**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th January 2025 @ 7.00pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**: John Thomasson (**JT**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) Gary Basford (**GB**)

Fred Percival (**FP**), Joe Foster (**JF**) Andy Hudson (**Chair**), Gary Vernon (**GV**), Richard Heaton (**RH**) Malcolm Holman (**MH)** Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**),Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

Parish members: none present

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**:-  Tommy Adams (**TA**), Vicky Higham (**VH** ) | Clerk | N/A | 16/01/25 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  None declared | Chair | All Cllrs | 16/01/25 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**  Minutes from 26/09/24 quarterly meeting, were proposed as correct by **GV** and 2nded by **JF.** All councillors present, were in agreement. | Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 16/01/25 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-**  No members were present | Public | Chair | 16/01/25 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor Report:-**   * Pothole report – getting Highways to look at them all in the area. * CEC have decided to go for priority devolution CEC have to devolve. Looking at partnership with CWAC & Warrington. Letter has gone to Central Government to request this. If it happens it will become a Mayoral authority. Authorities would sit separately. Detail is scant at the moment. CEC will be £17.8M overspent by the end of the financial year. Chief Exec has applied for extra funding from the Government – have applied for permission for an increase of additional 5% in Council Tax (on top of regular 4.9%) to the Government without going to a referendum. * National Planning Policy framework – CEC can only demonstrate a 4.1% increase in planning. Needs to increase under new Government. Housing targets stated from last year. Need another 2,600 houses in the Borough which have to built within the timeframe. Preference for housing estates as this will include affordable housing. * **BP** has asked for an outline planning document for Town & Parish Councils from CEC planning so that there can be a greater understanding of impact at local level of the government national plan. * Concerns about displacement of water with continual flooding and it needs to be included in Planning legislation. * 20 additional planners are being recruited in CEC * Road on Kingsley Field is progressing – there is progess on it. Still trying to get more engagement with the developers. A lot of work to be done on internal roads. CEC cannot adopt the road until all the safety features are done such as lighting. | Chair | BP | 16/01/25 |
|  | * Concern about the RHC Equestrian centre and horse safety regarding the lights of vehicles and how it will affect the horses at night. * A prelegal warning has been issued to the developers regarding the completion of the road. * Nantwich Football club will do a big planting scheme around the grounds to shield the lights to residents. The scheme will be done by Mersey Forest. No money was given to the football club from Section 106 development towards any improvement to the club or their grounds. |  |  |  |
| 6. | **Planning matters:-**  ***Pending applications***  *No Pending applications*  ***Past Planning***  *24/3343N - Holly Bank Farm Wettenhall Road, Reaseheath,* *Certificate of proposed lawful use for residential dwelling – positive certificate*  *24/3157N – Reaseheath House, Cinder Lane, Reaseheath – side and rear 2 storey extension – appd with conds*  *24/1722N – Aston Lower Hall, Dairy Lane, Variation on Cond 20/2082N-withdrawn*  *24/0658N – Aston Lower Hall, Dairy Lane – erection of agricultural building retrospective.- Appd with Conds*  *24/0060N – Rose Hall, Dairy Lane, New annex & Porch entrance-6 week tree order expired*  *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* | Chair | Chair | ongoing |
| 7. | **Clerks Report:-**  Devolution document to forwarded onto Councillors.  Bunbury Cluster meeting 22nd Jan at **WVH – FP & TA** to attend | Clerk | Clerk | 16/01/25 |
| 8. | **Re-adoption of Standing Orders:-**  The current Standing Orders were reviewed prior to the meeting and it was proposed by **RH** & **JT** to re adopt for 2025 | Clerk | Clerk | 16/01/25 |
| 9. | **Playground Matters:-**   * **JS** has reviewed the Audit. All major concerns have been addressed.  **PJ** will look at the advisories and prioritise. | Chair | PJ | ongoing |
| 10. | **Parish Compacts:-**  Nothing to report from Peter Wilson. Clerk will ask for road signs to be cleaned where necessary. | Clerk | Chair | Ongoing |
|  | **Road Safety Matters:-**   * *Flooding issues* - Cottage opposite Crescent was flooded. Gullies to be cleared - have been reported. Wettenhall Road in Poole has been jetted at junction of Dairy Lane. Further reports to be logged with CEC further * *Kingsbourne Rd opening* - see point 5. * *Road Safety & Speed limits* – Chicane beyond Royal Oak is now dangerous due to lack of lighting. Speeding is increasing through the village and is very dangerous. Police checks have taken place in the mornings at school run time. **JS** is requesting again that a 20MPH limit should be introduced on Main Rd. |  |  |  |
| 11. | * CEC highways are supposed to be completing their assessment on speed of the whole of the 5074 through the village and looking at the road is changes at the roundabout – no outcome on this yet. **AH** will contact CEC Highways regarding this report – asking for an update and will review this at the next meeting. * Question regarding the addition of a footpath through the village upto Station Road. Cost will be prohibitive and CEC won’t fund it. * Concerns regarding the opening of the Kingsley Field road and the impact on the additional traffic through Main Road to avoid the Bypass.   There was a motion for a vote on an implementation of a 20 MPH speed limit through the village in favour 8:2 **AH** to write to CEC Highways. | Chair | Chair | Ongoing |
| 12. | **Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :-**   * Precept setting 2025-26. It was proposed by **FP** & seconded by **JS** that the precept be set at £4,755 for the 2025-26 budget year – this is the 1st increase in 3 years.   Current bank balance 10/01/25 to include saver account £10,846.64  Outstanding payments:-   * *Clerk’s fees - now paid for M6-M9* * *HMRC - paid as above* * *Lengthsman Fees –£343.20* * *WVH hire costs - £32.00* * *Huljady payroll services - £48.40* * *CHALC – Cllr training £25.00* | Clerk | Clerk | 16/01/25 |
| 13. | **Dates of meetings for 2025:**  13th March, 22nd May, 10th July, 25th September, 20th November | Clerk | Clerk | 16/01/25 |
| 14. | **Items for next agenda**:- | clerk | Chair | 16/01/25 |

Meeting closed at 20:05 hrs

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**Action list from16/01/25 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
| 9. | Playground audit to be reviewed by PJ for any outstandings | PJ | March |
| 11. | AH to contact CEC regarding the introduction of a 20MPH speed limit on Main Rd | AH | Ongoing |
| 12. | * Consideration for expenditure on Village projects for the solar grant & CIL payments. * Possible additional Street lights in village at bridge end? * Precept request to be completed for 25/26 budget | All Cllrs  AH  Clerk | Ongoing  17/01/25 |
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