WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at WORLESTON VILLAGE HALL 7.15pm 23rd May 2024

present: John Schofield (Vice Chair), Fred Percival, Tommy Adams, Malcolm Holman, John Thomasson, Gary Basford, Vicky Higham, Joe Foster, Borough Councillor Becky Posnett, Clerk – Helen Exley

**1.Introduction & Welcome:-**

The Vice Chair welcomed all attendees to the Annual Meeting.

**2.Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Vice Chairman (on behalf of Chair), Worleston & District Parish Council.**

Summarising the main activities of 2023-24:-

Planning applications have slowly started to clear through the system at CE after a significant backlog. Kingsley Fields and A51 opening is still pending due to road planning matters and site occupancy. The opening is still believed to be a few months away.

Road state and traffic management is probably the primary concern across speed management, signage, drainage and road surface/potholes. There is a strong view that the state of the roads is leading to road safety issues as drivers concentrate on avoiding holes or suffer damage as a result of potholes. Speeding is a continuing concern primarily on Main Road and also the number of incidents on the B5074 along the length. Highways have agreed to perform a study and review options.

We would like to thank the Councillors for their continued support and dedication to the ongoing matters in the parish and to our Clerk for her ongoing support and persistence.

**3.Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2023 by the Clerk to the Parish Council.**

The expenditure for the financial year has seen a decrease on last year’s figure and so the total payments for the year were £8,036. The closing reserve balance for the year ending 31/03/24 was £6,798.

The annual Light Source grant saw a slight increase on the previous year and we received payment of £2,367. The Parish Council donated Coronation mugs for school aged children in the parish and at St Oswalds, funded from the Lightsource grant in this financial year. The Precept remained at the same level as the previous year at a figure of £4617. We received a CEC CIL grant of £2,583 which has been placed into a saving account until decisions are made on where this can be used.

We made the decision to change Bank’s due to the lack of service of the current provider. We continue to receive the Parish Compact Grant at £1,150 which covers the cost of the Lengthsman.

Thank you again to the Chair & Vice Chair for their continuing support and to the Councillors for their help with Parish matters.

**4.To invite the public to raise any matters of interest**. – None stated,

Meeting closed @ 7.15pm

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