

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Heard (Chair) Crofts Mott, Atkinson, Clark, Andrews and Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk, David Cleever, Caretaker, 13 members of the Public.

Action

1. Apologies	Cllrs Parnell and Kenton Council noted the absence of Cllr Chandler (no apology) despite being specifically asked to attend to discuss the withdrawal of the Worth bus services.	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	None	
3. Parish Council Minutes:	Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September are a correct record. (i) Proposed: Cllr Mott: Seconded: Cllr Atkinson. Agreed: All	
4. Public/District Councillor Participation	Cllr Manion referred to the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan consultation and encouraged residents to respond. Councillor Heard updated and briefed Members and residents on the current state of play concerning the withdrawal of the Worth bus services. Cllr Manion agreed to take all the concerns back to KCC including to the officers concerned. Cllr Manion also alerted Council and Residents to the Kent Karrier scheme and the Clerk would look into this. In addition, Council would await the publication in November of a grants scheme concerning one time funding to help rural communities where bus services had been withdrawn. The Clerk would contact the KCC Officer to get a Stagecoach contact to ask for a suspension of the withdrawal. In response to various comments and questions from the gallery, Council informed residents that they had approached Cllr Chandler (as a key KCC influencer) but noted that she was not here to respond. The Chair agreed that Members of the Public could contribute during the appropriate agenda item.	SM KL KL
5. Matters Arising from the meeting of 28 September	(i) Council agreed that the purchase, installation, maintenance and emptying of various litter bins in various locations at a cost of circa. £1280.00. Proposed: Cllr Clark. Seconded: Cllr Atkinson. Agreed: All Cllr Mott and Andrews agreed to take forward. (ii) The Highways Improvement Committee had met and Council agreed that the Clerk write to KCC (Highways) for an update. Proposed: Cllr Atkinson: Seconded: Cllr Clark. Agreed: All (iii) On the Worth Centre, the Council informed residents that they had written to the Leader of Dover District Council, the CEO and others. Only Natalie Elphick had responded. The Clerk would follow up on 01 November. (iv) Council noted that the Bisley land transfer lease was still with the Sunningdale solicitors.	JM/GA KL KL

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6. Public Spaces	<p>Council agreed that Cllr Atkinson would install and test the new Speed Indicator Device (SID) opposite his house and report back to the November Council</p> <p>Cllr Heard briefed Council on the latest discussions concerning the clearing, cleaning and upgrading of the pond. Council agreed the quote of circa. £1200.00 for the work. Cllr Heard will circulate details and take forward.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Mott: Seconded: Cllr Clark. Agreed: All</p> <p>Cllr Mott agreed to chase up KCC on duckling proof drain covers.</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>MH</p> <p>JM</p>
7. DDC Town and Parish meetings	Council agreed the draft circulated by the Clerk and that it should be sent to DDC for consideration.	KL
8. The Regulation 19 draft Local Plan consultation	Cllr Heard briefed and updated Council and residents on the Regulation 19 consultation. Council agreed that residents could either write directly to DDC or to the Clerk and the Clerk would prepare a draft letter for consideration by Council on 30 November.	KL
9. Remembrance Sunday	Cllr Heard would lay the wreath on Sunday 13 November.	MH
10. Planning	Council agreed no comment on 22/01239 – Holly End, The Street, Worth. .	
11. Finance	<p>(i) Council agreed the October Payments and September bank reconciliation.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Atkinson. Seconded: Cllr Clark. Agreed: All</p>	
12. Agenda Items for the next meeting on 30 November,	(i) Local Plan (ii) Worth Centre (iii) Bisley Land transfer (iv) Meeting Dates and Times (v) Bus Service (vi) Ground Maintenance.	KL
The Meeting ended at 2026 hours		