**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th July 2023 @ 7.00pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**:, Andy Hudson (Chair) Malcolm Holman (**MH**) Gary Basford (**GB**) Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Gary Vernon (**GV**) Fred Percival (**FP**),, John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) John Thomasson (**JT**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Joe Foster (**JF**), Matt Evans (**ME**), Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Parish members: present

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**, Tommy Adams (**TA**), Vicky Higham (**VH**) | Clerk | N/A | 13/07/23 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  None declared | Chair | All Cllrs | 13/07/23 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**  Minutes from 18/05/23 quarterly meeting proposed as correct by **GV** and 2nded by **FP,** Annual MeetingProposed by **GV** & 2nded by **GB Annual Parish Council Meeting** proposed by **GB** and 2nded by **GV.** All Cllrs agreed. | Chair | All Cllrs | 13/07/23 |
| 4. | **Open Forum:-**  Member of the public raised the ongoing concerns of the state of the local roads and the need for more road signs – turning vehicles, road surface, a speed limit through Poole needed due to recent fatality. Request that the hedge opposite Thomasson Farm, in Poole be reduced to improve visibility around the dangerous corner. Further hedges to be laid over the winter to improve visibility through Poole. CEC Highways are coming out to assess the road to look at work that needs to be carried out. **MH** stated that the speed on the road is the biggest factor, rather than the state of the road. He has spent time with Cheshire Police on the Poole Road, who agree that the speed is the issue. A speed limit is required. General maintenance of the verges is also poor. Residents taken action to cut verges as the visual splay is poor if they don’t. Speed limits, historically have been difficult to implement. WDPC to follow up again on signage, surface and speed after the survey.  Suggested that signs be made by children to put up, but it is CEC who ultimately are in charge of signage.  **JT** commented on “no mow May” adopted by CEC Highways which has an impact on visibility of verges.  St Oswald’s School were represented at the meeting to explain about upcoming plans to improve the parking at the front of the school by removing the fencing and making parking available in front of the school off the road. The large tree needs to be taken down due to disease and problems with roots into the drains. Plans were presented to the Cllrs. It was suggested about better facilities to walk to school, but there are no footpaths so this presents a safety problem. Parking is a massive issue – alleviated by staggered drop off times and voluntary one way system around the roads. MOP complained about the state of the verges and roads. WDPC have tried in the past to provide a carpark – rejected by CEC. The new parking is the best way of trying to improve the situation. Possibly will need planning permission to do the works and there is some funding available to pay for this. It was suggested that improvements be made to the verges and potholes opposite the school with hardcore. Cllrs will make good the current verges, when they have correct permission. **AH** to follow up. Still trying to get planning permission for the additional classroom, but on hold whilst the carpark project is ongoing.  Signage for the school – banner to be put on the railway bridge. | Public | Chair | 13/07/23 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor report:-**   * CEC Mid term financial strategy to introduce a Green bin tax as it is a voluntary service – will come to council in September. This will help to bridge the £20M funding gap. * Looking at closing all libraries in CEC for 1.5 days per week to save costs. Much more than a library service now – safe spaces for disabled children, issue parking permits etc. Libraries can’t currently receive 106 monies – need to be looked at. A lot of space is under utilised which can be looked at to increase revenue by letting out or reducing current CEC costs. * Cllr Craig Brown will review the gritting routes for the schools for next year. He is willing to come and talk to parishes regarding this issue. Need to talk to his PA to arrange. **AH** to contact. * Proposal to pay CEC councillors more and backdate pay. **BP** said that all cllrs will refuse this as there is the need to save money not increase the costs! * Wettenhall Rd – covered in point 4. **BP** has been to look at Main Road drains and will get an estimation for work to be carried out. “drains are a disgrace”. * Spoken to **VH** regarding the opening of the new road and footpath on Kingsbourne and developers have written to the Secretary of State asking for an extension, on the grounds of public safety. CEC were not aware of this. Houses occupied so far (registered with CEC) are 660. Developers are legally obliged to declare when they reach 750. * Log all road matters on “Fix My Street” **BP** will chase up. | Chair | BP | 13/07/23 |
