

**Minutes of the virtual (Zoom) meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 03 February 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT (via Zoom): Cllrs Kennett, (Chair), Heard, Clarke (telephone), Atkinson, Parnell, Whittaker, Manion, Kenton and Kevin Lynch, Locum Parish Clerk: Four members of the Public.**

**Action**

1. To receive apologies	None	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	None.	
3. To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2021 are a correct record	Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded: Cllr Clarke  Agreed: All	
4. Election of a Vice-Chair	Members proposed to defer this election until the April meeting:  Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded Cllr Atkinson: Agreed: All	<b>KL</b>
5. Public Participation	The Chair made a short statement on the current issues affecting the Parish and the work of the Council.  Members of the Public raised issues about (i) the Pond (see Agenda Item 8), (ii) the Local Plan/ Worth Development (see Agenda 12 (iii) mud on the roads and (iv) Southern Water and potential flooding.	
6. Matters Arising	The Chair informed Council that he was still researching quotes for trees, fences and the pavilion.  The Clerk informed Council that the new website should go live at the end of the month.  Cllr Heard informed Council that recent banking issues were being resolved.  Cllr Heard noted that Council had the quotes we needed for the tree cutting and the pavilion and that Sika start tree pollarding (as soon as conditions permitted). Cllr Heard also stated as we now have a second quote for the pavilion, Council needs to accept quote and it then be submitted to the insurance company.  At the request of Cllr Atkinson, Council agreed that the Clerk would initiate the process of renewing the Worth Development Plan	<b>SK/KL</b>  <b>KL</b>  <b>MH</b>  <b>MH/KL/SK</b>  <b>KL</b>
7. The Precept	Council resolved neither to increase nor decrease the Worth Parish Council Precept Demand.  Proposed: Cllr Atkinson, Seconded: Cllr Heard. Agreed All  Clerk and Chair to sign and forward to DDC	<b>SK/KL</b>
8. The Pond	Council noted the latest correspondence from KCC. This was an ongoing matter and Council would keep everyone informed.	<b>KL/AII</b>
9. The Car Park/Conveyancing	Council agreed that the Clerk should update himself on the subject and then draft a course of action for Council consideration.	<b>KL</b>

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10. Public Spaces	Council noted the statement from the Chairman at Item 4 and further noted that, within pandemic restrictions and weather permitting, grass cutting etc. would re-start next month.	<b>SK/KL</b>
11. Footpaths, dog mess and street cleaning	Cllr Heard reported that, because of lockdown and the need for essential exercise, more people (with or without dogs) were out in Worth Village and there had been a commensurate increase in litter and dog faeces. The Chair noted he had put up more dog mess signs. Council noted that it was a minority of people causing issues and Councillors and residents alike should report indiscretions.	<b>ALL</b>
12. Local Plan	Council agreed that:-  (i) they should circulate, in a COVID-19-secure manner, the paper draft Local Plan. (ii) encourage residents to participate in the electronic consultation and if they could not, to approach Councillors or the Clerk for support/assistance. (iii) The Clerk, in consultation with Mr Rooke, to discuss the relationship between the Worth Development Plan and the draft Local Plan.	<b>SK</b> <b>ALL</b> <b>KL</b>
13. Finance	Council resolved to agree the WPC January payments. Cllr Kennet to process payments and send payments sheet to The Clerk.  Proposed: Cllr Clarke, Seconded Cllr Atkinson Agreed: All	<b>SK</b>
14. Locum Clerk's Report	Council explained that this item was to be discussed in closed session.  Council resolved, because of the nature of personnel data involved, to go into closed session.  All agreed.  Item 14 is recorded in separate confidential Minute.	<b>KL</b>
15. Date of next Meeting (via Zoom)	Tuesday 02 March 2021 at 7.30pm. Clerk to send out agenda and Zoom instructions.	<b>KL</b>
	<b>The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm</b>	