**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th September 2024 @ 7.00pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**: Tommy Adams (**TA**), Fred Percival (**FP**), Joe Foster (**JF**) Andy Hudson (**Chair**), Gary Vernon (**GV**) Malcolm Holman (**MH)**Vicky Higham (**VH**),Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Parish members: none present

| **Point**  | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies** John Thomasson (**JT**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Matt Evans (**ME**) John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) Gary Basford (**GB**) |  Clerk | N/A | 26/09/24 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** - None declared |  Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 26/09/24 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-****Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**Minutes from 11/07/24 quarterly meeting, were proposed as correct by **JF** and 2nded by **TA.** All councillors present were in agreement. |  Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 26/09/24 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-**No members were present**VH** on behalf of the residents of The Green, raised the issue of parking at the Green and the RHC students using it as a “drop off” and Equine students using it for parking for the day. Comments that the buses are parking in laybys and by Emerton Roofing for the day. Concern that once the road shuts by The Green that this will be used as a “carpark”. A Letter to be sent to the Head of RHC expressing concerns regarding this. | Public |   Chair | 26/09/24 |
|  5. | **Borough Councillor Report:-*** Planning issue regarding the potential carpark by the church -no chance of progression at the moment, due to being a conservation area by the church. Too many obstacles with the current policy. This will be reviewed under the new government.
* CEC consultation on the black bin collection. Food waste to be collected separately by 2026. Looking at reconfiguring the whole waste collection and moving to a 3-weekly collection.
* CEC have to save £100M over the next 4 years and currently overspent by £30M.
* Improvement Plan on in Children’s planning due to an inadequate report.
* Air quality consultation taking place currently.
* 5 Waste tips are to be closed in CEC, voted for by committee.
* Query about average speed cameras for MOP. 2 trials taking place in the north of the Council. No data yet, to share. Alpraham & Calveley are requesting Average speed cameras under S106 agreement.
* Road safety request has been raised for Main Road. A consultation with residents would be required for this to take place. See point 12.
* No money in CEC available to replace damaged road signs and chevrons

(even when damaged in an accident). If Police attend an accident, the police can raise a request for replacement. | Chair | BP | 26/09/24 |
|  | * Meeting with engineers from CEC about the opening of the Reaseheath Road and the developers regarding opening date. **BP** written to the enforcement officer to get the opening actioned as this is a major safety issue with the number of houses now being occupied and only one road access available. Looking that it will be May 2025 opening.
* No update on the plan for the shop on Kingsbourne.
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| 6. | ***Pending applications****24/3157N – Reaseheath House, Cinder Lane – side and rear 2 storey extensions.* ***No Comment******Past Planning****24/2300N – Millstone Roundabout, Reaseheath Advertising consent for roadside hoarding**24/2539N – 87 Main Road, Worleston – 1st floor ext (update on prev application 23/3894N) Apd with conds.**24/1618N – Beech Tree Farm, Poole Hill Rd – Replacement dwelling. (resub 24/0305N) Appd with Conds**24/1956N – Reaseheath College - Temporary workshop and storage – Approved with Conds**24/1722N – Aston Lower Hall, Dairy Lane, Variation on Cond 20/2082N-undecided**24/0658N – Aston Lower Hall, Dairy Lane – erection of agricultural building retrospective.- undecided**24/0060N – Rose Hall, Dairy Lane, New annex & Porch entrance-undecided**23/4801N -Grome Cottage, Rookery Park,-demolish existing building & replace with single storey -undecided**23/4566N – Aston Lower Hall, AJM.- Erection of Rural enterprise unit & associated works- undecided**23/3507N – Aston Lower Hall Farm, Dairy Lane - Erection of covered silage store - undecided**22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided**21/5898N – Land off Main Rd, Worleston – outbuilding see above app 22/3505N* |  Chair | Chair | ongoing |
| 7. | **Update on School Carpark project**:- Recent meeting attended by **FP.** Tree removal still not taken place.No further progress on the plans. | Chair | FP | ongoing |
| 8. | **Bunbury Cluster meeting:-** See appendix. **AH** attended recent meeting. Next meeting to be held at WVH on 22nd Jan 2025. Request for a Cllr to attend – **FP** & **TA** to attend.  | Chair | Chair | 26/09/24 |
| 9. | **Clerks Report:-** * CIL payments – Clerk has sent out a notification on what the payments can be used for - the current CIL amount could be used for the projects that are in discussion currently.
 | Clerk | Clerk | 26/09/24 |
| 10. | **Playground Matters:-*** **ME** not present
* Car park surface improvement – no update
 | Chair | FP & JS | ongoing  |
| 11. | **Parish Compacts:-** Peter is happy with the everything in the area. No problems currently in the parish.  | Clerk |  Chair | Ongoing |
| 12. | **Road Safety Matters:-*** *Flooding issues* - Jetting has taken place and continues to do so.
* *Update on Road conditions* – comment on the state of the kerbs and weeds that are not being cleared – concerns about the rain fall and drain blocks. CEC have stated that it is not a statutory requirement to weed kill and removal will only take place if “assets available”.
* *Speeding in Main Road –* Ongoing concerns about the speed of vehicles on Main Road.

