

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2013, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mr W Francis; Mr D Johnson; Mr A Midgley; Mr Rose; Mrs C. Simpson;
Mr R Gamble [WC, for part].

Apologies: Mrs S Bonfield.

Also present: Mr K Bellamy; Mr E Ley; Mr R Parsons; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).
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13/14/102 Declarations of interest

There were none.

13/14/103 Minutes of the last meeting

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

Arising, it was **agreed** to proceed with a local manufacture solution for the notice boards.

13/14/104 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted that the school's waste bins remained on the verge, and that Mr Goss was continuing to protect his land from walkers straying from footpaths.

13/14/105 Public participation

Mr Parsons enquired of the Council if it had any plans for how it intended to manage housing development in the future. The Chairman responded, noting that the Council intends to hold a public meeting in February or March 2014 to establish the community's views, the Council being minded at this stage to consider leading a Neighbourhood Planning process. Discussion ensued on the relative merits of making such a Plan or relying on the Core Strategy.

13/14/106 Wiltshire Councillor's report

Mr Gamble noted that a planning application is being progressed for a solar farm at a site outside this parish, but that a number of lorry movements per day will be required during construction phase. The speed limit review of consultation responses remains outstanding but Mr Gamble sought this Council's view on the limit beyond the SE limits of the village on the C20 toward Black Dog crossroads. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to the Community Area Manager to express the view that the limit should be reduced to 50mph. The Clerk was also asked to write to the owner of 'Devizes Wood Products' to enquire why large lorries have to park on the road to unload, causing a traffic obstruction.

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13/14/107 Traffic management improvements

In the absence of Mrs Bonfield, the Clerk presented a briefing paper, explaining how road safety measures are assessed and designed, and noting that a site meeting with a Wiltshire Council road safety engineer had been held. The Clerk summarised a range of built improvements that could be proposed to the Devizes Community Area Traffic Group, to include coloured tarmac treatments, an Informal Crossing Point near Five Lanes School and a marked coach stop outside the school gates. The Council agreed those elements of the briefing that would form a strategy for road safety, and agreed in principle to fund the costs of works. The Clerk was asked to proceed with further investigations and to prepare a submission to CATG which would replace all previous issues raised. The Council also considered proposals arising from Members' research into parking control lining. The Clerk was asked to seek

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guidance from the Highways dept prior to the matter being considered for local consultation after the next Council meeting.

13/14/108 Streetscene Community Action Days

The Council received the results of a Members' survey of suggested works to include in an Action Day. The survey also showed that the Wessex Water depot in Mill Lane required tidying, white edge lining in Mill Road required replacement, and a Post Box could be re-sited to a position on the new pavement. The Clerk was asked to manage these issues, and to approach the Streetscene co-ordinator for next steps in arranging an Action Day.

13/14/109 Lead Member reports

Rights of Way and Conservation- Mr Johnson reported that the next Walking Group session would be 20 October, with small tools for minor pruning on footpaths. The Clerk was asked to enquire of the Rights of Way officer whether the Worton/Marston footpath surface would be reviewed for its condition throughout its length, now that part of its length (in Marston parish) had been resurfaced for a while, and what proportion of the projected costs for resurfacing the Worton section would be borne by Wiltshire Council.

Recreation – Mr Francis undertook to prepare a specification for grounds management, to be tendered in a few months' time. A quotation for cutting the Sandlease grass bank was **agreed**.

Digital inclusion – Mr Rose explained how the Wiltshire Online project would be rolling out broadband. The Great Western Broadband Project Officer confirms Worton addresses will be part of the GWB programme, with the Worton area survey planned to start in "late 2014" with installation completed within 9-10 months after that. Superfast Broadband access expected "by Autumn 2015". Current GWB roll-out is on schedule. Potential for assisting residents wishing to get online or learn how to use computing.

Roads and Transport – as per minute13/14/107.

13/14/110 Memorial for late Cllr M Hale

It was agreed that a memorial bench be established on the grassed area adjacent to Cedar Close.

13/14/111 Planning matters

The following application was considered by the Council:

13/02751/FUL 78 High Street, extend dropped kerb to full width of driveway. No objections were made.

The Clerk reported his research on the designation in the Core Strategy of Worton as a Large Village. It was agreed that this designation remain, and the Clerk was asked to write to the Spatial Planning team to remove the Council's objection from the Inspector's Inquiry. Further discussion ensued on the need for a community consultation on its aspirations for future development, to be arranged in February or March 2014. The Clerk noted that briefing seminars on Neighbourhood Planning were being arranged in November by Wiltshire Council.

Mrs Simpson proposed, and all **agreed**, that an invitation be extended to Marston Parish Council to exchange Observers to the two respective Councils to improve liaison and understanding of shared issues. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

13/14/112 Financial Statement

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the six monthly financial statement. It was proposed by Mr Johnson, seconded by Mr Midgley, and with all **agreed** that additional banking deposit accounts be opened into which General and Earmarked Reserves can be held. It was

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agreed that allocation of capital reserves be addressed at a future meeting, although the commitment to capital funding for road safety improvements (Minute 13/14/107) was **noted**.

13/14/113 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

Chq No	£
623 Freetime Bookkeeping (payroll service)	108.00
624 Notice Board Co. Ltd (notice board)	1210.80
625 M Goddard (grounds)	570.00
626 CANCELLED	
627 HMRC (PAYE)	298.80
628 P Baxter (website fee)	35.93

13/14/114 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council were planning a road closure at Lutsey Bridge, Poulshot for exploratory excavations on 30 October, with diversions in place

13/14/115 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for 4 November at 7.30pm in the Five Lanes School.

13/14/116 Items of maintenance

Mrs Simpson noted that Himalayan Balsam had been found in local water courses, and asked for the matter to be placed on the next agenda.

13/14/117 Key Messages

None established

The meeting closed at 9.50pm Signed Chairman, 4 November 2013