

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 MARCH 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 A Midgley; Mr M Rose; Mrs C Simpson ;Mr R Gamble [WC][for part].

Apologies: None.

Also present: Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; 18 members of the public; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

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14/15/199 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Goss declared a pecuniary interest in the item on planning.

14/15/200 Minutes of the last meeting

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

14/15/201 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted that two properties in Sandlease had become available, but it appeared had not been allocated to locally-based occupiers.

14/15/202 Public participation

Representations were made on: the condition of Mill Road following its use by site construction traffic; the lack of suitability of a site identified within a field adjacent to Sandlease Court for housing development, and the suggestion that the Parish Council now convene a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; the length of time available to respond to Wiltshire Council's consultation on a site selection methodology that is to examine such sites; the categorisation of Worton as a Large Village; on road safety and traffic speed at the western end of the village.

The Chairman advised that with further work planned near Mill Road a view would be taken at a future time and undertook to place Neighbourhood Planning on the next meeting agenda. The Clerk gave advice on Large Village designation and the availability of the Council's road safety strategies on the parish website.

14/15/203 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Cllr Gamble responded to some of the issues raised by the public, setting them in context with the Core Strategy approved on 15 January. The next Area Board will be on 23 March and the 2015/16 budget includes provision for grant making. Superfast Broadband is not yet connected, but some will be run through Cabinet 21 and some Cabinet 3, the latter is not in the Council-supported programme and may therefore be delayed, enquiries continue.

14/15/204 Wiltshire Council consultation on site selection methodology

The Clerk explained the nature of the draft Development Plan Document (DPD) now required by the Inspector to become part of the Core Strategy which, if approved, will be used to select sites suitable and deliverable for the provision of the required number of houses to meet identified demand. Cllr Rose undertook to attend a seminar the following evening to hear presentations on the matter. It was **agreed** that a Working Group be established to consider the outcome of the seminar and to formulate the Council's response before the deadline of 31 March.

14/15/205 Community Survey

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Cllr Johnson reported on a draft community survey prepared by a Working Group. Some additional questions were identified, less emphasis on 'open' questioning to assist analysis was recommended, and whether it should be issued to individuals or households was questioned. Mr Stokes undertook to join the Working Group to apply his experience. The draft was returned to the Working Group for further consideration.

14/15/206 Road Safety – 30mph zone and High Street metrocount data

The Clerk reported that notification had been received of the pending publication of a Traffic Regulation Order to move the 30mph limit at the eastern end of the village to the village gates, and for the remaining length of the C20 road to Black Dog crossroads to be reduced to 50mph. It was **agreed** that bar chart diagrams of the recent metrocount results would be placed on the website.

14/15/207 Rights of Way

Cllr Johnson reported on a recent meeting with the Rights of Way Warden to discuss the future of the Mill Race footpath. It was noted that the temporary permission granted by the landowner for the path to be diverted onto their land was due to expire in May 2015, and that Wiltshire Council were still considering whether to adopt responsibility for the path. The Clerk confirmed that a reminder had since been issued to the Warden of the time remaining.

14/15/208 Planning matters

The reported the following decision received:

14/12065/TCA 113 High Street – tree works;

No objection.

The following applications were considered:

(Cllr Goss left the room for 01509 and 01614)

15/00992/FUL Worton & Marston village Hall – exterior refurbishment of Village Hall;

15/01210/FUL 48 High Street – single storey extension;

15/01614/FUL Land Adjacent to Cloverleaze South Cross – proposed barn for straw storage;

15/01696/FUL Bolt Cottage West End Potterne – replace existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension;

No objections were raised.

15/01509/FUL Home Farm, Worton – construction of agricultural workers dwelling;

Cllr Francis proposed, seconded by Cllr Simpson with all **agreed** that the application be supported but the Planning Officer's attention is to be drawn to a possible S.106 undertaking related to a restriction on new development on this site.

15/01288/TPO 11 Cedar Close – crown reduction to Hawthorn tree;

Cllrs Rose and Wilshire were delegated authority to inspect this site and recommend a response.

14/15/209 Audit 2014/15

The Responsible Financial Officer reported on the requirements of the Smaller Authorities Transparency Code, to become mandatory from 1 April and replacing external audit for those councils with annual turnover of less than £25,000. It was suggested that further accessibility to information could be provided if required documents could be put out for inspection at the Rose & Crown pub.

14/15/210 Disbursements

There were no items of expenditure. A transfer of £1600 to reserves was approved. Signatures were authorised on a cheque to be raised to HMRC for the final quarter PAYE submission, amount yet to be advised by the payroll provider. Cllr Wilshire requested authority to commit expenditure for the provision of plaques to the two benches, as part of the funding agreement already made with Aster Communities, which was **agreed**.

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14/15/211 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported a number of emails and letters had been received asking questions directly related to the preceding discussions on housing site allocations and neighbourhood planning. It was **agreed** that whilst some of the questions had since been answered during this meeting, attended by their authors, others would be resolved at the next at which time appropriate responses can then be agreed.

14/15/212 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, noting that Bank Holiday Monday has affected the normal schedule.

14/15/213 Items of Maintenance

There were none.

14/15/214 Key Messages

It was **agreed** that the forthcoming debate on neighbourhood planning, the community survey, broadband update, 30mph speed limit movement and metrocount speed data on the website be mentioned in an article for The Bridge magazine, to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed Chairman, 7 April 2015