A proposal to be put forward to CEC by **AH** to reduce the limit from 30MPH to 20MPH covering the key issues :-1. Increased Traffic Risk During School Hours
2. High Potential for Accidents
3. Difficulty in Road Crossing

Supporting evidence would include Improved Pedestrian Safety & evidence of Success in other villages.The next steps to implementation would be to – -Seek agreement from the council to commission a traffic study to gather data on current speed patterns and pedestrian risks in the village.- Engage with local residents to ensure broad community support for this initiative. To be led by **JF** & **JS**- Coordinate with Cheshire Highways and other relevant authorities to initiate the process of speed limit reduction.* Kingsbourne Rd opening – See point 5.
* Footpath study – no further action at this point.
* Recap on Carpark application – See point 5.
 |  Chair |  JF/JS | Ongoing |
| 13. | **Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :-**Current bank balance 04/09/24 = £10,089.57 & saver account £3040.26Outstanding payments:-* *Clerk’s fees – deferred -* PAYE is being investigated and quotes are obtained.
* *Lengthsman Fees – £594.88*
* *WVH hire costs - £32.00*

Litter picker fees to be reviewed for the next meeting. Hourly rate is backdated to April 2025 in line with minimum wage increase for this payment. |  Clerk | Clerk | 26/09/24 |
| 14. | **Dates of meetings for 2024:** 14th November - Cllrs required to attend or give apologies in advance.**Dates of meetings for 2025:**16th January, 13th March, 22nd May, 10th July, 25th September,20th November | Clerk | Clerk | 26/09/24 |
| 15. | **Items for next agenda**:- N/A | clerk |  Chair | 26/09/24 |

Meeting closed at 20:05 hrs

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**Action list from26/09/24 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
| 8. | January 2025 Bunbury cluster meeting to be attended.  | FP & TA | January 2025 |
| 12. | Speed limit project – Main Road to be led by JF & JS | JF & JS | January 2025 |
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**Bunbury Cluster Data 5th June to 30th August 2024**

