

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council, Commons Committee meeting at Ivy House Farm, Long Green, Wortham on Monday 24th February 2020 at 7pm.

Councillors Present: Cllr Williams, Cole, Bradley, Erith.

In attendance: J Wright (Clerk), N Verkroost (Clerk) Tree Warden David Appleton

The meeting was held at Ivy House Farm as timings clashed with the table tennis players at the Sports Pavilion.

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence - None received
2. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed - None
3. To consider any dispensations from members in any item to be discussed - None
4. Adjourn the meeting to allow public participation - David Appleton, Tree Warden. The Tree Warden is part of the National Tree Warden Network and has a number of roles, for example identifying tree disease and advising on any works that need to be carried out. A Hedge Survey was carried out some 12 years ago, and Mr Appleton would be interested in finding the results. Clerk to make enquiries.
5. Re-convene the meeting - 7.10pm
6. To consider, discuss and agree on works to be carried out on Common Land owned by the Parish Council -It was proposed that Pond 18 opposite the Manor House needs additional clearing work. 2 rotting tree stumps near the Post Office need removal. Bottom branches of the Coronation Oak need to be removed, to allow a topper to access underneath, for ease of grazing. Saplings need removing from Ditch 9 leading into Pond 10. Work outside of Wortham Primary School was discussed. SALC to be contacted to find out the threshold for Public contracts for Tenders into the Public Domain.
7. To receive the clerks report and any outstanding items/actions -Quotes had been sourced for the Annual Village Maintenance and as only one quote was received it was unanimously agreed to award the contract to Charlie Gooderham.
8. To receive items from Councillors - Councillors have been contacted by a Burgate resident regarding flooding at Great Green. The item was discussed at length, and the location of the problem was established as County Council property, and not Parish Council. Clerk to contact Jessica Fleming.
9. To discuss any correspondence received - None
10. To receive items for the next agenda -
11. Date and time of next meeting - tbc
12. Meeting Close