**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 2021 @ 7pm Via **Zoom**

**Present**:, Gary Basford (**GB**), Andy Hudson (**AH**) (Chair), John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair), John Thomasson (**JT**) , Vicky Higham (**VH**) Fred Percival (**FP**), Joe Foster (**JF**) Mark Astbury (**MA),**Cllr Sarah Pochin (**SP**) (**ME**) Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

Parish members: no members of the Parish were present.

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**: -,  Gary Vernon (**GV**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Matt Evans (**ME**)  Malcolm Holman (**MH**) (Absent) | Clerk | N/A | 07/01/21 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  No declarations declared by an councillors present. | Chair | All Cllrs | 07/01/21 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**  Minutes from 12/11/20 proposed as correct by **GB** and 2nded by **MA**  All Cllrs agreed. | Chair | All Cllrs | 07/01/21 |
| 4. | **Open Forum:-**  No members present, feedback prior to the meeting were:-  Local resident from Poole have been in touch with Open Reach regarding the Fibre Broadband in Poole. Probably not likely to happen within the next 2 years. Edward Timpson MP has now become involved in trying to progress this issue. Possibility of pursuing a Community Fibre Partnership for rural broadband, with a take up required of 10 or more houses/businesses. This could be funded through Government Voucher schemes. It is something that was investigated several years ago but at the time there was not enough take up in the vicinity. It was agreed that **AH** would speak to the resident and suggest that individual canvass locally as to whether there is interest from fellow residents to pursue further. **JT** & **MH** to also be kept informed as the local Cllrs for the area. | public | Chair | Ongoing |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor report:-**   * Census taking place on 21/03/21 across the Borough. Need an understanding of who makes up the household/ demographics of the areas. Contact details available as to who the census contact is for the area. * CEC forming a partnership with film industry for the use of land/properties in the borough for filming. £1.85M revenue raised last year for this – a useful source of revenue for the Borough. * Brownfield site register has been updated. On the CEC website. * Consultation on 2025 CEC budget is available for reading. * CEC supporting a badger vaccination programme in the Borough. Want to vaccinate enough badgers to provide a firebreak to stop bovine TB * Consultation taking place on transport across the Borough. **SP** long campaigned for fairer parking charges. Free parking in Sandbach, but | SP | SP | ongoing |
| 5. | Highest charges in the Borough in Crewe. Should have a strategy regarding this. Can be found on the CEC website.   * Press release out about the length of time that Planning is taking. CEC are trying to recruit currently. * Covid vaccines taking place in Nantwich, currently. CEC are doing as well as anywhere else in the Country with delivery. Question asked when the Care Homes would be vaccinated. No update, but will raise the issue. MA asked about the possibility of the Village hall being used as a vaccination centre. Contact details given for **MA** to make contact. * More money available from the Treasury for the hospitality sector for assistance. * No update on the village speeding scheme, as yet. * Dairy Lane repairs delayed due to weather conditions. * Speed signs around the school area – CEC now looking into this. Gritting routes are unlikely to happen this year, but pushing hard for next year’s gritting programme. | SP | SP | Ongoing |
| 6. | **Planning Matters:**  ***Pending application***  *20/5736N- Mallard Cottage, Poole Barns – Erection of single storey extension – No comments*  *20/5121N – Poole Hill House, Poole – Holiday let Accommodation. Further investigation required as to the requirements of this planning. Cllrs to give feedback to* ***AH*** *via e mail.*  *20/5263N – 4 Brooklands, Oak Tree Barns, Poole – Installation of fire escape windows – no comment.*  *20/5045N – Highfields House, Main Road AJM – Certificate of lawful use/development. – no comment.*  ***Past Planning***  *20/4037N – Lavender Cottage, Main Rd AJM. Single story oak framed garden room – refused*  *20/3860N - 174 Main Rd. Demolition of orangery and erection of single dwelling. Appd with Conds*  *19/4128N – Poole Nurseries, Wettenhall Rd. Variation on occupancy. Erection on dwelling of old site of cottage*  *20/3713N – The Cottage Cinder Lane Reaseheath. Certificate of lawful use.*  *20/3791N – Kingsley Fields – Variation of conditions – Multi use games area.