**ASB/ CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

6/06- Noise nuisance Royal Oak Worleston

23/06 – Kids running round the park screaming at 1am – Henhull

18/07 criminal damage to a vehicle Calveley

25/08 – criminal damage to a vehicle Minshull vernon

**THEFT**

8/06- Number plates stolen Henhull area

27/06 – theft Mishull Vernon business related

**FIREARMS**

8/06- cat shot with air rifle - Poole

**RTC/ Road related**

10/06 –RTC no injuries Marsh Lane Nantwich

14/06 – Tree down Bowes gate road Bunbury

15/06 – RTC non injury - Cross lane Church Minshull

**22/06 –** RTC Chester Road Acton (tractor hit the corner of the house )

**23/06 –** RTC Welshmans Lane

24/06 – RTC Dorfold Acton Incident happened on the estate

26/06 – cars racing on the Weaver estate

26/06 – RTC Non Injury - Welshmans lane

27/06 – RTC Chester Road Hurleston

**2/07** RTC Monks Lane Acton/ Cuckoo Lane no injuries

8/07 – Cows loose Minshull Vernon

9/07 – RTC Wettenhall 2 vehicle

14/07 – RTC Bunbury 2 vehicle, one motorbike

15/07 RTC Hurleston 2 vehicle minor injuries

16/07 – traffic light issue

19/07 -Male arrested for drink driving Eardswick Lane Minshull Vernon

26/07- Vehicle had to swereve off the road

27/07 – vehicle smelt of drugs Wettenhall

30/07 RTC 2 vehicles clipped wing mirrors Over Road Church Minshull

9/08 – RTC 1 vehicle Wardle

4/08 – RTC Church Minshull no injury

18/08 RTC Worleston car crashed into hedge

23/08 – Vehicle damage in car park – Hurleston

26/08 – Motorbikes leaving the Royal Oak Worleston loud and at speed

28/08 – Quad bikes being ridden by kids Alpraham area

**BURGLARY / THEFT**

28/07 - Wakes Meadow Bunbury – tools taken from garden

7/08 – number plates stolen Cholmondeston

15/08 – Car broken into – nothing stolen Henhull

**OTHER**

11/06 – fire alarm going off resident is a hoarder and lives alone Wardle

**12/06 -** Complaint about local residents putting chains and bollards out to stop local bus stop Bunbury Lane – Bunbury

**14/06 –** Online fraud scamming money Henhull

29/06 - 13yr old girl on canal followed by male Acton

**3/07 –** MH concerns of neighbour Acton ( agencies involved

5/07 – Male collapsed on canal boat Acton taken to hospital

8/07 – altercation on canal whereby canal boat nearly hit fisherman Cholmondeston

14/07 – Concerns for safety Bunbury

21/07 – concern for male with Altzeimers Bunbury

26/07 – dog on dog attack Marsh Lane Nantwich

27/07 – Sus person in café Wettenhall

4/08 – suspicious van Cholmondeston

6/08 – loose dog Acton

13/08 – Verbal threats Bunbury

15/08 Neighbour dispute Bunbury

15/08 – Suspicious person on kingsbourne estate

18/08 – dog loose sheep worrying Wettenhall

20/08 – Neighbour issue Wardle

**Fraud**

 8 reports for various reasons a couple of examples below,

*one was someone making a call pretending to be a Police Officer saying they have arrested someone trying to make payment with their details, requesting caller to confirm details*

This is likely to be a report of sextortion which has occurred online via social media. The victim has likely been tricked into believing that they were conversing with somebody who was sexually interested in them and has sent naked images of themselves. There have been demands made for money and threats to disclose the images to the victim’s social media contacts. Safety advice has been given to the victim and contact has since ceased - - call likely to have originated outside of the UK so no viable LOE

*Gift card for Â£50 for John Lewis was purchased from Morrisons Nantwich on 10th May as a gift.*

*On 4th August, this gift card was attempted to be redeemed, but no balance was found on the card. The pin number was scratched off to be used on 5th August.*

*Contact with John Lewis report that the voucher was spent on 25th June, but no location of spend could be revealed for data protection purposes.*

*Loss: £50.00*

**A female contacted me on Google Chat. We exchanged various information, but I withheld most personal stuff. We did exchange photographs. She has now threatened to publicise photos of me unless I pay Â£400.**

**SEXUAL Offences** – 8 reports again various levels from messaging , stalking and rape

**BLACKMAIL** – 4 reports- people on internet sites asking for money

**DANGEROUS DRIVING –** 10 reports from dangerous driving to drink driving reports and vehicles parked in a dangerous manner

**DOMESTICS –** 34

**SPEED CAMERA**

**Bunbury**

June 183 July   202 August 268  Total 653 for the last three months.

Not sure how long they are going to be there but there is temporary lights just at the Bunbury site so we are not processing anything at present.

**Alpraham**

The camera was taken out in June for calibration. It takes about 4 weeks on a turn around so there is no data for July and August, but it will be put in on rotation.

June figures were 236 from the 1st to 26th of June.