

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 3 July 2019, at Worth Parish Hall, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs

Kennett (chair)

Atkinson

Clark

Mott

Whittaker

5 members of the public

DDC Cllr Manion for part of the meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASON FOR ABSENCE FROM CLLR PARNELL

Apologies were received from Cllr Parnell and members agreed to accept apologies from Cllr Parnell for a period of six months due to work commitments.

2. CO -OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cllr Kennett welcomed Cllrs Atkinson and Whittaker and both signed the co-option paperwork.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were signed as a true record by the Chair.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND DISTRICT/COUNTY REPORTS

Ken Bates gave a NH Watch report, a boy racer on the Memorial Park and a person slept in the field. He has also been informed by Keith Watson that Worth Streetlights will be replaced in September.

A member of the public thanked Cllr Clark for strimming round the top of Jubilee Rd. Also, they are concerned about the placing of the speed restriction sign on Jubilee Road, Clerk to contact Highways. A question was raised regarding a footpath/property access, Cllr Kennett to investigate.

Steve Spain passed Sandwich Tech photography class who expressed an interest about volunteer weeding. Clerk to investigate. He also stated that the Fun Run caused some issues, Council to monitor. The tap in the allotment has still not been replaced

and Footpaths were still causing problems.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM REPORT

Ian Martin gave a report and the main presentation was on Crime in Buildings. To report crime, go through the website, to report suspicion go to your NHW representative. Cyber crime is still a major concern. Beware of bogus police/PCSO/traffic wardens.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Cottages in Jubilee Road passed on to DDC/East Kent Housing – this has now been cleared.

Street lighting requested to KCC – this is ongoing and a request is with KCC.

Footpath – The Street – This is on ‘no man’s land’ and Cllr Kennett is maintaining the area at present.

8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

To approve the payment schedule for July and August – this was approved by all.

9. PLANNING

There were no plans to discuss.

10. PARISH OPEN SPACES

June playground inspection report – Cllr Mott carried out the inspection, the gate is still not closing. There is a problem with moles on the field, Clerk to contact Mole catcher. Cllr Clark to meet with the cricket club to look at the trees and other issues on the field. Cllr Clark to carry out the July inspections.

Gate quotations – Members have received one quote and Cllr Atkinson to visit site with a resident.

Allotments – Pond Request from Gardeners World – Members discussed the request and 3 members voted against the motion on the basis that other allotment holders’ permission had not been sought and two abstained. Request denied. Clerk to contact the holder.

Memorial Park – race track usage – this was discussed under public participation.

11. KALC COURSE/MEETING UPDATES

Members to update Council on recent events attended - Cllr Mott informed the Council that the planning course was very informative. Cllr Kennett gave an update on the area KALC meeting.

Upcoming Events – to be circulated to new members.

12. VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE UPODATE

Cllr Clark gave a report and the lease has been agreed, they are looking for lottery grants and handyman jobs are taking place throughout the summer. The next meeting is on the 23.9.19

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Church Clock - noted

DDC Local Plan Invitation – Cllrs Attkinson and Mott to attend

Sandwich Bay Beach Clean and litter – Sandwich Bay will now be dealing with this matter following initial enquiries made by the Clerk.

PCSO have requested Parish Council meeting dates

Playing field barriers – DDC Cllr Manion will continue to investigate this

Footpaths – An email was received from PROW apologising for the footpaths and accepting responsibility.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4 September 2019

DDC Cllr Manion addressed the Council about Gas safety certificates and that the lottery grants are now paying dividends to local causes.

Meeting closed 8.15pm