

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Worth Parish Council held on Wednesday 30 March 2023 at 6.30pm.**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Heard (Chair), Clark, Crofts, Andrews, Mott, Atkinson, Manion, Kenton, Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk and 9 members of the Public.

		<b>Action</b>
1. Apologies	Cllr Parnell	
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 6 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 22 February 2023 are a correct record.  (i) Proposed: Cllr Clark : Seconded: Crofts. Agreed: All	
4. Public/District Councillor Participation	Cllr Manion briefed Council on the Environmental Heroes Awards.  The Chair agreed that District Councillors and members of the public could contribute during the appropriate agenda item.	
5. The Worth Centre	(i) Council agreed that the Clerk write to DDC Enforcement (copying in various DDC Councillors) asking for an update on the Worth Centre planning application validation process.  Proposed: Cllr Atkinson. Seconded: Cllr Mott. Agreed: All  (ii) Cllr Kenton also agreed to approach the relevant DDC officials.	<b>KL</b>
6. The Bisley Land Transfer	Councillor Heard updated Council on the response from Sunningdale which intimated that they were now willing to transfer (not lease) all the previous conditioned (via the planning Decision Notice) land to Worth Parish Council. There was some ambiguity in the wording of the Sunningdale e-mail and the Clerk had asked for clarification.  Councillor cautioned Council and residents that taking on the land (which Sunningdale now wanted us to maintain) and the car park would substantially increase the work of the Parish Council. He also advised that the transfer could have ramifications for discussions between residents of St Crispin Close and their estate management company.	
7. Highways Improvement Plan	Council understood the Eastry Parish Council position concerning their inability to fund 50% of the expenditure on the highway safety improvements to and around Felderland Lane.  Council agreed to take forward and pay (£305.00) for the preparation of detailed design and implementation costs. The Clerk to write to KCC (Highways) authorising them to start that preparation.	<b>KL</b>
8. Public Spaces	Cllr Heard introduced and welcomed Bill Hayward as the new Worth Parish caretaker.  Cllr Crofts agreed to go back to Worth Primary School to ascertain exactly the type and size of netting needed to prevent balls from the school landing in the pond.  Bill Hayward agreed to find out the details of the gentleman maintaining the footpath along the A258, send them to the Clerk who in turn would submit a nomination for a "Environmental Hero" award.  In response the Chair, Bill Hayward agreed to source quotes (circa. £3000.00) for a motorised mower and trailer.	<b>CC</b>  <b>BH</b>  <b>BH</b>

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	<p>Cllr Clark updated Council on various public space maintenance issues (especially overgrowth on Coventon Lane and updating signs). He reported that he had removed graffiti from the Memorial Park.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton and Bill Hayward agreed to look at the Coventon Lane issues.</p>	<b>BH/NK</b>
9. Bus Service	<p>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. And so far no further responses from the bus company. Cllr Andrews would continue to press the matter.</p> <p>Cllr Andrews had researched the “On Demand Bus Service”. This was funded from Section 106 planning obligations. Worth parish does not have any section 106 monies.</p>	<b>GA</b>
10. Coronation	<p>Council noted that it had already agreed a budget of £3500.00 for the Worth Coronation event on 06 May. Council therefore agreed the breakdown of costs for expenditure (£3308.82). Invoices to be submitted to the Clerk</p>	<b>CC/KL</b>
11. Finance	<p>(i) Council agreed the March Payments and the February bank reconciliation.</p> <p>(ii) Council agreed the draft resolution concerning Village Hall/Parish Council invoices and finances. The resolution was as worded on the agenda.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Heard. Seconded: Cllr Atkinson Agreed: All</p>	
12. Agenda Items for the next meeting on Wednesday 29 March 2023	<p>(i)Bus services (ii)Coronation (iii) Worth Centre (iv) Bisley Land Transfer and (v) the HIP</p>	<b>KL</b>
<b>The Meeting ended at 1935 hours</b>		