

WORTHAM & BURGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council at Wortham Village Hall on Tuesday 20th Feb 2018 at 7.30pm.

Councillors (Cllrs) present: S Rash (Chair) J Bradley (Vice Chair) J Piper, J Lloyd, J Erith, S Wright, D Ling, M Odams

In attendance: Cllr J Fleming and Netty Verkroost - Clerk

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence** - Cllrs B Cole & C Grocott - Annual Holiday
Cllr M Breen - family commitment
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting/s:**
PC Meeting Jan 2018 - Approved
PFC Meeting January 2018- 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:** Meeting adjourned at 7.34pm

5.1.1 To receive reports from District & County Councillors

Cllr Jessica Fleming -

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By County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

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School Transport Consultation– Reminder that consultation about possible changes to school transport provision ends on 28th February. Views are sought on new proposals for both the pre-and post-16 age groups which would limit free transport to the geographically closest school and also remove subsidy for post-16 (6th Form) education. Please refer to:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

Council Tax – Suffolk County Council has approved an increase in general council tax for 2018/ 2019 of 2.99% (of Band D annual tax) which is the max allowable without referendum. The National Adult Care Precept will be increased by 2% and is ring-fenced for social care. The agreed budget includes spending reductions across directorates of approximately £23m.

Business Rate Retention Pilot – Starting in 2018/ 2019 Suffolk County Council (along with other councils within the Suffolk pool) will retain a higher proportion of business rates and in return forgo equivalent funding from revenue support and rural services delivery grants on assurance of no overall detriment. Rates are collected by district councils and boroughs.

Progress Power - The Progress Power/ Drax partnership did not bid successfully at the February 8th capacity auction however the enabling works are expected to go ahead as planned.

Highways – The Parish may have received a survey from the County Council Highways about ‘Community Self Help’ (devolving certain tasks to parishes) to gauge interest in this topic. If you have not received this please let me know, similarly if you have any questions about it.

Concerns expressed by Mellis PC about possible abuse of Dam Lane by off-roaders are noted and I have contacted the relevant Highways officer, John Simpson.

Cllr Diana Kearsley - No report

5.1.2.To receive the police statistics- Nothing to report

5.1.3 To invite and receive items from members of the general public - None

6. **To re-convene the meeting- 7.45pm**

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7. To consider, discuss, agree and/or note new planning applications/items:

- 7.1 To receive an update on planning issues at Oak Tree Farm, Great Green- No update
- 7.2 To receive an update on the clearance of common land after the removal of a garage at South View, Furze Way, Burgate EN/14/00136- No update
- 7.3 To consider, discuss and agree on comments regarding new application DC/18/00212 - Pollard Tree Farmhouse, The Ling, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1ST- No comment
- 7.4 To consider, discuss and agree on comments regarding new application DC/18/00540 - Honeypot House, Bury Road, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1PW- No Comment
- 7.5 To receive an update on application DC/17/06243 Netherholme Barn, Long Green, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1PU- Permission granted
- 7.6 To consider, discuss and agree on comments regarding new application for Listed Building Consent- DC/18/00152 - Oak Wood House, Long Green, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1RD- No comment

8. To receive the Chairman's report - Waiting for an update on the installation of BT superfast broadband.

9. To receive the Clerk's report & o/s actions from last meeting: (For information only)

Clerk attended web training session with the new Wortham Bowls Club Secretary.

Confirmation of Precept received from MSDC

Report of blocked culvert on Willow Corner sent to Suffolk CC. They have inspected and do not see this as a priority.

Clerk met with a representative of Waterfield & Son to discuss maintenance of the track past Wortham Village Hall. A quote of £790.00 was received. Should the PC want to proceed, it was recommended that the work should not be done until spring 2018.

Clerk attended a Funding & Volunteering Workshop with Cllr Bradley in Stowmarket.

10. To receive an update on the purchase of common land from Mr Holt Wilson. - clarification required regarding the ownership of the path between the school and the play area. The purchase of the tracks, land at Post Office and Wortham School will not proceed until clarification is received. To proceed with any of the purchases individually will incur additional legal costs.

11. To receive an update on the purchase of a SID and installation of posts.- Both SID and posts ordered

12. To consider, discuss and agree on any donations to be given by the PC.- it was decided to keep this years allocation in reserve.

13. To consider, discuss and agree on an event to commemorate "BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE & WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT 11TH NOVEMBER"- It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold an event on Nov 11th 2018. It is planned to include the lighting of the beacon, a non religious commemoration of those who died and fought, the last post and fireworks. The clerk to contact family members and invite them to attend.

14. To consider, discuss and agree on the Annual Parish Meeting on April 3rd- The Annual Parish Meeting will be from 7.00pm - 7.30pm prior the Parish Council Meeting.

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15. To receive and discuss items from Committees / Working Groups:

15.1 Playing Field Committee (PFC) - None

15.2 Commons Committee: Emma Quick from Natural England is our area rep again.

15.3 Finance Representative: None

15.4 Employment Committee: Holiday Pay. It was agreed that all outstanding holiday pay for previous years should be paid in full. This is to be itemised on the agenda for payment at the April PC Meeting.

15.5 Village Design Statement Working Group: Meeting arranged for 27th March at 7.30pm . Ivy House Farm.

16. Finance

16.1 Accounts Balances as at 12/2/18 HSBC

16.1.1	Current Account	£3579.00
16.1.2	Savings Account	£23434.43
16.1.3	Commons Account	£3988.17

16.2 Account payments

16.2.1	N Verkroost	Salary Feb	£366.34
16.2.2	N Verkroost	Salary March	£366.34
16.2.3	N Verkroost	Holiday Pay 2017/18	£473.56
16.2.4	N Verkroost	Expenses Jan	£92.79
16.2.5	N Verkroost	Expenses Feb	£103.14
16.2.6	N Hinton	Salary Feb	£82.86
16.2.7	N Hinton	Salary March	£82.86
16.2.8	N Hinton	Holiday Pay	£95.20
16.2.9	Safe & Sound	Moles January	£48.00
16.2.10	NWG Business	Water Pavilion	£42.37
16.2.11	Wortham Village Hall	Rent January	£22.00

To consider any additional payments prior to the meeting - All payments approved unanimously.

16.3 Account Receipts

Wortham Tennis Club - Electricity Reimbursement £482.99

Wortham Football Club Rent - £275.00

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

17.1 VHMC – Cllr Piper - None

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

17.3 Councillors- None

18. Correspondence received – Consultation on Crime & Poor Performance within the Waste Sector -

Clerk to respond with PC answers to 4 questions in the Consultation.

Suffolk CC Highways Community Self Help Survey - Completed and Clerk to return.

19. To receive items for the next agenda-

Purchase of land

Update on SID

Nov 11th Event

20. Date & time of next meeting April 3rd 7.30pm 2018 Wortham Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

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