

# WORTHAM & BURGATE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council at Burgate Hall on Tuesday July 25th 2017 at 7.30pm

Councillors (Cllrs) present: S Rash ( Chair) J Bradley (Vice Chair) M Odams, C Williams, S Wright, J Lloyd, J Piper, M Breen, B Cole and D Ling

In Attendance: Netty Verkroost (Clerk), Cllr Kearsley

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence – None**
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting/s**  
PC Meeting May 2017 – Approved
3. **To record declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed:**  
None
4. **To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed – None**
5. **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation – 7.35pm**
  - 5.1 To receive reports from District & County Councillors
    - 5.1.1 **Cllr Fleming** reported on the following items:
      - Local Highways Signage** - the PC have been asked to confirm the positioning of a new School Children Sign in front of the school. It was felt that a full review of the signage along the A143 in Wortham should be carried out before any new signs are installed. Clerk to contact Cllr Fleming.
      - Suffolk CC Highways will now have 3 centres of operation. Reports to highways the website [www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/)
      - A140 Improvements- details can be seen at:**  
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/grant-and-funding-applications-for-transport-improvements/>
      - Progress Power/ Eye Power Plant Update** - details can be found at <http://www.progresspower.co.uk>
      - Chief Executive Change**- Sue Cook is now interim CEO
      - New Priorities Suffolk CC 2017 - 2021** - They are Inclusive Growth, Health,Care & Wellbeing,Efficient & Effective Services.
    - 5.1.2 **Cllr Kearsley** reported on the following items:
      - MSDC offices moving from Needham Market to Ipswich.** Questions were raised by councillors regarding the future use of the site at Needham Market and Hadleigh and who is leading this project.
      - Cllr Kearsley informed the PC that there were no confirmed plans at present and the project was being led by consultants.
      - The Cycling Tour of GB** will pass through Walsham Le Willows on Sept 8th.
      - The **new Local Plan** will be ready for consultation in August. There will be proposed reshaping of the boundaries and parishes will be given the opportunity to comment.
    - 5.1.3 **Police Report** - None available

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**6. To reconvene the meeting - 7.43pm**

**7. To receive the Chairman's Report - None available**

**8. To receive Clerk's report & o/s actions from last meeting: ( For Information only)**

Residents of Post Office Row who received letters regarding the dumping of garden waste on the common have now removed it.

A resident asked the PC for clarification on the grazing of common land on Long Green. The clerk has given clarification.

A resident contacted the PC regarding the installation of wooden posts on Long Green. The clerk has responded confirming that as long as the posts do not prohibit access to common land they are permitted.

The Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised but as yet no Applicants.

A new lock has been installed on the Sports Pavilion side door. Keys have been given to the cleaner and WLTC.

The Adverse Possession Claim Forms have now been checked by Suffolk Legal Team and are ready to be sent to Land Registry.

Cllr Bradley and the Clerk attend a Parish Liaison Meeting in Needham Market.

The main topics were the MSDC move to Ipswich, greater reliance on the use of the MSDC website and Planning. We asked if the Oak Tree Farm case could be investigated as it has been over 6 months since the court case and nothing has been done so far.

**9. To consider, agree and /or note new planning applications:**

**9.1 To receive an update on removal of existing garage at South View , Furze Way and application 1677/17 -** The garage has now been removed and rebuilt within the garden of South View. The gravel drive and lighting remains on the common land. Clerk to contact MSDC Enforcement , Cllr Kearsley & Cllr Fleming.

9.2 To receive an update on planning issues at Oak Trees Farm, Burgate- MSDC enforcement officer to visit the site in the next week. An update from the officer to follow.

9.3 To receive an update on application 1575/17 Old Mill House, Wortham - Permission Granted

9.4 To receive an update on application DC/17/02134 Tumbledown Dick, Wortham - Permission Granted

**10. To receive an update on the purchase of Common land and track from Mr Holt Wilson -** Progressing through the solicitor.

**11. To appoint a new signatory for the HSBC account.** - Cllr Susan Wright has been appointed. Clerk to contact HSBC

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**12. To consider, discuss and agree on a response to letter from Land Registry Notice B16 - 1 title SK375679** - It was agreed that there were no objections and so no comment was needed.

**13. To receive and discuss items from Committees/ Working Groups**

**13.1 Playing Fields Committee (PFC)** - Meeting to take place in the near Future.

**13.2 Commons Committee** - Meeting to be arranged.

**13.3 Finance Rep** - Nothing to report

**13.4 Employment** - Nothing to report

**14. Account Balances as at 20/07/2017**

14.1.1	Current Account		£920.37
14.1.2	Reserve Account		£23727.98
14.1.3	Commons Account		£3987.02

**14.2**

14.2.1	Netty Verkroost	Salary July	£366.34
14.2.2	Netty Verkroost	Expenses June	£100.63
14.2.3	Niki Hinton	Salary July	£73.67
14.2.4	121 Computers	Projector & Software	£219.98
14.2.5	Netty Verkroost	Salary August	£366.34
14.2.6	Netty Verkroost	Expenses July	£83.97
14.2.7	Safe & Sound	Moles -	£48.00

**14.3 Account Receipts None**

**15. To receive and discuss items / reports from Committees, Groups and councillors:**

15.1 VHMC - None

15.2 Rights of Way - None

15.3 Councillors - Concerns were raised at the dumping of waste at a property in Burgate. Clerk to contact Environmental Health Dept.

16. Correspondence received - already discussed in previous items.

17. To receive items for the next agenda:

Purchase of Common Land

Neighbourhood Plan Event

Dumping of waste in Burgate

18. Date & Time of next Meeting : Sept 12th at 7.30pm Burgate Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.21pm

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