**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May 2024 @ 7.15pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**: Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Tommy Adams (**TA**), John Thomasson (**JT**), Fred Percival (**FP**), John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) Vicky Higham (**VH**), Gary Basford (**GB**) (**JT**) Joe Foster (**JF**) Malcolm Holman (**MH)** Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Parish members: present

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**  Gary Vernon (**GV**) Andy Hudson (**Chair**), Peter Jones (**PJ**) Matt Evans (**ME**),  In the Absence of Andy Hudson **(Chair),** it was proposed by Vicky Higham **(VH)**  and seconded by Fred Percival **(FP)** That John Scofield **(JS)** chair the meeting. | Clerk | N/A | 23/05/24 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  John Thomasson **(JT)** planning 24/1618N | Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 23/05/24 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**  Minutes from 14/03/24 quarterly meeting proposed as correct by **MH** and 2nded by **TA.** All councillors in agreement. | Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 23/05/24 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-**  Residents of Poole Hill Lane explained that their planning *24/1618N* for a replacement dwelling of 2 static caravans that has been rejected. They are seeking support from WDPC for a resubmitted application now submitted to CEC Planning.  **JS** stated that the planning in CEC is poor, slow and unresponsive. **MH** stated that the applicants work locally in the community and should be supported. All residents local to the site, are in favour of the application and potential build. It is seen as a positive improvement to the area. **BP** stated that Parish Council comments are definitely considered by the planning dept when reviewing applications. The new application has reflected all the necessary amendments to achieve a positive outcome. The garden size has been reduced as has the mass of the property. Prospective height of property has also been reduced.  It was proposed by **MH** and seconded by **TA** that **AH** on behalf of WDPC, will make positive comments on the Planning portal in support of this application by 29th May.  No further comments | Public | Vice Chair | 23/05/24 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor Report:-**   * Discussing about school carpark with CEC planning and what can be done. Will update when there is any news. * CEC consultation – Household waste – all residents to be in a 20 minute drive to a tip but possibly closing Middlewich site. Charging of the green waste – current charge will increase in October. * Local Plan is out for consultation. Encouraging PC’s to look at this with regards the housing plan and areas for potential development within the parish. * Carbon Net Zero consultation taking place in CEC. * Transformation programme being undertaken through CEC by outside consultants. * Spoken to Highways regarding crash outside **JS** on Main Road (it is missing a bollard) this will be done when there is finance available. **JF** reported this 01/10/22 and has subsequently followed up in August 2023 but lack of response from CEC. Temporary bollards had been put in place, but to no effect. * Bunbury cluster meetings taking place again – 5th June at Bunbury pavilion – Representative required and beneficial to attend to discuss the highways safety issues. Website called “Crashmat” that registers the accidents and data from this will be used to highlight areas of risk. * Access road onto Kingsboune should be delivered by September. SAT NAV has been programmed to show that the road is open (Incorrect). **VH** said that the electrics are not in place for the pedestrian crossing yet. Nantwich weir group also involved regarding the river around the development. **BP** is having an imminent meeting with CEC to get a positive response to the answer of the opening. * Primary school to be built is now going to litigation due to it not being built. * Concerns about road safety around the development. Concerns that the camber on the road is too steep for the HGV lorries. * Footpath 3 closed and should be rerouting FP1 & 2. Other footpaths are overgrown and no ownership of them is being taken. * Potholes are being inadequately filled. Not all are being mended – waiting for a spray machine which will be available in the summer.   The service is very slow and a poor delivery. | Vice Chair | BP | 23/05/24 |
