**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2018 @ 7pm at Worleston Village Hall

**Present**:, Gary Vernon (**GV**) (Chair) John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair), Peter Jones(**PJ**), Malcolm Holman (**MH**), , Mark Astbury (**MA)** Nicola Uttley (**NU**) Allan Sproston(**AS**), Harry Dutton (**HD**) John Thomasson (**JT**), , Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**)

Parish members: members of the Parish were present. Matthew Waterhouse

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**: - Fred Percival (**FP**) Gary Basford (**GB**) Andy Hudson (**AH**) | Clerk | N/A | 15/03/18 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** -  **PJ** Poole Hall - planning. **JT** planning Cherry Orchard Farm | Chair | All Cllrs | 15/03/18 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding matters:-**  **Please see attached checklist**  Minutes from 11th January 2018 Proposed as correct by **NU** and seconded by **AS**. All Cllrs agreed.  See attached action list for outstanding matters. | Chair | All Cllrs | 15/03/18 |
| 4. | **A51Action Group**:-  Matthew Waterhouse **MW** (Chair of Calverley PC) and Head of the A51 action group presented an overview of what the group is trying to achieve in terms of change to the current A51.  In February 1999 a document was published detailing the changes that needed to take place to alleviate the increasing volume of traffic on the A51. Nothing has been done in this time, so the A51 action group has been set up to give the local residents a voice on t his stretch of road. All Parishes from the Reaseheath round about through to Chester has been contacted and are showing their support.  Meetings have taken place (and continue) between Cheshire LEP and Highways England. The LEP have drafted a detailed response to the Government with a strategic transport plan for the A51. The Government have announced extra funding and LEP say that this can be used for improvements.  A Local Transport meeting is taking place on the 6th April @10am in Chester where funding will be discussed for a connectivity study. The Local Authority needs to work with Highways England to gain maximum benefit.  **MW** will forward links to all relevant documents to the Clerk to pass onto Cllrs.  The question was raised at to whether the Bypass at Reaseheath can be bought forward?  Can a Dual carriageway be put in around the back of the equine centre rather than the proposed single carriageway?  **MW** will continue to update the PC with progress. All Cllrs are welcome to attend the A51 Action group meetings. | The Chair | **MW** | 15/03/18  Ongoing |
| 5. | **Open Forum:-**  Questions raised about the SIDS – see point 13  Feedback from Reaseheath College – See point 8  Question asked as to which Councillor is responsible for Reaseheath – Reaseheath is not a specicific district within the Parish, it sits within Worleston. The Newly elected councillor **AH** represents Worleston along with, **GV**, **GB**, **PJ**, **FP**, **MA** & **NU** | Public | The Chair | 15/03/18 |
| 6. | **Planning Matters:**  17/3032N Poole Hall – Pending  17/3263N Badgers point – Pending  17/6085N – 1 Church Road – Pending  17/6086N – 1 Church Road – Pending  18/0828N - Kingsley Fields  18/0468N - Aston Lower Hall  Proposed diversion of footpath in Worleston due to Kingsley Fields development. All Cllrs have been sent documentation. | Chair | Clerk | ongoing |
| 7. | **Borough Councillors Vacancy:-**  The Elections for the new Borough Councillor will take place on the 22nd March. All candidate’s details are on the noticeboard | The Clerk | The clerk | 22/03/18 |
| 8. | **Reaseheath College:-**  Further to **RHC** attending the last meeting, a list of action points was sent to **RHC** from the PC and can be found attached to these minutes with **RHC** responses and updates. (see attached) | The Clerk | The Chair | 15/03/18 |
| 9. | **Playground:-**  The survey has now been online for 4 weeks and distributed throughout the school and various user groups. To date the responses number approx. 60. A further push is required to obtain more as this will give the PC a better chance of securing funding.  The Clerk met with the Head of building at **RHC** who will submit and plan and ideas of what can be achieved within the area.  Funding research is ongoing. See point 10 regarding Lightsource payment. | Clerk | Clerk | ongoing |
| 10 | **Lightsource payment:-**  **FP** was not in attendance at the meeting to update, but the Clerk stated that the one off Grant of £10K was not happening as Lightsource were no longer taking up the additional contract**.** Further update at the next meeting. | The Clerk | FP | 26/04/18 |
| 11. | **Clerks report:-**  Barclays Bank account now live. Issues with the set up of Online banking to be resolved for **MA** and **JT.** | Clerk | Clerk | 15/03/18 |
| 12. | **Parish Compacts :-**  Request that Peter Wilson keeps the signs clean around the Parish. . | Chair | The Clerk | 24/04/18 |
| 13. | **Road Safety Matters:-**   1. SIDS –SIDs -Worleston data has been sent to Cheshire Police. & Councillors.   Police have now got enforcement numbers for both The Green and Main Rd, enabling them to have police radars set up. Police were present in Main Rd on 7th Feb and will continue to monitor.   1. The Clerk & **PJ** met with Unipart regarding the SIDs. Battery life is still poor and only 3-4 days life. The SIDS have been returned to the factory for further tests as there is a problem with the charge on one SID. Unipart are looking at alternative methods of charge to extend life. CEC Highways were approached as to whether the electrical supply could be used from the lampposts to operate the SIDS ( on The Green) but there was a categoric NO from Highways. Further update will be given at the next meeting. 2. A Request for a Grit bit has been raised by a school parent due to the recent bad weather and unsafe conditions outside the school. NU to investigate whether there is a bin already located at the school & report back. **NU** said that there was a need for a litter bin outside the school. **NU** to report back as to where one could be sited | Chair | Chair/**PJ**/clerk  NU | ongoing |
| 14. | **Neighbourhood Plan update:-**  **AH** reported via e mail:-  No real change from last time as we are waiting on the funding round to commence from April so the information in the last minutes still stands. We will move forward on this when I return at the amounts documented. | Chair | Chair/  **AH** /NP Committee | ongoing |
| 15. | **Payment of accounts :-**  IntouchCRM (webhosting & domain name) (10001) reissue £452.00  Peter Wilson (litter picking) (10002) £153.00  CHALC Training (10003) £75.00  Barbridge Chapel Trust (10004) £10.00  Helen Exley (Salary) (10005) £400.00  All payments Proposed by **GB** and seconded by **MA.**  Approved by all. | Clerk | Clerk | 15/03/18 |
| 16. | **Date of Next meetings:**  26th April 2018 7pm | Clerk | Clerk | 26/04/18 |
| 16. | **AOB**:- 106 agreement from Kingsley Field development. Fund the dual carriageway? | Chair | Chair | 26/04/18 |

