

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2013, 7.30PM

FIVE LANES SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, WORTON

MINUTES

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

Apologies: none.

Also present: Mr C Eades; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

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13/14/082 Declarations of interest

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest as a resident in item 7 of the agenda (Sandlease parking control lines) and deferred this item to the end of the meeting, at which time he would leave the room.

13/14/083 Minutes of the last meeting

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

13/14/084 Chairman's announcements

There were none.

13/14/085 Public participation

There was none.

13/14/086 Norney Bridge signing and lining

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council was seeking this Council's views on a proposed signing and lining scheme to improve safety at this bridge. The Council asked the Clerk to enquire whether a signed priority scheme could be introduced, with priority to traffic approaching Marston from Worton. If not possible, the Council would agree the signing scheme as proposed.

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13/14/087 Streetscene Community Action Days

The Clerk reported receipt of an invitation from the Streetscene Co-ordinator for the Council to engage with its community and share a programme of Community Action that would include such as hedge cutting, sweeping, sign cleaning and litter picking. The Council **agreed** to participate, and made arrangements for Members to survey the village to list the work requirements and advise the Clerk accordingly.

13/14/088 Five Lanes School refuse bins storage

The Chairman noted that despite a phone call to the school in July, the bins remained stored on the highway verge. The Clerk was asked to approach the school again and request their siting within the school site when not presented for emptying.

13/14/089 Lead Member reports

Rights of Way and Conservation- Mr Johnson reported the completion of the Rights Of Way leaflet deliveries to all households and thanked the Landlord and staff of the Rose & Crown for their assistance. A site meeting had been held with the Rights of Way Officer to discuss the Marston/Worton footpath, which was noted to be breaking up in parts, and other parts of the local network. Scalpings had been made available and laid to improve some parts, and a finger post erected to guide horse riders to a more appropriate route. A quotation for the costs of works to improve the path leading from the Church to the bridge had been requested.

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Roads and Transport – Mrs Bonfield noted the completion of the major highway resurfacing works.

Recreation- Mr Francis noted that weedkiller does not seem to have been applied around the play equipment. The Council **agreed** that the contract for grounds maintenance would be put out to tender again this autumn. The Chairman noted that some play equipment in Sandlease could be better sited on higher ground, as the current site could become waterlogged. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from specialist contractors to assess the ground and move some of the equipment. The grass slope was also noted to be overdue for strimming. It was **agreed** that ideas for future management of this space, including plantings, would be sought.

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13/14/090 Grant requests

Mr Johnson reported receipt of a request from the Community Speedwatch Team Leader for a small grant to cover the camera running expenses. It was proposed by Mr Johnson, seconded by Mrs Bonfield and with all **agreed** that the Council make a grant of £25. The Clerk reported receipt of a grant request from the Landlord of the Rose & Crown public house, arising from the trading losses incurred in the interruption to business during the highways works road closures. The Council declined the request.

13/14/091 Public notice boards

The Clerk reported completion of the new public notice board in the High Street. The Council reviewed options for replacement of the two community boards, **agreeing** that they should not be glazed. The Clerk was asked to progress an open board under a small pitched roof.

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13/14/092 Sandlease play area fencing

The Chairman reported that fencing works were complete and notices had been fixed.

13/14/093 Planning matters

The following decisions were notified as being approved with conditions:

13/00512/FUL 26 High Street, replacement of leylandii hedge with ivy screen;

13/00877/FUL 124 High Street, erection of field shelter/agricultural store;

The following application was considered by the Council:

13/02729/TPO 12 Gaisford Chase, reduction of crown for 2 trees; No objections were made.

Mr Rose reported on his attendance at a recent planning seminar.

The Clerk reported publication of a consultation by Wiltshire Council on its proposed changes to the Core Strategy, noting that Worton was still to be regarded as a Large Village. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to why this was the case, and to make arrangements to enable this Council to consider its position at its next meeting.

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13/14/094 External Auditors report

The Clerk reported the concern of the External Auditor for the size of the Council's reserves. The Clerk undertook to bring proposals forward in the six-monthly Financial Statement report at the next meeting. All other matters were satisfactory.

13/14/095 Disbursements

The following disbursements were authorised:

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0618 Kennet Sign & Print (notice)	30.00
0619 WALC (course)	102.00
0620 R Wilshire (padlock/chain and screws)	56.68
0621 C & S Hoddinott (Fencing)	1422.00 (capital)
0622 D Mackay (CSW grant) (GPC expenditure)	25.00

13/14/096 Wiltshire Councillor's report (deferred for arrival)

Mr Gamble noted the completion of the High Street roadworks and was pleased to note the additional dropped kerbs and other features requested by the Parish Council had been incorporated. The Speed Limit review report had just been made available, with no changes proposed. The Council expressed disappointment, and asked the Clerk to make representation formally through Mr Gamble to challenge this decision, and seek a site meeting with a Highways Officer to review the number of outstanding issues previously lodged with the Area Board. Mr Gamble also noted the Area Board's next meeting on 23 September, with Neighbourhood Planning as the meeting theme.

13/14/097 Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that Mr Bellamy had written to express an interest in joining the Council and would observe from the public gallery at the next meeting. Mr Eades confirmed that he too would like to be considered, and would confirm that in writing in due course.

13/14/098 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for 7 October at 7.30pm in the Five Lanes School.

13/14/099 Items of maintenance

There were none.

13/14/100 Sandlease parking control lines

Mr Wilshire, having declared his non-pecuniary interest, left the meeting and the Vice Chairman took the chair. The Clerk clarified the nature of the issues related to the parking of cars in part of Sandlease. The Council also considered a number of other sites in the parish that could benefit from the use of white (non-statutory) parking control lines. The Council **agreed** that during the Streetscene village survey, an additional survey of parking control would be conducted including consultation with those residents immediately affected by the proposals. Mrs Simpson and Mr Midgley undertook to consult with affected residents in Sandlease and report back.

13/14/101 Key Messages

Items for 'The Bridge' were agreed to be: mentions of completion of the roadworks with additional items; the Community Action day call for volunteers; Parking control lining survey.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm Signed Chairman, 7 October 2013