

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 02 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Heard (Chair), Kennett, Clarke, Atkinson, Crofts, KCC Councillor Chandler, Kevin Lynch, Locum Parish Clerk, David Clever, Caretaker, Debbie Bishop PCSO: 19 members of the Public.

Action

1. Chair of Meeting	<p>Cllr Stuart Kennett announced his resignation as Chair of Worth Parish Council,</p> <p>Council resolved that Cllr Heard would with immediate effect become Chair of Worth Parish Council;</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Kennett, Seconded Cllr Clarke. Agreed: All</p> <p>Council and the gallery warmly thanked Cllr Kennett for his sterling work over the past three years.</p> <p>The Council agreed to move item 13 (ii) to Item 16, and the Locum Clerk agreed to leave the meeting at Item 16.</p>	
2. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell, Manion	
3. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	None	
4. Parish Council Minutes:	<p>Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 January 2022 are a correct record:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Crofts, Seconded: Cllr Clarke, Agreed: All</p>	
5. Public/District Councillor Participation	<p>Cllr Chandler on behalf of District Councillors updated Council on the draft KCC Budget (including a KCC 2% Council Tax increase and a 3% increase in adult care costs), the same day booking system for the recycling centres and the Reconnect project for young people,</p> <p>PCSO Bishop introduced herself, her areas of responsibility and would send Council PCSO surgery details.</p> <p>In response to a question, Cllr Kennett agreed to follow up the SIDs issue with Eastry Parish Council. ,</p> <p>Council agreed to circulate the payments schedule to the gallery at future Council meetings.</p> <p>In response to other matters (including garden waste on Jubilee Way), Council encouraged residents that rather than waiting to report to Council, they could report themselves via the DDC or KCC websites or contact the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chair agreed that Members of the Public could contribute during the appropriate agenda item.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Chandler and the gallery for their contributions.</p>	<p align="center">SK</p> <p align="center">KL</p>
6. Matters Arising from the meeting of 12 January Meeting	Cllr Atkinson raised the matter of gym equipment on the Memorial Field. Council responded that this matter had been dealt with.	
7. Public Spaces	Cllr Crofts updated Council on the duck house, the pond and the outdoor gym equipment for the memorial field.	

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	<p>Cllr Clarke updated Council on the King George V Field and the playground. Council agreed that David Cleever should accompany Cllr Clarke on inspections.</p> <p>Council agreed that wherever possible, on maintenance matters, Cllrs and residents should contact the Locum Clerk and/or David Clever the Parish Caretaker.</p>	<p>CC/DC</p> <p>KL/DC</p>
8. HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Worth	<p>Council noted that in response to the article circulated in the Newsletter that there had been no responses concerning ideas for events/celebrations.</p> <p>Council noted various ideas from the gallery and agreed that a Jubilee Committee be set up. Cllr Kennett would chair and take forward. Volunteers already were Jayne Lambourne, Deborah Bernandes, and Lucy Dent</p> <p>The Locum Clerk would pass on to Jo Mott for the Newsletter details of how to approach KCC (Highways) about street parties.</p> <p>Council noted that there could be funding for Jubilee celebrations from District Councillors' Community Grants and Section 137 (a Local Government statute – the Locum Clerk has further details).</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>KL</p> <p>KL</p>
9. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)	<p>Council agreed that</p> <p>(i) Mike Lambourne would reach out to Felderland Lane residents to gauge their interest in the KCC response to the HIP</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Atkinson about those already committed to being members of the HIP Committee (Helen Gray, Kevin Murphy, Marion Goulay).</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>KL</p>
10. The Worth Centre	<p>Council agreed that this was an ongoing issue now with DDC, KCC and the Environment Agency. Council confirmed that since the beginning of the year no further complaints had been received. A planning application had yet to issue.</p> <p>Council agreed to remove this standing item from the agenda,</p>	<p>KL</p>
11. Conveyancing of the Bisley land/car park	<p>The Chair updated Council and the gallery on the recent productive meeting with two members of the Worth Parish Hall Management Committee (Messrs Austin and Lambourne).</p> <p>The Chair noted that Council had now had a positive response from the Director of Sunningdale Homes.</p> <p>Council and others noted the history behind the car park, its complexities and resolved that the Locum Clerk:-</p> <p>(i) Formally inform Sunningdale Homes of WPC's intention to take ownership of the land (excluding the Bund, the land on which are now built affordable houses and any roads)</p> <p>(ii) indicate that there might be previously agreed structural work on the car park to be completed by Sunningdale and</p> <p>(iii) once the above preliminaries had been agreed, the Locum Clerk to engage a conveyancing solicitor to take matters forward.</p>	<p>KL</p> <p>KL</p>
12. Planning	<p>(i) Council had no comment on The Laurels (22/00049)</p>	
13. Finance	<p>Council agreed the January Payments schedule</p>	

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14. Agenda Items for next meeting	(i) A Worth Parish Council Facebook platform (ii) Co-option of a Councillor (iii) the HIP	KL
15. Date of next Meeting:	<p>The Chair explained that meetings at the beginning of the Month could mean late payments to businesses the Locum Clerk, the Caretaker and others.</p> <p>Council agreed that the next and subsequent meetings should be on the last Wednesday of every month. The Locum Clerk to promulgate via the Newsletter, Website etc.</p> <p>Subject to Parish Hall availability the next meeting would be Wednesday 30 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to send out agenda.</p>	KL KL
16. Locum Clerk's Pay	<p>The Clerk left the meeting</p> <p>Council, considering their current financial situation, resolved to move the Locum Clerk from National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) pay scale LC 2 Spine Change Point (SCP) 25 (£15.37 per hour) to LC3 SCP 33 (£19.19 per hour).</p> <p>The Locum Clerk would liaise with Council concerning moving from Locum Clerk to Clerk (a change in contract) and the details of the new salary including any back pay and hours of work.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Heard Seconded: Cllr Kennett Agreed: All</p>	KL
	The Meeting Closed at 8.35 pm	