**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th January 2024 @ 7.00pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**: Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Tommy Adams (**TA**), John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) John Thomasson (**JT**), Vicky Higham (**VH**), Andy Hudson (**Chair**), Fred Percival (**FP**), Matt Evans (**ME**), Gary Vernon (**GV**) Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Parish members: present

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies** Gary Basford (**GB**) (**JT**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Joe Foster (**JF**)  Malcolm Holman (**MH)** | Clerk | N/A | 18/01/24 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  ***JT -****23/4566N – Aston Lower Hall, AJM.- Erection of Rural enterprise unit & associated works* | Chair | All Cllrs | 18/01/24 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**  Minutes from 16/11/23 quarterly meeting proposed as correct by **FP** and 2nded by **GV.** All councillors in agreement. | Chair | All Cllrs | 18/01/24 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-**  **AH** - Continued concern from residents about the grids in Station Rd/Dairy Lane. Highways saying that there is a high risk of flooding into properties. **JT** says there is a drain that has possibly collapsed, hence the water not draining. | Public | Chair | 18/01/24 |
| 5. | **Representation from St Oswald’s with an update of School Parking project:-**  **ME –** No further update at the moment. Waiting for tenders to be returned. Hoping to give a better update at March meeting. | Chair | Chair | 18/01/24 |
| 6. | **Borough Councillor Report:-**   * A lot of flooding reported. * Cost recovery will be applied for all election costs going forward. Feeling that more costs will be pushed onto PC’s as the council tax is capped. If full election necessary for a PC the cost is estimated at £5K. Try and co-opt where necessary rather than election process. * Budget Consultations taking place at CEC - Green space proposal. Doesn’t impact WDPC. Green bin charge is now in operation across CEC.  **BP** monitoring what is being discussed re future CEC budgets. * Reaseheath bypass – still due for opening Spring 2024. Trees now being planted. **VH** says that there is no progress with anything to do with the road. Equine underpass still in discussion with developers. Pedestrian crossing still needs to be in place for the road to open. * Ward boundary change will take place in 2027. Maybe alterations to the Bunbury Ward - Kingsley Fields will be removed from Bunbury to Nantwich. | Chair | BP | 18/01/24 |
| 7. | **Planning Matters: -**  ***Pending applications*** *(N/C = No Comment)*  *23/4801N -Groome Cottage, Rookery Park, Main Rd,-demolish existing building & replace with single storey N/C*  *23/4351N -Land to the Est of Worleston Lodge, Plot 2. Erection of a detached house & Garage N/C*  *23/4462T -Work to TPO trees, Rookery Hall, Worleston N/C*  *23/4437N – FJ Needs Ltd, LDC for increase in length of Acoustic fencing N/C*  *23/4741N – Poole Hall, Cinder Lane – Alterations to existing swimming pool & landscaping N/C*  *23/4566N – Aston Lower Hall, AJM.- Erection of Rural enterprise unit & associated works N/C*  *23/4689N – 82 Main Rd – Addition of external chimney breast for gas fire N/C*  ***Past Planning***  *23/3894N – 87 Main Rd, Worleston – 2 storey Extension*  *23/4100N – Barratts Cottage Removal of Cond 2 on approved application 4/5/7278 - Approved*  *23/3257N – Ash Paddocks, AjM – Change of use*  *23/3507N – Aston Lower Hall Farm, Dairy Lane - Erection of covered silage store*  *23/3902N – Reaseheath House Cinder Lane – Side & Rear 2 storey Extension*  *23/2737N – Ash Paddocks, Main Rd, AJM – Certificate of Lawful existing use/Development -Approved*  *23/0331D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole – Discharge of Conditions - undecided*  *22/0208N- Building adjoining Barons Rd, discharge of conds on 19/0773N - undecided*  *22/1522N – Highfields House AJM - Erection of wooden garage - undecided*  *22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided*  *22/0836D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole Discharge of condition 21/2726N application, undecided*  *21/5898N – Land off Main Road, Worleston – outbuilding see above application 22/3505N*  *20/2517N – Land at Dairy Lane, AJM. Planning for 2 dwellings – not decided*  *20/2085N - Church Rd, AJM – single storey rear extension. – not decided* |  |  |  |
