

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council at Wortham Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30pm.

(Cllrs) present: Chair Rash, Bradley, Williams, Grocott, Erith, Cole, Hovey, Wright, Ling, Weaver, Piper

In Attendance: Netty Verkroost (Clerk), Jane Wright (Clerk) Cllr Warboys, Cllr Fleming and 13 members of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence - The Parish Council accepted apologies from Cllr. Odam - work commitments

2. To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting/s - It was unanimously agreed to approve the October Parish Council Minutes

3. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed

Cllr Weaver - 8.6 Personal & prejudicial

Cllr Ling - 8.3 & 8.10 Personal & prejudicial

4. To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed

Cllr Weaver to leave the meeting room during the discussion of item 8.6 and take no part in voting on this item. Cllr Ling to stay in the meeting room but take no part in the discussion or voting of items 8.3 & 8.10

5. To welcome Mr Philip Isbell, Chief Planning Officer, Babergh Mid Suffolk Council and discuss current planning policies.

Appendix attached

6.1 Members of the public

6.1.1 The owners of the White House, Rectory Road, Wortham introduced themselves to the Parish Council and gave a short background to their building ethos.

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6.1.2 The residents of Cherry Tree Close were concerned that they had not received a letter regarding planning application (DC/19/03712) from MSDC. Mr Isbell advised he would look into the matter and report back to the clerk.

6.2 To receive reports from District & County Councillors -

6.2.1 Parish Report December 2019

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Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

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Waste - Recycling - The refurbished Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gt Blakenham will continue trials through December. Once this process is completed, Suffolk Waste Partnership will resume tours of the facility for schools, groups and clubs. Children must be aged 7+.

Please check the web page

<https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/learning-zone/waste-site-visits>

and contact Waste Management waste.management@suffolk.gov.uk

Veterans and Remembrance Day - Suffolk County Council supported all those involved in organising local remembrance events to efforts to promote the Veterans Gateway and the Suffolk Military Covenant. The [Veterans Gateway](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk) (www.veteransgateway.org.uk) is a national resource supported by major military charities, the web portal helps veterans find suitable support.

School Travel Review – This work is commencing in December focussed on mainstream under-16 transport, recommendations are expected to go to a February or March cabinet. If anyone is experiencing ongoing difficulties with school travel please get in touch with me.

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6.2.2 Parish Report December 2019

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Councillor Rowland Worboys , Gisslingham Ward , Suffolk
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Grants for home adaptations - Do you need to adapt your home to help you, or your family, cope with the challenge of living at home with a long-term health condition? Mid Suffolk District Council offer grants of between £1,000 to £5,000. This scheme is open to all homeowners, private tenants and council property tenants. For more information call 0300 123 4000.

Council Meetings Cancelled – In the run-up to the General Election, all MSDC Council and Cabinet meetings were cancelled, as were Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings. Next meetings will be in January. Planning and regulatory committees continued to be held as normal. In addition, all member briefings were also cancelled. There is likely to be a delay in a number of Council decisions, including the setting of council tax for 2020/21. An extension of time for the allocation of locality grants has been agreed.

Suffolk Coast ecology - The Suffolk Coast Recreational Disturbance and Habitat Strategy was adopted by Cabinet at the beginning of November. The strategy is a means by which new residential growth can be delivered, alongside the protection of Suffolk's coastal, estuarine and heathland European wildlife sites, which is a legal requirement for all councils.

Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice - Mid Suffolk CAB recently held their AGM. During the last year they addressed nearly 10,000 issues and helped 3,400 clients. So far their client numbers are up 17% on last year. In 2018/19 the CAB helped clients in Mid Suffolk achieve over £1.4 million in financial gains through benefit claims, employment negotiations, consumer refunds and charitable support. The work done by the 45 volunteers has been officially valued at more than £380,000. The Overview and Scrutiny committee had commenced a scrutiny of CABs in Suffolk but the work was halted because of the General Election. This work will start again in January.

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Tree Planting/Tree Wardens – The missing section of Cowpasture Lane between Mellis Common and Thornham Parva, south of the Railway Line has been restored by planting native trees and hedging to redefine its ancient boundaries and establish a wildlife corridor linking the intact sections of the lane. 2,500 plants and trees were planted on Saturday 30th Nov. A tremendous effort by local residents, made possible by the partnership formed by the landowner, Nigel Patel, The Woodland Trust, Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Tree Warden Network coordinated by Frances Jannaway, Thornham's Tree Warden.

