

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 JULY 2013, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr W Francis; Mr D Johnson; Mr A Midgley; Mr R Gamble [WC].

Apologies: Councillor: Mrs C Simpson.

Also present: Mr M. Rose; 4 members of the public; 3 members of the Village Hall committee; Mr P Baxter(Clerk). A

13/14/063 Declarations of interest

There were none.

13/14/064 Minutes of the last meeting

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

13/14/065 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported on further damage caused to the turf embankment in Sandlease by refuse lorries. The Clerk reported the response received from the Highways Dept. and was asked to arrange a site meeting. PB

13/14/066 Public participation

Questions arose on the overdue report on speed limit classification from Wiltshire Council, and on opportunities during current roadworks for modifying on-street parking near the school. Mr Gamble responded that the report is due in July, and that site meetings the next day would examine the parking issue. Further questions concerned the management of the Village Hall dog bins, which were deferred to the later agenda item on the Hall.

13/14/067 Co-option of new councillor

The Chairman introduced Mr Martin Rose, who took questions from councillors. Mr Midgley proposed, and Mr Johnson seconded, with all **agreed** that Mr Rose be co-opted to the Council. Mr Rose signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

13/14/068 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Mr Gamble reported on the current roadworks and the night-time road closures, which would be managed by on-site staff permitting controlled access. The on-street parking issue would be addressed at a site meeting to which the Council was invited.

13/14/069 Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Co-ordinator introduced the service, taking questions.

13/14/070 Village Hall

The Chairman invited a delegation from the Village Hall Management Committee to present a summary of the Hall's operating position, and the funding challenges ahead. The Council proposed future contributions from its own resources, subject to further discussion at future meetings. The Hall Committee **agreed** to apply for a new waste bin, and the Council **agreed** to make an annual grant to support its management and to remove the old bins. The Chairman advised that he would attend future Village Hall management meetings to provide a liaison link.

13/14/071 Code of conduct (item deferred from last meeting)

The Clerk presented a revised Code, to include non-pecuniary interests. It was proposed by Mr Francis, seconded by Mr Johnson, and with all **agreed** that the Code be adopted. The Clerk undertook to circulate instructions on how to complete the online Public Register of Interests.

PB

13/14/072 Lead Member reports

Rights of Way and Conservation- Mr Johnson took custody of the printed leaflets, and their distribution was discussed. A number of footpaths were reported to be overgrown, it being **agreed** that relevant landowners be reminded of their obligation to cut back.

PB

Roads and Transport – there was none.

RW

Recreation- Mr Francis confirmed that inspections continue. The Clerk was asked to remind the contractor again not to strim at the base of play equipment.

13/14/073 Public notice boards

The Clerk reported on product brochures and quotes established for the replacement of three Notice Boards. It was **agreed** that one Board be purchased for public notices to replace the Rose and Crown installation, the remainder being deferred.

13/14/074 Sandlease play area fencing

The Chairman reported that the quotations had been sought. It was **agreed** that Mr Hodinott be engaged for the work.

13/14/075 Planning matters

The following decisions were notified:

13/00093/FUL Nr. Cloverleaze, South Cross Lane, barn extension to cover dung storage - approved with conditions.

The following application was considered by the Council:

13/00877/FUL 124 High St, erection of agricultural store and field shelter.

DJ

MR

No objections were made.

Planned attendance by Mrs Bonfield, Mr Johnson and Mrs Simpson to a briefing by the RAF on plans for Keevil airfield was reported.

13/14/076 Training courses

The Clerk reported that application had been made by Mr Johnson to attend a WALC training course, which was **agreed**. The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has offering places on a Planning training course. Mr Rose **agreed** to attend.

13/14/077 Quarterly reconciliation and disbursements

The Clerk presented the quarterly bank reconciliation which was **agreed**. The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
613 Rose & Crown (Fete grant)	225.00
614 M Goddard and Sons (Grass)	460.00
615 HMRC (PAYE)	298.80
616 Clerk (postage/stationery)	5.95

13/14/078 Correspondence and circulars received

The Clerk reported receipt of an email concerning the siting of the school waste bins. The Clerk was asked to contact the school.

13/14/079 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for 2 September at 7.30pm in the Five Lanes School.

13/14/080 Items of maintenance

There were none.

13/14/081 Key Messages

The Council noted the recent passing of Mr M Hale, a councillor for many years and reflected on his constant support for the community. The Council's respects have been recorded in The Bridge magazine.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed Chairman, 2 September 2013