

**WORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 January 2016, 7.30PM  
THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr M Fisher; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson; Mrs C Simpson(part)

**Apologies:** Alan Midgely

**Also present:** 3 members of the public, Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

**AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Midgely gave his apologies, these were accepted by the Council.

**2 Declarations of interest and dispensation agreements for precept setting**

No interests were declared in other items on the agenda, and dispensations were granted for precept setting to all councillors.

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

Cllr Francis proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded the approval of the minutes. The Council approved the minutes

**4 Chairmans announcements**

Mill House is flooded again virtually, and there is a general concern regarding flood plains around the village given the recent rain.

**5 Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person.**

[Note: this item is only for questions or representations addressed to the Council 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].

Nick Stokes – plans for the open weekend for June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for the Queen’s anniversary

**6 Wiltshire Councillor’s report**

Cllr Gamble did not attend.

**7 Neighbourhood Planning Update (Cllr Simpson)**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are putting together an application form to send to Wiltshire Council, to designate the Worton Parish area as the area for the Neighbourhood Plan. Council happy to continue with the suggested paragraph 7 as circulated.

Map within the core strategy – planning part of the WC website will have one.

Terms of Reference for the group was circulated at the meeting, the Council delegated power to CllrJohnson and Cllr Wilshire to agree this.

28<sup>th</sup> January there will be a Neighbourhood Plan starter meeting – Clerk to put up posters

NP group to provide budget to the Council.

**8 Discuss consultation on starting a community village shop**

Following the survey, the Council considered asking residents to get involved with a community shop, financial backing and volunteers to help run it. It was agreed that this would be included as part of a future Neighbourhood Plan leaflet drop.

**9 Clerk update regarding resignation from Poulshot parish Council and implications for Worton PC**

Clerk to talk to Philip regarding The Cloud storage ER

**10 Finance – to set the 2016/17 precept**

Precept – The Council confirmed the precept requirement of £11137.28 Clerk to tell WC that it requires the top up grant of £63.08 and 10,837.28 precept, the rest to come from rents. (Cllr Simpson gave apologies and left the meeting).

**11 Playground maintenance at Sandlease – to consider a quote for works**

Clerk to get another two quotes.

**12 SIDs – to decide if WPC wishes to be part of a group of Councils sharing a Speed Indicator Device**

More information on costs

**13 Playground review - consider responses (Cllr Francis)**

The review sought to know what do people think about playgrounds and the use of them. Two letters received. Sandlease so wet it is unusable. Ditch options were considered to assist Sandlease drainage.

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Cllr Francis to contact ROSPA for advice on management of flooded playgrounds. Cllrs Wilshire and Cllr Johnson to look at the drainage too.

**14 Mill Race footpath – next steps (Cllr Wilshire)**

Looking for help to progress matters with Wiltshire Council. Met with Paul Millard and come up with suggestions – left messages and no response. Edna Fry's loan to Wiltshire Council – use at own responsibility. Richard Broadhead/ Richard Gamble to be contacted. Advise to take the footpath off the map.

ER

**15 Insurance implications of volunteers doing more around the village**

The clerk clarified that volunteers undertaking work in the village on behalf of the Parish Council are covered subject to a risk assessment.

**16 Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider and decide any that are received before the meeting**

No planning applications had been received or decided since the last meeting.

**17 Disbursements**

£35 ICO

£421.80 MP Williams hedge cutting

£328.69 E Read

£15.00 Allowance

**18 Future agenda item planning**

Nick re Open weekend plans

Solar farm money – terms of reference

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Cllr Fisher to attend Marston Parish Chapel Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30

**19 Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 7.30pm)**

**20 Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda)**

WC have repaired manhole in the village

Nasty pothole outside Woodborough House – to report to WC

Pile of rubble and rubbish in layby by Marsh Farm

**21 Key messages.**

Neighbourhood Plan - Council approved application and meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Mill Race negotiations have stalled with WC, otherwise likely to close.

Meeting closed 20.44

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