

Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Heard (Chair), Clark, Crofts, Andrews, Atkinson, and Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk and 10 members of the Public.

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| 1. Apologies | Cllrs Mott, Parnell and PCSO Bishop. | |
| 2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda | None Cllr Parnell has previously informed Council that she has an OSI in Item and has recused herself from all involvement in this matter. | |
| 3. Parish Council Minutes: | Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 January 2023 are a correct record. (i) Proposed: Cllr Clark : Seconded: Crofts. Abstentions: Cllrs Heard and Andrews. Agreed: Cllr Atkinson | |
| 4. Public/District Councillor Participation | No DDC or KCC Councillors. Council agreed to cover the insurance costs (£159.00) of the Open Gardens Event. Proposed: Cllr Atkinson: Seconded: Cllr Andrews: Agreed: All In response to a question from the gallery, the Chair responded that Worth Parish Council were the lessors of the Village Hall and for the foreseeable future there was no intention to relinquish that lease, he continued that hall users should, in the first instance, discuss any potential issues with the Worth Parish Hall Management Committee. The Chair agreed that Members of the Public could contribute during the appropriate agenda item. | |
| 5. The Worth Centre | (i) Council agreed that the Clerk write to DDC Planning (including enforcement and various DDC Councillors) asking for an update on the Worth Centre planning application validation process. Any reply should be circulated in the Newsletter. Proposed: Cllr Andrews. Seconded: Cllr Crofts. Agreed: All | KL |
| 6. The Bisley Land Transfer | Council thanked Ian Austin for the help and support with this matter. Council expressed consternation at the latest proposal from Sunningdale and resolved to reject that latest proposal and to ask Sunningdale to abide by the previously agreed planning conditions and to transfer all the agreed open space land and car park to Worth Parish Council and to do so very quickly. The Clerk to write accordingly to our solicitor. Proposed: Cllr Heard: Seconded: Cllr Atkinson. Agreed: All (just for clarity, excluding Cllr Parnell), | KL |
| 7. Highways Improvement Plan | Council agreed that the Clerk write to Eastry Parish Council asking them to agree to 50% of the expenditure on the highway safety improvements to and around Felderland Lane. | KL |
| 8. Public Spaces | Cllr Clark reported that the estate was in good condition . Council agreed that Cllr Crofts contact Landscape Services about the latest annual quote for cricket ground cuts. | CC |

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| 9. Bus Service | Councillor Andrews updated Council on the lack of bus services. Whilst there are sympathetic noises from the bus company, at present there is no indication that bus services to and through Worth will resume. Cllr Andrews to continue to monitor. In answer to a proposal from the gallery, Cllr Andrews agreed to liaise with Helen Gray on the "On Demand Bus Service". | GA/HG |
| 10. Maintenance of Public Spaces | Council agreed that Cllrs Atkinson and Crofts now approach the sole candidate for the Worth Caretaker job with a view to agreeing the job description and a work programme all at £12.00 per hour. | CC/MA |
| 11. Coronation | Cllr Crofts updated Council on work of the Coronation Committee a full report would be submitted at the March meeting. | CC |
| 12. Planning | Council agreed to object strongly on various grounds (including lack of two Economic Viability Assessments) to both planning applications 22/01152 (an hotel in Betteshanger Country Park) and 22/01156 (a surfing lagoon in Betteshanger Country Park). The Clerk to draft, finalise and despatch the two letters. | KL |
| 13. Finance | (i) Council agreed the February Payments and January bank reconciliation. Proposed: Cllr Crofts. Seconded: Cllr Atkinson Agreed: All | |
| 14. Agenda Items for the next meeting on Wednesday 29 March 2023 | (i)On demand bus services (ii)Coronation (iii) Worth Centre (iv) Bisley Land Transfer and (v) the HIP | KL |
| The Meeting ended at 1907 hours | | |

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