*  *19/2929N – Land to west of St Oswalds Church – outline planning for 2 houses- not decided*  *20/1405N – Land adj to Oakview, Mile House Lane, Worleston. Variation on conditions- unknown*  *20/2082N – Aston Lower Hall Farm, Dairy Lane AJM. Barn Conversion – not decided*  *20/2517N – Land at Dairy Lane, AJM. Planning for 2 dwellings – not decided*  *20/2135N – 2 Church Rd, AJM – Variation on Conditions 17/4929N & 17/1089N*  *20/2085N - Church Rd, AJM – single storey rear extension. – not decided*  **AH** stated that the CEC planning Dept have shut down all preplanning applications – no longer offering this service. **SP** said that this service is critical to the planning process.  **VH** – stated that all The Green residents have had a letter regarding the proposal from further houses on Kingsley Field site. Potential further 50-60 properties. Concerns that this is further burden on existing services, eg Drs & dentists. **VH** to e mail details to WDPC/**SP.** | Chair | Chair | ongoing |
| 7. | **Clerks Report:-**  No update. All latest communications have been sent on. | Clerk | Clerk | 07/01/21 |
| 8. | **Playground update:-**  Remedial work – some has been carried out. **ME** has updated AH as to the repairs that have been carried out. All repairs are being recorded so that it can be used as evidence for further risk assessments. | The Clerk | ME AH the clerk | ongoing |
| 9. | **Parish Compacts :-**  Question raised as to whether Peter has been covering The Green area, as he hasn’t been seen as frequently. The Clerk to investigate. | The clerk | The clerk | 07/01/21 |
| 10. | **Road Safety Matters:-**   * Cameras on Main Road data to be downloaded **AH** to complete. Laptop needs to go to **PJ** for data download for Reaseheath. 1 Reaseheath camera not currently working. * Police carrying out radar traps on Main Road more frequently. * Tractors in Main Road – an issue. Question raised about the speed limit for them. **JT** said that they should be the same as cars. It was felt that there is disregard for safety in the village by the tractor drivers. It was suggested that number plates be taken so that they can be investigated. Safety concerns about stopping distance. * Delphic lorries are also causing an issue on Main Road, with speed and frequency. Suggested that **AH** write a letter to Delphic regarding this situation. **SP** has had enforcement visit the site twice but is happy to go and visit to discuss current issues. * Pot holes in Poole have been reported to CEC. * Issue with parking for Crewe Alex training ground with children drop off – this has now been resolved. **AH** | Chair | Chair | ongoing |
| 11. | **Neighbourhood Plan update:-**  No progress. | Chair | Chair/  NP com | ongoing |
| 12. | **Parish Precept:-**  Figures sent out prior to the meeting to Cllrs with figures modelled on 7% & 12% increase based on taxbase figures from CEC. W&D are one of the lowest in the Borough. 12% increase means increase of £1.54 per house. It was proposed that a request of 12% increase by **FP** and **VH** for the 2021/22 financial year. Submit by 15/01/21 | Clerk | Clerk/  Chair | 15/01/21 |
| 13. | **Payment of accounts :-**  Helen Exley (Salary) (online) £400.00  Helen Exley (Zoom Expenses) (online) £14.39  Peter Wilson (Online) £320.00 | Clerk | Clerk | 07/01/21 |
| 14. | **Dates of meetings for 2021:**  **11th March, 13th May (Incl Annual Meeting),1st July, 9th September,**  **11th November** | Clerk | Clerk | 07/01/21 |
| 15. | **AOB/items for next agenda**:-  None |  |  | 07/01/21 |

Meeting closed at 20.05.hrs

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**Action list from 07/01/21 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
|  | **Outstanding**  **VH** to speak to RHC regarding the construction of picnic benches for the playground area.  Dairy Lane road surface improvements – CEC Highways | VH  SP | ongoing |
| 4. | **AH** to contact resident in Poole and canvassing local regarding the fibre Broadband and canvassing local support for a community provision. | AH | March 21 |
| 6. | Planning -  20/5121N – Poole Hill House, Poole – Holiday let Accommodation. Further investigation required as to the requirements of this planning. Cllrs to give feedback to **AH** via e mail. | All councillors | End of January |
| 9. | Check that the litter picker is still visiting The Green and litter picking there. | The Clerk | End of January |
| 10. | Data retrieval via PC laptop required PJ to complete. Data download for Main Road to be completed.  Tractor numberplates to be monitored on Main Road for those that are speeding and report.  Ah to write to Delphic Transport about speeding of lorries in the Parish and frequency of use through Main road. | PJ clerk/ AH  All Cllrs  AH | ongoing |
| 12. | Precept forms to be submitted for next financial year. | clerk | 15/01/21 |