Johnson, Bonfield, Rose and Wilshire were nominated to the Group.

14/15/187 High Street drainage

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MR

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the last Area Board, at which representations were made to the Area Streetscene co-ordinator on drainage matters. It was clarified that the responsibility for the maintenance of drains ends at the boundary between the highway and private property. The high-capacity Vactor jetting machine had been requested to attend to attempt clearance of blockages. Cllrs Wilshire and Johnson undertook to visit affected households for these arrangements to be explained.

14/15/188 C20 road safety

The Clerk reported that Marston had agreed to participate in further discussion, in addition to Poulshot. Responses were awaited from Seend and Bulkington.

14/15/189 High Street metrocount

The Clerk reported on data received for the metrocount recently completed at the eastern end of the High Street, with the 85th percentile speed recorded as 35.6mph.

14/15/190 Tree planting project

Cllr Bonfield reported that two applications had been received. It was **agreed** that consideration should also be given to plantings in the play areas. A policy and process was required, and a grant application for Aster Communities is in hand.

14/15/191 Marston Parish Council co-operation and support

It was **agreed** that benefit had been achieved from current shared attendances at meetings of each parish, and that this arrangement should continue. It was **agreed** that a rota be circulated by the Clerk for each Worton councillor to attend a meeting of Marston PC in the future.

14/15/192 Planning matters

The Clerk reported that the Core Strategy had now been adopted by Wiltshire Council.

The following applications were considered:

15/00528/TCA Malthouse Yard, 65 High Street – tree works;

15/00693/TCA Ivy house, 41 High Street – tree works;

No objections were made.

14/15/193 Wiltshire Air Ambulance

The Chairman reported on the creation of a new independent charity that provides the air ambulance. Running costs were outlined, together with new plans for the transport of blood that requires additional funding. It was proposed by Cllr Wilshire, seconded by Cllr Bonfield and **agreed** by all that £320 be donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance each year as a standing budget item from 2015/16 onwards. It was also **agreed** that enquiries be pursued as to whether the charity would benefit from lobbying of MPs to seek central government funding of this service.

14/15/194 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
693 Charlton Baker (payroll admin fee)	117.60

694 WALC (course)	42.00
695 P Baxter (expenses)	42.32
696 S J Franklin (hedge cutting)	132.00

14/15/195 Correspondence received

There was none.

14/15/196 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday 2 March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

14/15/197 Items of Maintenance

The condition of Mill Road arising from nearby works was raised. The Clerk was asked to correspond with the contractors. The next Streetscene co-ordinator visit is scheduled for 19 February, Cllr Johnson undertook to liaise.

14/15/198 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that the tree scheme, the pub decision, air ambulance donation and metrocount data be mentioned in an article for The Bridge magazine, to be prepared by Cllr Bonfield.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed Chairman, 2 March 2015