Meeting closed at 20.30.hrs

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**Action list from 15/03/18 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
|  | **Outstanding from 16/11/17**   * lights by school –meeting with the Head teacher who is very supportive of this. Installation to be completed **FP** * One payment from Lightsource not paid to WDPC yet. **FP** to continue to chase Lightsource. * The Clerk & **PJ** to again, meet with Unipart to discuss options for extending battery life of SIDS. | FP  FP  PJ/Clerk | **ASAP**  26/04/18  26/04/18 |
| 4. | All documentation from **MW** to be forwarded onto the Councillors regarding the A51 action group | Clerk | 26/04/18 |
| 9. | Surveys are ongoing and more to be collected.  Funding opportunities to be explored further via Cheshire Community Action.  **MA** & **HD** to supply a list of potential users so that they can be contacted regarding support for the project. | The Clerk/ AH & AR | 26/04/18 |
| 12. | Road signs to be cleaned where needed | Litter picker | 26/04/18 |
| 13. | Grit bin outside school – investigate if there is one  Litter bin outside school entrance – where could this be sited? | NU | 26/04/18 |
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**Action list Reaseheath College & Worleston & District Parish Council 11/01/18**

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|  | **Issues** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Flooding at the bottom of the Main College entrance impacting the houses on the Green that are affected by this. | RHC & WDPC to continue to monitor for any further signs of flooding issues.  We are keeping an eye on the flooding at the bottom of the drive – It is my usual college entrance and I do monitor it – even on wet days I have not seen it get so bad that it would be going into a neighbour’s garden. |
| 2. | Regular updates of events scheduled at RHC | RHC to forward notifications to the Clerk for distribution to PC and residents.  See attached |
| 3. | Speeding & Traffic issues :-   * A51 students crossing and volume of traffic (monitored by SIDS) * Worleston Rd main entrance. Bottle neck of traffic at peak times with coaches. Hold ups on the road. High risk of vehicle accidents. * Buses parking on the Weaver Bridge during the day. * Speed of buses through the village | The Clerk to supply data on a regular basis to RHC and to the police (Robin Johnson)  Information has been forwarded to the police & CEC  New approach to traffic calming/speed required. RHC & WDPC to work collectively to solve this issue. Involve CEC & Police for best solutions.  We have been out to consultants to get prices to help with traffic calming – we have just chosen SCP  - and are tasking them to provide advice and recommendations – once I have this info I will share it , I would give it a month.  RHC to investigate.  The college bus company was informed of the concerns and asked not to park in this location.  RHC to speak to bus companies and ensure speed limit is adhered to.  The bus company was informed that this was not acceptable |
| 4. | Gate at Old Hall Farm when open, encroaches onto road - safety issue. | RHC to ensure that gate is shut at all times/re-site gate so that they are not a danger to oncoming vehicles.  The gates have been checked - they do not pass over the carriage way – The new farm Director is looking to make sure they are fully secured. |
| 5. | Road sign at the junction of A51 and Wettenhall Road is covered by the hedge and cannot be seen by motorists. | RHC to cut back hedge to ensure sign is visible.  I have spoken with the new Farm Director and he will see that the hedge is cut away from the sign.  *Completed 16/03/18* |
| 6. | Students visiting the Royal Oak pub in Main Road & noise levels at closing time. Concern for safety in walking back to college in the dark and no footpaths. | RHC to investigate students visiting Royal Oak & associated safety issues.  We have spoken to students at the residential meetings and put out social media messages to all students regarding not walking down Main Road. |
| 7. | Redevelopment of Worleston playground. WDPC requesting RHC assistance in a community project and working with students towards its completion. | The Clerk to keep RHC upto date with progress and planning of new playground so that students can be involved. WDPC will be applying for funding for the project once a survey to locals & users is completed.  Clerk to update |