7. To re-convene the meeting- 8.45pm

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

- 8.1** To an update on the removal of gravel and remaining driveway materials from Common Land next to South View, Furze Way - No update received . No reply received from Corrine McGrath despite a reminder
- 8.2** To receive an update on planning issues at The Oak Trees, Great Green - No update received.
- 8.3** To receive an update regarding the planning consultation request letter relating to planning application DC/19/01020 -Land South Of Bury Road, Wortham IP221PW- remove option of 4 no affordable dwellings - No update received.
- 8.4** To receive an update regarding application DC/19/02698 - Land On The East Side Of, Church Road, Wortham, Suffolk - Outline Planning - No update received
- 8.5** To receive an update on a letter sent to Philip Isbell, MSDC re Honey Pot Farm - No update received.
- 8.6** To consider, discuss and agree on any comments regarding new application DC/19/05310 Application for reserved matters at the Former White House, Rectory Road, Wortham - Councillor Weaver left the meeting and did not vote on this item. 10 Councillors voted to object to this application for the following reasons:
The design, layout and dominance of the proposed development
The proposed development represents backfill
The development is near three listed buildings
The proposed development will result in considerable loss of sunlight and significantly reduce the privacy for nearby properties.

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The development will reduce parking at the combined developments
Infrastructure in the Parish is stretched.

The submitted plans do not indicate the location of any waste processing plant etc

Local wildlife are likely to be affected

For full details of the objection please refer to

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-and-comment/>

8.7 To consider, discuss and agree on any comments regarding the re-submitted outline application DC/19/03712 (Access to be considered) Erection of 4no single-storey detached dwellings - Land At Howards Close, Mellis Road, Wortham, Suffolk - The Parish Council voted unanimously to object to this Planning Application for the following reasons:

The site is outside the settlement boundary

It is backfill

Safety of pedestrians

Increased volume of traffic on Cherry Tree Close

Light pollution

Loss of privacy

Loss of outlook

Noise and disturbance

Nature conservation

Over development in this area of Wortham

No clear right of access

For full details of the objection, please refer to

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-and-comment/>

8.8 To receive an update on application DC/19/04195 Land to rear of No 10 Cherry Tree Close, Wortham. Hybrid Application - Outline Planning Application for the erection of a cartlodge with ancillary accommodation at first floor level; Full Planning Application for the change of use of land to additional garden land for 10 Cherry Tree Close. Permission Granted

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8.9 To receive an update on application DC/19/04586 - Easter Cottage, Buggs Road, Burgate, Diss Suffolk IP22 1QG- Erection of a single side extension- Permission Granted

8.10 To receive an update on application DC/19/04542 - Land Lying On The South Side Of, Bury Road, Wortham, Suffolk - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for the variation or removal of a condition following grant of 2480/16 (Erection of 12No dwellings, parking and/or garages, and upgraded highway access) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 without Compliance of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) - Substitute drawings 01B,02A and 06 with WBR/01C, 02E and 06C relating to footpath and design to Plot 1.- No update received.

8.11 To consider, discuss and agree on any comments regarding new application DC/19/05434 Application for Planning Permission without compliance of conditions - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) relating to 2480/16 dated 12.05.2017 (and Section 73 Application DC/19/04542) - Change to joinery materials, window positions, plinth detail and external finishes as identified in the submitted statement Location: Land Lying On The South Side Of, Bury Road, Wortham, Suffolk - It was unanimously agreed that “no comment” is sent to MSDC on this application.

8.12 To consider, discuss and agree on any comments regarding new application DC/19/05422 Erection of first floor extension and carport; Changes to windows and doors including insertion of rooflight Location: The Flint Barn, Church Road, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1PT - It was unanimously agreed that “no comment” is sent to MSDC on this application.

8.13 To consider, discuss and agree on any comments regarding new application DC/19/05440 Erection of Timber Framed Cart Lodge/Garage (retention of) Location: Merels, Long Green, Wortham, Diss Suffolk IP22 1PU - It was unanimously agreed that “no comment” is sent to MSDC on this application

8.14 To consider , discuss and agree on any comments regarding application for Listed Building Consent DC/19/05595, Replace ground floors and install underfloor heating. Underpin external wall (where required) The Dashes, Low Road , Wortham It was unanimously agreed that “no comment” is sent to MSDC on this application.

