

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council at Burgate Village Hall on Tuesday 15th Sept 2015 at 7.30pm

Councillors (Cllrs) present : S Rash (Chair), J King, C Williams , J Bradley, B Cole , I Haywood, C Grocott, M Odams, M Breen, P Burd, J Piper.

In Attendance : District Cllr Kearsley , Netty Verkroost (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence** – Cllr Young , Work Commitments
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting/s:**
 - 2.1 Parish Council Meeting July 28th 2015 – approved
 - 2.2 Commons Committee Meeting August 18th 2015 – approved
 - 2.3 Commons Committee Meeting 28th August 2015 - approved
3. **To record declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed**

Item 9.7 - Cllr Bradley, Business - holiday accommodation owner and personal friend
Item 9.3 – Cllr Piper, Resident of Howards Close
4. **To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed** - none
5. **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation:** at 7.36pm
 - 5.1.1. To invite and receive items from members of the general public
2 members of the public attended the meeting and reported in detail their concerns regarding planning application item 8.7.
 - 5.1.2. **To receive reports from District & County Councillors**

County Councillor Fleming sent her apologies and a report which was read out by the Clerk
Key Points of the report:
Council News – Devolution The [Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill](#) passed through the House of Lords in July and will come before the Commons in the autumn setting out the government’s devolution proposals. In response to an open invitation from DCLG, the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders’ Group (SPSLG) representing the 8 Councils, Governing Bodies and Police has prepared an expression of interest. This process is at an early stage and it will take time to develop the details and seek comments and input from other stakeholders, parishes, and the public.

Highways – Plans for the 20s Plenty scheme are in progress. Road Marking will be put in next summer.

Prevent - ‘Prevent’ is part of the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy

Grants for the Rural Economy –the EU Rural Payments Agency (RPA) with Defra and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership is open for applications.

HLF Funding for WWI Heritage Projects - The HLF has funding available for community projects to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War. Contact Robyn Llewellyn by email: robyng@hlf.org.uk or phone: 01223 224 876.

Community Action Suffolk Events and Training -A range of training courses are available, see the latest [events calendar](#). The Grow Your Community Conference takes place on 25th September at Kesgrave Community Centre where Police & Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, will deliver the keynote speech on community safety. There will be a range of presentations, workshop opportunities and speakers

District Councillor Kearsley reported on the following items:
Devolution of Power across Suffolk.
New housing requirement within Suffolk – 430 per year
5 year Land Supply
7th Aviva Cycle Tour Finished in Ipswich – Suffolk CC Sponsor
Limited Funding for local projects available from Oct 1st. Min £250 per project. Deadline for applications January 2016.

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5.1.3. **To receive the police statistics** – PC Dave Faulkner reported on the following:
Crime Stats: Wortham – Burglary on Cobbold Close between 9pm -24/8 and 7.30am 28/8
Arson to a field off Chapel Lane at 9.45pm on 9/9. **Burgate** – Criminal Damage to vehicle on
Sycamore View at 11.30pm on 25/8. All information regarding Safer Neighbourhood Team visit
www.suffolk.police.uk

6. **To re-convene the meeting** – 7.53pm
7. **To receive the Chairman's report**- None
8. **To consider, discuss, agree and/or note new planning applications/items:**
 - 8.1 To receive an update on planning issues at Oak Tree Farm, Great Green – None , with Legal Team
 - 8.2 To receive an update on Erection of a garage at South View, Furze Way, Burgate EN/14/00136 – Now with Legal Team and waiting for update.
 - 8.3 To receive an update on the Planning application for Affordable Housing at Howards Close Wortham. - Application Withdrawn.
 - 8.4 To receive an update on the application 1856/15 conversion of farm buildings, Dashes Farm, Low Road Wortham – Application withdrawn.
 - 8.5 To receive an update on the application 1930/15 demolition of existing cartlodge and erection of new cartlodge at Pollard Tree Farmhouse, The Ling, Wortham - Granted
 - 8.6 To consider, discuss and comment on new planning application 2682/15 construction of 3 holiday lodges and works to 2 sheds to convert into 3 stables (including erection of extension) together with associated works on land at Ling Road, Palgrave. – Object
 - 8.7 To consider, discuss and comment on new planning application 2689/15 use of land for stationing 24 lodges at Honey Pot Farm Caravan Park, Bury Road, Wortham. - Object
9. **To receive the Clerk's report & o/s actions from last meeting:** (For information only) Clerk has written a letter of support for Village Hall to receive Section 106 funding for works to the hall roof.
Canopy Tree Management were awarded the contract to carry out works, clerk to contact and supervise works.
10. **To consider, discuss and agree on the change of bank for all Parish Council Accounts.** - Agreed to move to HSBC. Clerk to arrange.
11. **To consider, discuss and agree on the maintenance costs of the existing children's play equipment.** - Waiting for annual report- carry over to next meeting.
12. **To receive an update on the reprinting of the Wortham & Burgate Walks leaflet.** - Clerk reported that Suffolk CC is offering a free design service for leaflets and a competitive rate for printing. Cllrs Bradley and Grocott to contact Suffolk CC and progress project.
13. **To consider and discuss the track at the Village Hall.** - No report, carry over to next meeting.
14. **To receive and discuss items from Committees / Working Groups:**
 - 14.1 Playing Field Committee (PFC)- None
 - 14.2 Commons Committee - None
 - 14.3 Finance Representative - None
 - 14.4 Employment Committee - None

15. Finance

15.1 Accounts Balances as at 31 July 2015

15.1.1	Current Account	£1041.73
15.1.2	Reserve Account	£18057.26
15.1.3	Commons Account	£1722.95

15.2 Account payments

15.2.1	N Verkroost	Salary Sept	£316.40
15.2.2	N Verkroost	Expenses	£162.60
15.2.3	N Tacey	Salary Sept	£62.83
15.2.4	EON	Electricity	£147.97
15.2.5	Safe & Sound	Moles	£48.00
15.2.6	C.B.Construction	Manhole cover on Playing Fields	£192.00

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15.2.7 Essex & Suffolk Water Water

£40.79

To consider any additional payments prior to the meeting

16 To receive and discuss items / reports from Committees, Groups and Councillors:

16.1 SALC – None

16.2 VHMC – Cllr Piper None

16.3 Rights of Way – Cllrs. Grocott (Wortham) & Williams (Burgate) None

16.4 Councillors Cllr Piper suggested that the 30 Speed sign on the Mellis Road at Howards Close is relocated nearer Mellis to advise traffic to slow down earlier than at present.

17 Correspondence received – Letter from Mr Drum – re Howards Close

Letter from Mr & Mrs Beaton – re Honey Pot Farm

18 To receive items for the next agenda –

To consider, discuss and agree on the maintenance costs of the existing children's play equipment

To consider and discuss the track at the Village Hall

19 Date & time of next meeting Oct 27th 2015 at 7.30pm in Burgate Village Hall

Meeting Close – 8.54pm

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