| 6. | **Planning Matters:**  ***Pending applications***  *23/2504D – Worleston Lodge – Main Rd, Worleston, Discharge of Conditions on approval 20/4793N*  ***Past Planning***  *23/1801N – RHC – new roof structure over existing yard – Approved with Conditions*  *23/1221N -Park Farm, Worleston - proposed conversion of stables to a dwelling – Undecided*  *23/1080N – RHC (Capesthorne Hall) – New teaching block – Approved with Conditions*  *23/1538N - Barratts Cottage, Poole – Certificate of use for storage of 23 caravans & Boats -Positive Certificate*  *23/1288N -Willlow Cottage, Wettenhall Rd, Poole – conversion of Garage & stables to accommodation. - Refused*  *23/1414N – Poole House Farm, Poole – single storey side extension (resubmission of 22/4528N)*  *23/0331D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole – Discharge of Conditions - undecided*  *22/3809N – Ash Villa, Main Road A-J-M – Rear extension – Withdrawn*  *22/2729N – Rookery view – link to existing dwelling to covered pool - undecided*  *22/2053N – Land off Main Road, single storey outbuilding (resub of 21/5198N)*  *22/0208N- Building adjoining Barons Rd, discharge of conds on 19/0773N - undecided*  *22/1522N – Highfields House AJM - Erection of wooden garage - undecided*  *22/1539N- Poole Hall, Cinder Lane, single storey garden room and pool house extension. - undecided*  *22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided*  *21/5813N – Reaseheath College, Extension to Engineering block - undecided*  *22/0517N – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole – Discharge of conditions on 21/27291N application - undecided*  *22/0836D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole Discharge of condition 21/2726N application, undecided*  *21/5813N – Reaseheath College – Extension to Engineering block and additional teaching space*  *21/5898N – Land off Main Road, Worleston – outbuilding see above application 22/3505N*  *21/2729N – Poole Hall Barn – Listed Building Consent – no decision*  *19/4128N – Poole Nurseries. Variation on occupancy. Erection on dwelling of old site of cottage - undecided*  *20/3791N – Kingsley Fields – Variation of conditions – Multi use games area. No decision*  *20/1405N – Land adj to Oakview, Mile House Lane, Worleston. Variation on conditions- unknown -*  *20/2517N – Land at Dairy Lane, AJM. Planning for 2 dwellings – not decided*  *20/2085N - Church Rd, AJM – single storey rear extension. – not decided* |  |  |  |
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| 7. | **Clerks Report:-**  Annual Audit has now been passed by external auditors. | Clerk | Clerk | 13/07/23 |
| 8. | **Fibrebroad band update:-**  Request from residents in Poole – **AH** has written 3 times to Airband, but no response at all. Will keep chasing. | Chair | Chair | 13/07/23 |
| 9. | **Playground Matters:-**  *Installation of Bench* – Now completed – thank you to **FP** & **PJ** for organising this.  *Playground safety report* - annual report improvements - There are several issues that need addressing – the Roundabout needs repair **JS** to organise, a gate bolt needs shearing off & Adult bars to be rethreaded - **ME** | Chair | FP/PJ/  ME/JS | 13/07/23 |
| 10. | **Parish Compacts:-**  No comments | Clerk | Vice Chair | ongoing |
| 11. | **Road Safety Matters:-**   * Flooding issues –see point 5 **BP** to get Highways engaged in sorting this issue out. **ME** been in contact regarding sewerage pipes due to back up and clogging with tree roots. These will be cut and monitored every 6 months. **ME** to monitor this work. * Update on Road conditions- covered in point 4 * Kingsbourne Road opening – see point 5 * Request for the triangle by Church Lane and Dairy Lane be maintained and mowed by Alan Ackerley quote now obtained and will commence monthly mow until October. * Sign at the end of the village that has been knocked down – photo to be sent again to Fix My Street and logged with **BP** – **JF** to organise * Hedge needs cutting opposite the Crescent as pedestrians need to walk on the road as it is over grown. Needs reporting to Guiness Housing. **ME** to investigate. * SIDS – **PJ** to chase up on the sale of them to Burland PC. | Vice Chair | Vice Chair/ Clerk | Ongoing |
| 14. | **Payment of accounts :-**  Current bank balance 25/06/23 = £5589.72  To include:   * *Clerks fees £400.00* * *WVH hire costs £32.00* * *Alan Ackerley – Grounds maintenance £211.50* | Clerk | Clerk | 13/07/23 |
| 15. | **Dates of meetings for 2023:**  14th September, 16th November | Clerk | Clerk | 13/07/23 |
| 16. | **Items for next agenda**:-  N/A | clerk | Chair | 13/07/23 |

Meeting closed at 20.25 hrs

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**Action list from 18/05/23 minutes**

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| 4 | Hedges to be looked at in Poole.  State of verges by the school to be repaired. | MH  AH JT FP | September |
| 5. | Gritting route consultation with Craig Brown – Contact PA | AH | September |
| 9. | Playground safety report issues – Roundabout to be repaired **JS** to organise**. ME** to organise other repairs | ME/JS | September |
| 11. | Fix My street – broken sign to be reported  Hedge cutting – opposite Crescent | JF  ME | September |