

# WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 7.30pm, Worton and Marston Village Hall

## MINUTES

Cllr Francis, Wilshire, Johnson, Midgley

4 members of public

**Present:** Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Cllr W Francis; Cllr R Goss; Cllr D Johnson; Cllr Midgely; Cllr Fisher

**Apologies:** Cllr Bonfield; Cllr Devine;

**Also present:** 4 members of the public, Mrs E Read (Clerk)

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Devine and Cllr Bonfield both sent their apologies to the Council, and these were accepted.

2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Johnson declared a pecuniary interest in planning item which had come up since the agenda had been issued, being the Application for planning permission on Whatleys playing field.

3 **The minutes of the last meeting of the Council**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Francis and seconded by Cllr Johnson and accepted by the Council.

4 **Chairman's announcements**

Cllr Wilshire met Sovereign Housing Association representative, and they confirmed that they would remove the hedge detritus from Whatleys. Pavement opposite the Grange is in a dangerous state, and the Mill Race footpath has not been kept up on request as promised. Clerk to inform WC

5 **Wiltshire Councillors Report**

Cllr Gamble did not attend.

6 **Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person.**

[Note: this item is only for questions or representations addressed to the Council 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].

7 **Neighbourhood Planning - update from the group**

Terms of Reference have been agreed by the group, and a top level vision was put together by the group this was circulated to the Council. The idea is that if everyone is happy with the Vision, the Vision will be the basis of a letter to residents in November with some Housing Need Assessment questions, followed by a public meeting before Christmas.

The Group now has a Link Officer with Wiltshire Council with the help of Cllr Gamble - Mr O'Donoghue – he will confirm what day he is able to meet the group.

8 **Village Tidy up - list of jobs and next steps**

Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> – Village Tidy up 1-3pm meet at Village Hall

Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council, include in key messages for The Bridge and put posters up.

9 **Flower boxes at village gates – consider costs**

Cllr Johnson said that costings were still coming in for the sort of wood required for planters. They have been considering adding high visibility strips, and an area for signs. This is continuing.

Clerk to check what containers are available, and to consult Highways and advertising rules.

10 **Recreation - Whatleys - hedge issues update**

The hedge at number 6

Reply to Dean to arrange removal of debris immediately, we have an imminent use for the ground.

11 **Recreation – to receive the annual playgrounds' safety inspection reports.**

Sandleaze grass is very long. The assessment found mainly low risk, but some medium risk areas.

Clerk to order a box of black mastic up to £100 to fill between edges and rubber matting.

Cllr Francis to fill under roundabout with soil and buy grass seed.

Speak to Wiltshire Council regarding concrete by entrance.

Seesaw caps have come out – to be replaced.

Whatleys Close – grass also very long, could not find the holes from swings. On play equipment, wood is splitting – Cllr Francis to ask inspectors if this needs to be filled and to buy if necessary.

Mark Goddard to look at limb on tree.

12 **Rights of Way - Mill Race condition**

Clerk to action – request cutting back again

- 13 **Environment Agency Groundwater flooding consultation – response** Clerk to contact Environment Agency about their Groundwater flooding scheme
- 14 **Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider the following applications: other applications received after agenda publication;**  
**16/09014/TCA works to trees in a conservation area: Removal of two willow trees at Brookfield House** No objection  
**16/08845/FUL Nursery Application for Whatleys Leaze, Worton**  
 Cllr Johnson left the room  
 No objection  
 Cllr Johnson entered the room
- 15 **Developments at Roundway Hospital and Drews Pond – floodwater implications for Worton**  
 There was concern from the Council regarding the effect increased housing on the Worton side of Devizes will have on the flooding in Worton. Norney Bridge is not capable of taking the water now. Meet with Environment Agency officer John Richards in Barnstaple to discuss the problem. Contact Wiltshire Council regarding flood alleviations for the Devizes developments, contact DTC, Roundway, Potterne and Marston about our concerns.  
 Clerk to look into this.
- 16 **Finance – to receive the six-monthly Financial Statement and consideration of items for 16/17 budget**  
 The Council noted the report and did not have any items for the 16/17 budget as yet.
- 17 **Finance – to consider allowing “view-only” access of online bank statements to clerk**  
 Agreed, signatures required.
- 18 **Disbursements**  
 £200 Audit Grant Thornton  
 £1000 Village Hall grant  
 £28 Village Hall hire  
 £159.60 ROSPA
- 19 **Future agenda item planning.**  
 NP  
 Discussion for nursery – how to pay/contract etc  
 Clean up  
 SIDs  
 Protection of trees – Bill to mark them
- 20 **Date of next meeting (proposed for Monday 7 November 2016)**
- 21 **Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda).**  
 WC to remove safety barrier
- 22 **Key messages.**  
 Vacancy  
 Clear up day  
 Meeting closed 8.45

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