

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 07 July 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Kennett, (Chair), Clarke, Heard, Atkinson, Crofts, Whittaker, Manion and Kevin Lynch,
Locum Parish Clerk: 12 members of the Public.

Action

1. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell and Chandler	
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 02 June are a correct record	Parish Council_Minutes: Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded: Cllr Clarke, Agreed: All	
4. Public/District Councillor Participation	Cllr Manion updated Council and Residents on the Open golf championship, dog pooch waste bags and the proposed DDC investment in Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. A member of the public reported pumping station/sewage problems and agreed to contact the Clerk/Cllr Atkinson. Speeding on the Jubilee Road was to be considered at Item 9. The Chair agreed that other matters could be discussed at the appropriate agenda items. The Chair thanked Cllr Manion and the public for their contributions.	
5. Matters Arising from the meeting of 02 June	None	
6. Public Spaces	Cllr Clarke Reported various issues with playground. Council agreed that urgent dangerous repairs should be fixed quickly. Clerk to discuss with the Chairman. Council agreed that the Clerk look at finding a maintenance contract for the playground. A member of the public raised overgrowths on the Jubilee way footpath. The Clerk informed the meeting that such issues needed, in the first instance, to be dealt with by the landowner. The Clerk will also report via KCC. Cllr Whittaker agreed that she would follow up issues on the land behind St. Crispin Close with Development House. Action: As above – Clerk and Cllr Whittaker	KL KL JW
7. Highways Improvement Plan	The Council resolved to form a committee, chaired by a Councillor, to work with KCC Highways on implementing the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) and that the Clerk would, via the newsletter, ask for volunteer members of the HIP committee. Proposed: Cllr Heard, Seconded Cllr Clarke. Agreed: All Action: Clerk as above	KL
8. The Worth Centre	1.In response to numerous representations made by members of the public and the manager of the Worth Centre Council explained and agreed that:-	

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	<p>(i) The Worth Centre would be standing item on Council agendas until such a time as all issues were resolved</p> <p>(ii) there would be monthly progress reports on interventions with those who had enforcement powers – Dover District Council (DDC) and Kent County Council (KCC). The Clerk would e-mail both asking for an update for the September meeting.</p> <p>(iii) Council and the Clerk prepare a list of complaints to be sent to the manager of The Worth Centre.</p> <p>(iv) the Council had no enforcement powers but would act as a conduit to DDC and KCC. Including noting possible breaches of planning conditions.</p> <p>2.Council informed those present that DDC Enforcement and the Environment Agency were monitoring the situation.</p> <p>3. Cllr Heard asked the Worth Centre to send a list of actions they had taken in response to complaints from residents.</p>	<p>KL</p> <p>KL</p> <p>KL</p> <p>Worth Centre</p>
<p>9. Speed Indicator Devices (SID)</p>	<p>The Chair asked about a second SID, Council agreed that there were other means to reduce speeding in the Parish separate from any HIP work. Council agreed:</p> <p>(i) to take up the offer from a member of the public for assistance with maintaining the current SID</p> <p>(ii) that the Clerk/Council write to the head teacher at the school about driving and parking when parents were dropping off and picking up their children.</p> <p>(iii) the Clerk put an article about speeding and “Speedwatch” (a volunteer scheme to help reduce speed) in the Newsletter.</p> <p>(iv) that, again via the newsletter, strongly encourage residents witnessing speeding to report it to the non-emergency police telephone number 101 and/or www.kent.police.ukreport-a-road-traffic-incident.</p>	<p>SK/KL</p> <p>KL</p> <p>KL</p> <p>KL</p>
<p>10. Major Projects/Budgets</p>	<p>Council agreed:</p> <p>(i) that Cllr Heard would send to the Clerk details of a pond expert</p> <p>(ii) the Clerk would publish an article in the Newsletter asking for requests for major projects to enhance the Parish and a minor wish list for other enhancements (benches etc.)</p> <p>(iii) that over the Summer the Clerk would draft a programme and estimated budgets for major and minor enhancements to the Parish.</p>	<p>MH/KL</p> <p>KL</p> <p>KL</p>
<p>11. Recruitment of a Part-time Parish caretaker</p>	<p>Council resolved to employ a part-time volunteer paid Parish caretaker to help with various tasks (including the pond) to enhance Worth Parish. The Clerk would take forward the detail including advertising in the Newsletter and checking on whether a Councillor applying would be a conflict of interest or breach other policies.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Heard Seconded Cllr Whittaker. Agreed: All</p>	<p>KL</p>
<p>12. Finance</p>	<p>Council resolved to agree the WPC June schedule of payments. .</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Atkinson, Seconded Cllr Heard. Agreed: All</p> <p>The Chair informed Council that NatWest had failed to carry out basic signatory instructions and that a formal complaint was now needed. Clerk to provide the Chair with supporting documents.</p> <p>Clerk informed Council that he may seek professional support (within his delegated authority) with resolving some accounts issues.</p>	<p>KL</p>

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	Clerk to update internal accounts administration. Action: As above.	KL
13. Agenda Items for the next meeting	(i) The Worth Centre and Highways Improvement Plan would be standing items on future agendas until such a time as matters were resolved (ii) Land behind St Crispin Close .	KL
14. Date of next Meeting:	Wednesday 01 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to send out agenda.	KL
	The Meeting Closed at 8,40pm	