

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Heard (Chair), Crofts (Vice-Chair), Clarke, Atkinson Manion and Kenton, Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk, David Clever, Caretaker, 15 members of the Public.

Action

1. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell, Mott	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	None	
3. Parish Council Minutes:	<p>Council resolved that (i) the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 25 May are a correct record and that (ii) the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were also correct:</p> <p>(i) Proposed: Cllr Atkinson Seconded: Cllr Clarke. Agreed: All (ii) Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Atkinson. Agreed: All</p>	
4. Chair's Announcements	<p>The Chair congratulated numerous Worth Residents for very successful Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>The Chair and the gallery thanked former Chair Stu Kennett for his excellent service to Worth Parish and Worth Parish Council during his tenure as Chairman.</p> <p>The Chair called for volunteers for the defibrillator training (Village Hall, 28 July 6.00 – 8.00pm).</p>	
5. Public/District Councillor Participation	<p>Cllr Manion briefed Council on the successful Golf Open Championship, the recent Public Spaces Community Order policies and the Kent Fire and Rescue Service diversity award.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton briefed Council on the proposed new Tides leisure centre, spiralling costs and the delayed Regulation 19 draft consultation on the draft Local Plan.</p> <p>The Chair agreed that Members of the Public could contribute during the appropriate agenda item.</p> <p>Members of the public raised, speeding in the village, overgrown bridleways, a possible development off Jubilee Road, and the proposed Cottington Lakes development. The Council responded that if KCC or DDC were not responding or residents could not engage with their various websites, then please send full details to the Clerk who will take forward.</p> <p>The Manager of the Worth Centre re-introduced herself and introduced a new co-manager. Both committed to working in harmony with the community and in the not-too-distant future would welcome an introductory visit. They confirmed that no one stays overnight on the premises and that other remedial work had been done.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the managers for their helpful remarks and hoped that the problems in the past were, or quickly would be, resolved.</p>	<p>KL</p> <p>KL/MH</p>
6. Matters Arising from the meeting of 25 May Meeting	None	
7. Public Spaces	The Chair briefed Council and residents on the recent inventory of the allotments, the need to maintain them and that Council would be looking to appoint someone to oversee that the allotments were being tended.	

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	<p>Council resolved to employ a professional inspection company (IMI – Independent Inspection Memorial) to inspect, deep clean, replace the missing concrete ball and other maintenance matters. The cost was £3060.00.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Crofts Seconded: Cllr Clarke. Agreed :All</p> <p>Action: Clerk to take forward.</p>	KL
8. The Worth Centre	See above.	
9. Worth Cricket Club – Flags and Advertising	<p>Councillor Crofts briefed Council on flags being raised in the cricket ground. The Cricket Club committee would discuss this.</p> <p>Council agreed they had no issue with inward facing advertising on various parts of the cricket ground boundary fencing.</p>	CC
10. A Petanque terrain	<p>Council agreed in principle to a petanque terrain. Its whereabouts would be the subject of a future discussion.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Clarke Seconded: Cllr Atkinson Agreed: All</p>	KL
11. Litter Bins	Council agreed, in response to requests from residents, to survey and make recommendations to DDC for new litter bins or for DDC to move certain litter bins to different places in the parish.	
12. Finance One – the AGAR	<p>Council received and noted the Internal Auditor Report.</p> <p>Council resolved to agree the Annual Governance Statement Section One Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded Councillor Crofts. Agreed: All</p> <p>Council resolved to agree the Annual Governance Statement Section Two Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded Councillor Crofts. Agreed: All</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send to the External Auditor, post on Noticeboard and website.</p>	KL
13. Finance Two	Council agreed the June Payments schedule (Note: two additional invoices had been received since the June schedule was circulated – these have been input for payment).	KL
14. Agenda Items for the next meeting on 27 July	(i) The Orchard	
The Meeting ended at 2035 hours		