

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 07 March 2016, 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 Midgely

Apologies: Mrs C Simpson

Also present: 2 members of the public, Mrs E Read (Clerk), Cllr Gamble

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Simpson sent her apologies and these were accepted by the Council.

2 Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

3 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council

The Council approved the minutes, with the small amendment that Cllr Fisher was to provide website photographs, not Cllr Francis.

4 Chairman's announcements

Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person. [Note: this item is for questions or representations 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].

The bus turning round at Sandlease has damaged the verge, the Council informed Wiltshire Council, but have not received a satisfactory response.

Mill Race Footpath – the Council discussed possible solutions to the situation regarding insurance cover for the footpath. Cllr Gamble to check the land ownership and to look at possibly moving the fence.

5 Public participation

There were no issues raised.

6 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Neighbourhood Plan – an option to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan preparation is a Rural Housing Needs Assessment. This would involve liaison with the parish council, but no costs other than work to deliver and receive the questionnaires. Cllr Gamble to provide information to clerk.

7 To consider co-opting Barry Devine on to the Council

Mr Devine presented a short summary of his qualification for Councillor, including living in the village, over 18 and a British citizen. Cllr Fisher proposed his co-option and this was seconded by Cllr Goss, and agreed by the Council. Cllr Devine then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

8 Neighbourhood Planning - report and next steps

Cllr Bonfield summarised the meeting which had been held on the 25th of February and which had recommended that the clerk follow up the NP area designation with Wiltshire Council, and also to check the parish boundary.

9 Solar farm money – terms of reference for panel

The clerk presented two ways to administer the solar fund, one way is to form an advisory committee, and the other would be to devise Terms of Reference and a grant policy for the money. Then when applications come in the details are published in the Bridge, and discussed at the following meeting. This allows the public to make representations for or against the applications and the decisions are made in public. Given the relatively small amount of money in question it was felt that an advisory committee was overly complicated, and the second option was taken. The clerk to put together an application form.

10 Bus consultation – response from Parish Council

The clerk had circulated a short paper regarding the situation with Wiltshire Council's bus consultation. Council decided to send the short statement in to the consultation, emphasising the importance of the bus to Worton, especially on Thursday for market. The Council agreed to the suggestion of a poster and paper copies of the consultation in the bus shelters.

11 To consider putting Rose and Crown on the Community Asset list with Wiltshire Council.

The Council decided not to go ahead at this time.

12 To consider the appointment of an internal auditor

The Council appointed Frank Marshall as their internal auditor, being both suitably qualified and independent.

13 Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider application:

and any applications received after agenda publication. To consider planning application [16/01106/FUL](#)

Addition of gate to provide vehicle access to field from Mill Road.

The Council had no objections to the planning application, but felt that the hedge should be reinstated/replaced.

14 Disbursements

Girl Guides – grant of £25

Victim Support – grant of £25

Wiltshire Air Ambulance – grant of £300 as agreed in the budget

E Read £328.69

E Read £15

Kingfisher Direct £263.98

Roger Wilshire for printing £5.00

15 Date of next meeting

Set for Monday 11 April 2016 at 7.30, and please could councillors have agenda items to the clerk by 21st of March.

16 Items for the next agenda

Community bus

SIDs

List of responsibilities (AGM)

Set a date for AGM/APM

Marston report

17 Key messages

Salt bins

Bins in Whatleys

Clean for the queen volunteers

New councillor

Overhanging vegetation, gravel, bins, parking on the pavement and dog poo