| 6. | ***Pending applications***  *24/1618N – Beech Tree Farm, Poole Hill Rd – Replacement dwelling & amenity space. (resub 24/0305N) See point 4*  *24/1722N – Aston Lower Hall, Dairy Lane, Variation on Cond 20/2082N No Comment*  ***Past Planning***  *24/0665N – Needs Food, Main Rd, Worleston – Increase height of Acoustic fencing– Appd with Conds*  *24/0371N -St Oswalds School, Worleston, Extension of planning permission 21/1476N - undecided*  *24/0109N – Capesthorne Hall, RHC – Foundation Animal Barn - undecided*  *24/0305N – Beech Tree Farm, Poole – Proposed replacement dwelling and amenity area - refused*  *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*  *23/4351N -Land to the Est of Worleston Lodge, Plot 2. Erection of a detached house – Appd with Conds*  *23/4463T -Work to TPO trees, Rookery Hall, Worleston – Consent for Works*  *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*  *23/3902N – Reaseheath House Cinder Lane – Side & Rear 2 storey Extension - Refused*  *22/0208N- Building adj 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*  *21/5898N – Land off Main Rd, 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* | Vice Chair | Vice Chair | ongoing |
| 7. | **Clerks Report:-**  No updates on previous correspondence. | Clerk | Clerk | 23/05/24 |
| 8. | **Playground Matters:-**   * Playground safety Audit completed. Clerk reported that there was nothing major to improve. Report will be forwarded to Cllrs for discussion at the next meeting * Plainings are very scarce, so until there is more supply, any improvements will be put on hold.  **JS** stated that there are a few potholes need filling. Possibly look at costing for tarmacking the area. | Vice  Chair | Vice Chair | ongoing |
| 9. | **Parish Compacts:-**  Nothing to report from Peter Wilson, litter picker.  Tidy up of the area around the Nantwich Showground – **AH** had suggested that RHC should have volunteers to ensure that the area is tidy & litter free for the end of July - **AH** to write to the Principal.  **JS** stated that the roads are becoming dangerous for the litter pickers. | Clerk | Vice Chair | Ongoing |
| 10. | **Road Safety Matters:-**   * Flooding issues -drains have been jetted, but there are still blockages. * Update on Road conditions-CEC are carrying out speed checks on Main Road and by RHC. Now becoming very dangerous. Trees around the Green need attention and some are dangerous with the dead wood & debris. Causing an issue with blocked drains * Kingsbourne Rd opening – see point 5 * Footpath study –update at the next meeting by **AH**. * Recap on Carpark application – update at the next meeting **AH** * Speed Management Measures, Main Road – CEC will be doing some monitoring regarding this. Bunbury Cluster meeting on the 5th June would be beneficial to attend to discuss the issues withing the Parish. * Confirmation of Poole Footpath Order FP4 – rerouting of the footpath near Poole Hall. | Vice Chair | Vice Chair/ Clerk | Ongoing |
| 11. | **Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :-**  Approval of Annual Audited Accounts 2023/24 and AGAR form were approved by the Council. All forms signed off and will now be sent to the External Auditor (AGAR form). All documents will be uploaded to the website and the Public Notice for Rights of Inspection will be displayed on the notice board.  The Clerk explained the Solar Grant payment has now been confirmed, since the change of Bank account has caused some issues.  Current bank balance 14/05/24 = £6,148.95 & saver account £3,026.12  Outstanding payments:-   * *Clerk’s fees – deferred* * *Clerk’s annual expenses £197.99* * *Lengthsman Fees – deferred* * *WVH hire costs - £32.00* * *Zurich Insurance £411.77* * *CHALC annual Fees £177.46* * *Playground audit fee £103.20* * *RDA – Mug donation £150* * *Alan Ackerley (already Paid £211.50)* * *Intouch Communication (already Paid £60 & £360)* | Clerk | Clerk | 23/05/24 |
| 12. | **Dates of meetings for 2024:**  11th July, 26th September, 14th November | Clerk | Clerk | 23/05/24 |
| 13. | **Items for next agenda**:-  N/A | clerk | Vice Chair | 23/05/24 |

Meeting closed at 20.25 hrs

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**Action list from 23/05/24 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
|  | * Look for original application of Car Park and sent to BP * Contact RHC regarding tidy up of area around Nantwich Show ground | AH |  |
| 4 | Submit Planning comments by 29th May | AH | 29th May |
| 5 | Bunbury Cluster Meeting – Attendance required by a Cllr | All | 5th June |
| 8 | Playground audit – forward onto Cllrs | Clerk | July |
| 10 | Trees and drains around the Green, need attention – lots of deadwood that is then blocking drains when fallen | Clerk to report to BP | July |
| 11 | AGAR form to be sent to auditor & Accounts to be posted to Website | Clerk | July |