

Minutes of Wortwell Parish Council Meeting

Wortwell Community Centre

Monday 25th November at 7:30

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman**, especially to Margaret Stone and 4 members of the public here to discuss item 4 on the agenda, 75th anniversary of end of WW2, village celebration.
- 2. Apologies:** Parish Clerk unable to attend due to illness. Minutes written by Councillor Colyer.
- 3. Minutes:** Council approved and the Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2019.
- 4. District Councillors Report.** (Margaret Stone had another meeting to attend so requested that she delivered her report early in the meeting). A copy of District Councillor Stone's full report is filed with these minutes.
 - 4.1** Ofsted had produced a report regarding the 1500 children in care in our area.
 - 4.2** A new and well informed Environmental Policy has been done. The Extinction Rebellion group have attended District Council meetings and District Council have listened to them. Council is alert to climate change and 17,000 acres of land belonging to District Council, but spread about, will be planted with a million trees. The aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030.
 - 4.3** The Hempnall roundabout is now open and complete with the exception of landscaping work.
 - 4.4** Councillor Stone urged that we all look at the NCC Budget Consultation website and make comments. Also see the Fire Service Consultation.
 - 4.5** VE and VJ Day Commemoration Events. There is an Army Veterans Fund of £10,000, of which individual grants of £500 are available. Applications are open now until 31 January. Action Clerk

District Councillor Stone left the meeting

5. VE and VJ Day Commemoration.

- 5.1** The Core has been booked for Sunday 10th May 2020 for the commemoration.
- 5.2** A meeting to discuss the event further with all interested parties i.e. The Core, Parish Council and Events Committee to be held in on Monday 16th December at 7:00 in the Waveney Room.
- 6.** The meeting expressed condolences at the sad loss of Jane Pearce who served Wortwell Parish Council as Clerk for many years.
- 6.1** It was agreed that an appropriate card would be purchased by Chairman and a Councillor will deliver it to Jane Pearce's address. Action Chairman and Councillor Worley.
- 6.2** In memorandum it was suggested that one of the fruit trees suggested for the orchard should be dedicated to Mrs Pearce.
- 7.** Protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure. The meeting discussed the issue and Chairman suggested the purchase of a Commemorative Book and that it be placed at the appropriate time in the URC chapel in High Road. Erection of a flagpole on the Knoll was suggested and a member of the public has offered to purchase this flagpole.
- 7.1** Any social events which were planned for this period should be cancelled and Parish Councillors and Clerk should dress appropriately. A policy document to be generated.

Members of the public left the room.

8. Clerk's Report: Updates to Clerk's Report:

- 8.1** Tree removal from Knoll. 12 fruit trees have been requested from SNC to be planted in the social area of allotments.
- 8.2** Gate to Allotments. The gate has been removed, gatepost needs replacing and paths are yet to be grassed.

9. Chairman's Report:

- 9.1** Remembrance Service. A good turnout at the Knoll ceremony.
- 9.2** SAM reports. These were circulated to the meeting.

10. Councillors Reports

- 10.1** Concrete Pad. Currently the pad is full of manure which, with the heavy rainfall, is seeping down the hill towards Redenhall.
- 10.2** Cuckoo Lane. The drainage problems are still evident in spite of the works that have been carried out.
- 10.3** Dog faeces. Chairman has spoken to SNC Dog Warden who said it was up to us to do what we can and suggested we put up signs and invest in more dog waste bins. Organise 'bag and bin' signs and investigate cost of dog bins. All agreed. Action Chairman

11. Parish Lands

- 11.1** Barrier. Chairman to discuss with Parish Clerk.
- 11.2** Cost of Plots. Councillor asked who, and how, was the cost of the plots set and will it stay the same when the water supply is available? To be discussed in Parish Lands Trustee Meeting. Action Chairman
- 11.3** £1000 reimbursed on VAT. Donate to Land Charities. All agreed.
- 11.4.1** Contract with Ms Falvey. Change wording from "I" to Lands Trustees.
- 11.4.2** Revert to 6 month review.
- 11.4.3** Underline Not Transferable
- 11.4.4** Boundary installation.
- 11.4.5** Addendum to contract to be signed as well as contract.
- 11.5** Reports and photos of allotment progress to be sent to EDP/Mardler. Check with Allotment Committee.

12. Play equipment Report

- 12.1** Notice Board. Councillor has obtained a quote for A3 sign on New Field:
£15 plus p&p (no VAT reg) Tribal
Committee agreed to purchase this board. Action Clerk
- 12.2** Anchors for goal nets. Suggested the use of the old anchors.

- 12.3** Cricket Pavilion. In view of the lack of any future plans for the pavilion it was suggested that it might be moved to allotments. Alternatively, it was suggested that it be advertised for sale on Gumtree. Councillor Eddy will discuss with Allotment Committee.
- 12.4** Hose. Councillor asked whether the hose at the rear of the pavilion could be disposed of. No objections were raised.
- 12.5** Old Field Slide and Seat. Requires rub down and re-paint to deal with the rust.
- 13. Financials.** Very little change. The Budget for 2020/21 to be issued end December. Cheques for signature circulated during December.
- 13.1** Clerk's Training on Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. All agreed Clerk's attendance on this course.
- 14. GNLP.** Working towards final consultation in early 2020. There is opportunity for comments prior to going to Secretary of State for examination. There will be public hearings in early 2020 and the plan is expected to be adopted in late 2021.
- 14.1** Fire & Rescue Plan. Nothing to be done but comments invited.
- 14.2** NARS funding. It was decided not to support this. The preference is to support local charities, subject to budget.
- 15. Planning Applications.** None received.
- 15.1** The 3 house development in High Road currently under construction: CIL payments. SNC Planning CIL Officer has stated that the situation will be monitored.
- 16. CPR training.** Confirmed for 27 January 2020 at 7pm.
- 17.** Next Meeting 6 January 2020 at 7:30

Close of Meeting 9:30pm

Signed.....Chairman Date