| 8. | **Clerks Report:-**   * *Coronation mug money collection – GB –* Clerk to chase. * *Spending of Community Infrastructure Levy – total amount £3026.12 by 16/11/28*  WDPC need to spend this by this date. **FP** suggested that it could be spent on the school parking project? **BP** to send CIL criteria through so that it can be investigated further. | Clerk | Clerk | 18/01/24 |
| 9. | **Adoption of Parish Council Standing Orders**:-  *re-adoption of current standing Orders* - it was proposed that the S/O’s be re-adopted by **TA** and seconded by **ME** | Chair | Clerk | 18/01/24 |
| 10. | **Fibre broadband update:-**  Airband have been more active -held meeting at the village hall so that residents could sign up. Now part way through roll out and connecting individual houses. Airband will contact houses when the end connectors are in place. Still unable to get the information as to which houses will be connected. | Chair | Chair | 18/01/24 |
| 11. | **Worleston Village Hall:-**  **AH** has spoken with the committee. Offer is still open to help fund anything that will benefit the parish with the surplus lottery funding from the original build of the hall. Possibility of using it for footpaths? | Chair | Chair | 18/01/24 |
| 12. | **Playground Matters:-**  *Update on Playground safety report* – all completed   * Roundabout is excellent - **ME** * Ground is very wet at the moment. * Carparking area - need better than plainings. 6mm finish. Quotes to be obtained. * Tree removal now complete. | Chair | ME/JS | ongoing |
| 13. | **Parish Compacts:-**  No comments | Clerk | Chair | Ongoing |
| 14. | **Road Safety Matters:-**   * Flooding issues – Main Rd has had 2nd jetting. Gully collapse has been fixed by Rookery Hall. Big build up of water by the Crescent. Photos to be sent through of further issues. Station Rd/Dairy Lane – see point 6. Water backing up from the River Weaver and flooding. Properties near Rookery Brook have raised concerns about the water level. Email to be forwarded from **VH** regarding recent information on the maintenance of it. * Update on Road conditions- Reaseheath roundabout – road surface poor. Markings need to be redone. Accidents are happening because of this. * Kingsbourne Rd opening – see point 6 * SIDs Update – Invoice has been issued to Acton PC for payment. * Footpath study. **AH** to send to **BP** a drawing of the road for potential route for a footpath on Main Road to Station Road and Barons Lane. Quotes to be obtained. | Chair | Chair/ Clerk | Ongoing |
| 15. | **Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :-**   * *Proposed Change of Bank account* – Signing of signitory forms by **JT**, **ME**, **TA**, **FP** * *Re-adoption of Financial Standing orders*. Proposed by **JS** and seconded by **JT** * Current bank balance 10/01/24 = £8604.11   To include:   * *Clerks fee £520.00* * *Lengthsman Fees £418.00* * *WVH hire costs £32.00* * *Alan Ackerley – Play area maintenance £211.50* | Clerk | Clerk | 18/01/24 |
| 16. | **Dates of meetings for 2024:**  14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 26th September, 14th November | Clerk | Clerk | 18/01/24 |
| 17. | **Items for next agenda**:-  N/A | clerk | Chair | 18/01/24 |

Meeting closed at 20.10 hrs

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**Action list from 18/01/24 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
|  | OUTSTANDING  Hedges to be looked at in Poole.  State of verges by the school to be repaired.  Gritting route consultation with Craig Brown – Contact PA  Photos to be sent through to **BP** regarding drainage issues again on Main Rd  Coronation mug money – to be collected & paid to RDA | MH  AH JT FP  ME    GB | ongoing |
| 14 | Quotes for carpark surface | FP JS | March 2024 |
| 15 | * Action bank account closure/opening to Unity Bank | Clerk | March |