

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 JUNE 2014, 7.30PM

THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mrs S Bonfield; Mr W Francis; Mr D Johnson; Mrs C. Simpson.

Apologies: Mr K Bellamy; Mr R Goss; Mr A Midgley; Mr Rose; Mr R Gamble [WC].

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

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14/15/048 Declarations of interest.

There were none.

14/15/049 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were **noted**.

14/15/050 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported the award to the Council of a grant of £2000 by Aster Communities for the provision of a defibrillator. Five Lanes School had also been awarded £2000. In all, approximately £7000 had been awarded to projects in Worton in the last year. The Chairman also reported on his attendance at the recent meeting of Marston Parish Council.

14/15/051 Public participation

There was none.

14/15/052 Wiltshire Councillor's report

There was none.

14/15/053 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Clerk presented copies to each Member of revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, approved at the last meeting.

14/15/054 Provision of a Public Access Defibrillator

The Clerk reported on additional research requested at the last meeting, noting that the ambulance service supported the provision of defibrillators within a management scheme. The Chairman reported that both the Rose and Crown Pub and the Old Forge Garage had volunteered to host a defibrillator cabinet. It was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Bonfield with all **agreed** that a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into with the ambulance service for the loan of a defibrillator for four years, on a managed service basis, for a fee of £1600 inc. VAT, sited at the Pub and funded by the Aster Communities grant, and that budget arrangements be made for future continuation of the service after the initial loan period. The Clerk undertook to make the arrangements. It was further **agreed** that there should be launch publicity with press/media.

14/15/055 Road safety improvements

The Clerk noted that consultation on the proposed road safety measures had been launched at the Annual Parish Meeting, but that specific consultation with residents most affected by the proximity to some of the measures was also required. Cllr Simpson and Cllr Wilshire undertook to visit householders later this week to ascertain their views, and that feedback would be reported promptly to Wiltshire Council with a recommendation on whether to proceed.

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14/15/056 Rights of Way Lead Member report

Cllr Johnson reported on the recent meeting with the Rights of Way Warden, reviewing the condition of the Worton/Marston link bridleway and financially viable options for refurbishment. It was proposed by Cllr Wilshire, seconded by Cllr Johnson and all **agreed** that a pilot project would be arranged to cut back vegetation to establish how much of the surface had been overgrown and whether patching and infill would provide a robust surface for both horse riders and walkers. Cllr Salaman confirmed that Marston Parish Council were planning a work party on their length of the path, and that contributions of both effort and funding may be available to support a Worton project for repairs together with grant application advice.

14/15/057 Recreation and Leisure Lead Member report

Cllr Francis noted that repairs remained outstanding to some items of play equipment, and that some Sandleaze equipment still required moving to higher ground. The Clerk undertook to progress repairs and obtain quotes for moving the items. The longer term viability of the recreation areas was also discussed, and the Clerk was asked to obtain prices for a range of table/bench options.

14/15/058 Licence to site public benches

The Clerk reported receipt of a draft Licence from Wiltshire Council to permit siting of two public benches on Highways verge. The Licence conditions were **noted**, and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on behalf of the Council.

14/15/059 Planning matters

The following decisions were reported:

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

14/02109/FUL Ware Farm, West End, Potterne- internal alterations, garden room, carport,
Both approved with conditions.

14/02273/FUL Lower End Farm, Long St., Marston - PV Solar Farm and cabinets;

The Clerk reported receipt of amended drawings for this scheme, to include retention of four trees. The Council had no comment to make.

14/04408/FUL Lutsey Farm, Seend Road – erection of general purpose building;

14/04888/APD Old Forge, High Street – steel-framed agricultural building (prior determination).

No objections were made.

14/15/060 Village Festival proposal

Cllr Johnson reported interest received in the establishment of a 'Village Festival' for 2015, for which some co-ordination might be offered to bring together a range of diverse events and activities into one period. It was **agreed** to make further enquiries.

14/15/061 WW1 Commemoration events

Cllr Simpson requested support, which was **agreed**, for a 'Community Tea' event, together with some planning toward a larger community event to commemorate the end of the war in 2018. These projects would also be linked to ongoing work to establish a permanent memorial for a number of local names now known to be missing from the War Memorial.

14/15/062 WW1 Commemoration printing grant request

The Chairman reported receipt of a grant request to support the printing of a household leaflet bearing the names of those now known to be missing from the War Memorial, noting that Marston Parish Council had made a grant of £250. It was proposed by Cllr Francis, seconded by Cllr Simpson and all **agreed** that a grant of £350 be made, so collectively providing the £600 requested.

14/15/063 Village Hall operating costs grant

This item was deferred from the last meeting. The Council expressed some continuing concern that Hall committee meetings were not published to the public in advance. It was also noted that the Council's conditional requirement that it be adopted as a Corporate Trustee of the charity would not be possible to fulfil until a vacancy occurred. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Bonfield, seconded by Cllr Simpson, and all **agreed** that an interim grant of £500 be made toward operating

costs, with a further review in December to establish whether pre-conditions for further funding had then been met. Cllr Bonfield is attending the next Hall meeting.

14/15/064 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
649 Community First (insurance)	631.95
650 Village Hall (Porch grant, agreed last meeting)	1400.00
651 Village Hall (Costs grant)	500.00
652 Community First (subs)	36.00
653 Cyan (benches)	669.98
654 Village Hall (room hire)	126.00
655 AlphaPrint.Me (printing posters)	20.25
656 P Baxter (expenses – SLCC subs, postage)	45.83
657 D Johnson (printing APM)	6.50
658 C Simpson (refreshments APM)	6.39
659 M Fisher (notice board materials)	63.67
660 AlphaPrint.Me (printing S/Os)	20.25
661 Bobby Van Trust (GPC grant)	50.00

14/15/065 Provision of Clerk services to Poulshot Parish Council

It was **agreed** that the services of the Clerk would be offered to Poulshot Parish Council in a shared service agreement.

14/15/066 Nominations to attend Devizes Area Board

Cllr Francis undertook to attend on 28 July, Cllr Wilshire on 29 September, and 24 November was deferred.

14/15/067 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported receipt of a donation request from the Bobby Van Trust. It was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Bonfield with all **agreed** that £50 be donated.

Cllr Johnson suggested that the Rights of Way 'Rights and Responsibilities' leaflet could be delivered to all householders again, together with a number of other leaflets from organisations under cover of a revised Community Consultation questionnaire, to be designed. It was **agreed** that a questionnaire should be developed to help inform further work on community-led planning options, and to consider combining delivery with other leaflet opportunities.

14/15/068 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday 7 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

14/15/069 Items of Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the next Village Survey by Streetscene managers would take place on 4 September. Cllr Johnson undertook to attend.

14/15/070 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that the road safety consultation, bridleway repairs, public bench delivery, defibrillator grant, WW1 commemoration and a Village Festival for 2015 be included in an article for The Bridge magazine, to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Chairman, 7 July 2014