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9. Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported that the developer of the Land South of Bury Road, had been in contact regarding the proposed redirection of footpaths, in conjunction with the SCC Footpaths Officer. It would appear that he has made a reasonable offer to divert the footpaths.

10. To receive the Clerks report and outstanding actions from the last meeting:

Prices for Dog Fouling Notices have been sourced and are varied, dependent on sizes and quality. To be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting.

11. Budget. The budget was agreed with a precept of £17,500. Agreed unanimously.

12. Update on Track and Land at Wortham School - No update

13. VE Day - to be discussed at the next meeting

14 To receive an update on proposed new village hall project - No update

15.S137 payments for Wortham and Burgate Churches, for the upkeep of the churchyards - Agreed unanimously

16. Purchase of a mobile phone. It was agreed to source prices for the purchase of a mobile phone/contract for the Parish Clerk in order to perform the duties of the Parish Council. Report back in January 2020 with costings.

17. Tree Warden. Mr David Appleton gave a short presentation on the work carried out by the Tree Warden and confirmed that this is a voluntary position. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Appleton would become the Tree Warden for Wortham and Burgate.

18. To consider, discuss the PIIP (Parish Infrastructure Improvement Plan):

Questionnaire: A working group including 2 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk to laise. It was suggested that additional questions could be added to the New Village Hall Questionnaire.

CIL: Return to be completed by December 2020

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19. To receive and discuss items from Committees / Working Groups

19.1 Playing Field Committee (PFC)- Councillor Bradley is meeting with 2 representatives from MSDC to discuss options for funding the new equipment for the play area.

19.2 Commons Committee - Nothing to report

19.3 Finance Representative - Nothing to report

19.4 Employment Committee -Jane Wright was appointed as the new Parish Clerk, following the resignation of Netty Verkroost

19.5 New Village Hall Working Group- Nothing to report

20. Accounts

20.1 Accounts Balances as at 26/11/2019

20.1.1 Current Account £6878.45

20.1.2 Reserve Account £12492.21

20.1.3 Commons Account £25000.94

20.2 Account payments

20.2.1 Netty Verkroost	Salary Dec	£416.85
20.2.2 Netty Verkroost	Expenses Oct	£123.01
20.2.3 Niki Hinton	Salary Dec	£87.75
20.2.4 SALC	Councillor Briefing	£27.60
20.2.5 Westcotec	SID Battery	£105.00
20.2.6 Safe & Sound October	Moles	£48.00
20.2.7 Wortham Village Hall	Hall Hire October	£22.00
20.2.8 CGM	Grass Cutting	£180.00
20.2.9 Anglian Chemicals	Pavilion Supplies	£61.66

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Additional Payments prior to meeting

20.2.10 Treecraft	Commons Work	£700.00
20.2.11 Safe and Sound Nov	Moles	£48.00

It was unanimously agreed to make all payments.

The Parish Council received the following information :

Direct Debit Payments

Eon Electricity £200.00

20.3 Account Receipts

WLTC	Electricity Reimbursement	£548.73
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21. To receive and discuss items / reports from Committees, Groups and Councillors:

21.1.1 VHMC – The Jumble Sale held on Saturday 26th Oct raised in excess of £600 and Village Quiz on Saturday 16th November raised in excess of £300. Both were a great success and will be organised again in April 2020

21.2 Rights of Way – None

21.3 Councillors: - The White House - The first plan to the Ombudsman has been actioned. Background correspondence to be added. Proposal to go to SALC and bring back to the next meeting. Agreed unanimously

22. Correspondence received – An email was received from a resident on Church Road, with concerns over a blocked drain. It was advised that the problem be reported on the Suffolk County Council website under the highways section. A call was received from FOWL regarding new signage on the Ling. More information to be sent to the Clerk prior to the January PC meeting.

23. To receive items for the next agenda - VE Day Event, PIIP, Mobile Phone. Ombudsman, Play Area Equipment

24. Date & time of next meeting –Jan 7th 2020 at 7.30pm in Wortham Village Hall
Meeting Close at 10.05pm

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