

**Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Tuesday 02 June 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Kennett, (Chair), Clarke, Heard, Atkinson, Crofts, Manion and Kevin Lynch, Locum Parish Clerk: 16 members of the Public.

		<b>Action</b>
1. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell and Whittaker	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	None.	
3. To resolve that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish held on 04 May are correct records	Annual Parish Minutes: Proposed: Cllr Clarke, Seconded: Cllr Atkinson  Agreed: All  Annual Parish <u>Council</u> Minutes: Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded: Cllr Clarke,  Agreed: All	
4. Statement by the Chair	Followed by a minute's silence, the Chair with regret and sincere sympathies to family and friends, formally informed Council, and residents that the Clerk, Katie, had passed away on 12 May.  He introduced Kevin Lynch as Locum Clerk.	
5. Public/District Councillor Participation	Cllr Manion referred residents to the DDC website concerning the Open.  Representations were received concerning the Parish Council precept, current monies, planned projects and expenditure.  <b>Action:</b> Council to discuss major project expenditure at the July meeting.  Representations were received concerning alleged anti-social/illegal activities at the Worth Centre. A Member of the public will prepare a detailed paper to be sent to all stakeholders including Council and DDC. Representatives from the Worth Centre refuted the anti-social/illegal allegations.  Representations were received about lack of responses to e-mails, contacting the Council and the website.  Action: Clerk to circulate via the Newsletter e-mail and website details. The Clerk rejected the claim that e-mails sent to him had not received replies. There is an out-of-date e-mail address and a defunct website.  Representations were received about the "Hobbit Hole".  Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Whittaker.	<b>KL</b>  <b>Member of the Public</b>        <b>KL</b>     <b>KL</b>
6. Matters Arising from meetings of 04 May.	(i)The Clerk outlined insurance cover for volunteers to move the Speed Indicator Device (SID) . The Clerk was still researching solar SIDs.  Action: Clerk as above.	<b>KL</b>
7. Public Spaces	Council approved the removal of a chain link fence off The Street. Proposed: Cllr Clarke, Seconded Cllr Atkinson, Agreed: All	

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	<p>Council agreed to support the Worth Community Gardeners with the Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting Project.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded: Cllr Atkinson. Agreed: All.</p>	
8. Highways Improvement Plan	<p>Council agreed the final draft and resolved to send to KCC Highways and to work with all stakeholders to improve the road and footpath network in and around Worth.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Clarke, Seconded Cllr Heard. Agreed: All</p> <p>Action: Clerk as above.</p>	KL
9. The Annual Governance Accountability Report (AGAR)	<p>Council agreed to accept and send to the External Auditor the 2020/2021 AGAR and that, even though it was not fully completed, nor did it balance, in the circumstances this was the best that could be submitted to the External Auditor.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send to External Auditor with an explanatory covering letter.</p> <p>On 12 June publish the AGAR on the website and Notice Board.</p>	KL  KL/SK
10. Planning	<p>Council agreed no comments on The Old Blue Pigeons (21/00730) and the Felderland Lane Radio mast.</p>	
11. Finance	<p>Council resolved to agree the WPC May schedule of payments. Cllr Kennet to process payments and send payments sheet to The Clerk.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Atkinson, Seconded Cllr Heard. Agreed: All</p> <p>Council agreed to approach NatWest again to update the signatories list and other matters.</p> <p>Clerk to update internal accounts administration.</p> <p>Action: As above.</p>	SK  SK/MH  KL
12. Agenda Items for the next meeting	<p>(i) Budgets and Major Projects including the Pond (ii) New Bench (iii) The Worth Centre .</p>	KL
13. Date of next Meeting:	<p>Wednesday 07 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to send out agenda.</p>	KL
14. Staffing Matters (closed session)	<p>Council agreed to continue with the administration surrounding the passing of the Clerk.</p> <p>Action: Clerk as above.</p>	KL
	<p><b>The Meeting Closed at 9.02pm</b></p>	