

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 01 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Kennett, (Chair), Clarke, Atkinson, Crofts, Whittaker, Manion and Kevin Lynch, Locum Parish Clerk: 5 members of the Public.

Action

1. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell, Heard and Chandler	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	The Locum Clerk declared a significant interest in Item 10.	
3. Parish Council Minutes:	Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07 July are a correct record: Proposed: Cllr Clarke, Seconded: Cllr Atkinson, Agreed: All	
4. Public/District Councillor Participation	Cllr Manion updated Council and Residents on (i) a warm welcome from DDC for any Afghan arrivals (ii) that £100,000.00 from the Dover Lotto was supporting many different projects and (iii) DDC was building more affordable homes. A member of the public raised the pumping station/sewage problems. The Locum Clerk explained that the work was with Southern Water, and he would follow up with SW. The Worth Centre was to be considered at Item 8. The Chair thanked Cllr Manion and the public for their contributions.	KL
5. Matters Arising from the meeting of 02 June	(i) the conveyancing of the "car park" would now be discussed at the October meeting. (ii) the Locum Clerk to write to the Headteacher about traffic and parking. (iii) playground maintenance: Council agreed some of the quoted costs seemed very high but also agreed that work needed to be done. They agreed: (a) the timber posts would be fixed by the new Parish caretaker/handyman (b) the protruding fixings would be fixed by the new Parish caretaker/handyman (c) the corrosion would be fixed by the new Parish caretaker/handyman (d) the coloured wet pour (£319.00 + VAT) would be undertaken by safeplay (e) the metal corrosion would be fixed by the new Parish caretaker/handyman (f) the operator sign (£377.50 + VAT) would be installed and provided by safeplay (g) the black wetpour edging (£2020.00 + VAT) would be done by safeplay (h) the cradle seats (£478.00 + VAT) would be replaced and installed by safe play.	KL KL KL KL KL KL KL KL
6. Public Spaces	Cllr Whittaker agreed that she would follow up issues on the land behind St. Crispin Close.	JW
7. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)	The Council agreed that a committee of two was too small to take forward the HIP. The Locum Clerk reported that he had kept a resident of Felderland Lane up to date on the HIP. Council agreed that, as Felderland Lane was the top priority on the HIP that the Chair would write to the Felderland Lane stakeholders inviting participation in the Council Committee.	KL/SK
8. The Worth Centre	1. Council discussed the complaints list and the Worth Centre responses (including a proposed planning application) and noted continuing disagreements from residents.	

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	<p>2. Council agreed that Cllr Atkinson would liaise with Ms. Duke and the residents and act as an informal mediator. The Worth Centre representatives and the representative on behalf of the residents agreed to a joint visit to the Centre.</p> <p>3. Council reminded those present that DDC Enforcement and the Environment Agency were monitoring the situation.</p>	<p>MA</p>
<p>9. Major and Minor Projects</p>	<p>Council thanked all those who contributed to the major and minor projects initiative and the following was agreed:</p> <p>(i) Whilst a good idea, there was no legal basis whereby the Council could become involved in a village shop</p> <p>(ii) the Highways Improvement Plan was dealt with at Item 7.</p> <p>(iii) Cllr Crofts would investigate the possible provision and siting of a teenage shelter similar to the one in Victoria Park, Deal.</p> <p>(iv) the provision of a football pitch was not agreed</p> <p>(v) Cllr Whittaker would look at using “the bung” (private land in Worth Village)</p> <p>(vi) Cllr Crofts would lead major community events in HM Queen’s Jubilee year 2022 – especially event around the extra bank holiday of 03 June 2022.</p> <p>(vii) The provision of electric charging points was dependent on the decision whether or not to take ownership of the “car park”. This would be discussed at the October Council meeting.</p> <p>(viii) The Council, in principle, agrees to an outdoor concrete table tennis table to community picnic benches (wheelchair friendly), a rewilding programme where the Council can, increasing the accessibility of the pavilion and the provision of a boules pitch in the “green space area”.</p> <p>(ix) Cllr Crofts will consider an outdoor gym in the Memorial Park.</p> <p>(x) The Locum Clerk will research green energy initiatives in the Village Hall.</p> <p>(xi) Council agreed that Cllr Crofts would take forward the potential upgrading and full maintenance of the pond/War memorial.</p> <p>Council noted that, post-pandemic, a lot of work was building up and hoped for support from the wider community.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>JW</p> <p>CC</p> <p>KL</p> <p>ALL CC KL</p>
<p>10. Cottington Estates</p>	<p>Council considered the Cllr Edelman (Northbourne Parish Council) initiative of liaising with Quinn Estates concerning the proposed development provisionally described as “Cottington Park”. Council resolved:</p> <p>(i) That the Council would not take part in the Councillor Edelman initiative and would object to any proposal to develop “Cottington Park”.</p> <p>Action: The Locum Clerk to write to Councillor Edelman.</p>	<p>KL</p>
<p>11. Recruitment of a Part-time Parish caretaker</p>	<p>Council agreed that by the end of September, the Parish would have recruited a paid Parish caretaker/handyman. Cllrs Atkinson and Kennet to make up an informal interview panel and the Locum Clerk to “clerk” the interviews.</p> <p>The Locum Clerk to arrange interviews etc.</p>	<p>KL/MA/ SK KL</p>
<p>12. Finance</p>	<p>Council resolved to agree the WPC July and August schedule of payments.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Atkinson, Seconded Cllr Heard. Agreed: All</p> <p>Clerk to update internal accounts administration.</p>	<p>KL</p>

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13. Agenda Items for the next meeting	(i) The Worth Centre, (ii) Highways Improvement Plan would be standing items on future agendas until such a time as matters were resolved (iii) Land behind St Crispin Close (iv) six-month budget (v) conveyancing.	KL
14. Date of next Meeting:	Wednesday 06 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to send out agenda.	KL
	The Meeting Closed at 8,35pm	