

MINUTES

Wortwell Annual Parish Meeting Held at the Wortwell Community Centre

29 April 2024 at 7:00pm

The Chairman, of the Parish Council, Mr Clive Aylett, was present and offered to chair the meeting.

Apologies received from Lua Leggett, Chris Thomas, Allison Copeman, Pam Howard, Alison Shailes, Barry Stone, James Eddy.

CA invited officers and representatives around the room to introduce themselves and their area of interest.

Formal presentations took place as follows:

1. Wortwell Parish Council:

- a) **Chairman's Report.** Clive Aylett delivered his Report, a copy of which is held with these Minutes
- b) **Financial Report.** In Lua Leggett's absence, Clive Aylett informed the meeting that the accounts had been audited.

2. Wortwell Community Centre:

- a) **Chairman's Report.** Bill Eddy delivered his Chairman's report, a copy of which is held with these Minutes.
- b) **Financial Report:** Lua Leggett submitted a Financial Report, a copy of which is held with these minutes.

3. District Councillor Report: District Councillor Trevor Graham submitted his report, a copy of which is held with these Minutes.

4. Wortwell Charities:

a) Wortwell and Alburgh Poors Allotments Charity and Wortwell Town Lands

Charity: Chris Thomas submitted his report with financial accounts, copies of which are held with these Minutes.

b) **Wortwell Old Playing Field:** Allison Copeman submitted her report, a copy of which is held with these minutes.

c) **Wortwell Parish Lands (Allotments) Reports** submitted by Lua Leggett and Christine McDonald was read out, a copy of which is held with these Minutes.

5. Wortwell Outdoor Bowls: In the absence of Peter Croxson, the Chairman, Mr Robert Hadingham spoke about the success of the outdoor bowls team. 3 matches have been played so far this season and all have been won. The club membership is falling being 18 members with new membership being encouraged with 'have a go' sessions Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The upkeep of the green is expensive, and subscriptions and the playing fee increased. Fund raising raffles are held after each match. The Club received a Covid grant of £10K and another from our District Councillors for

£800 which we used to buy new scoreboards and jacks. The Annual dinner will be held at Bungay Golf Club on May 25.

6. **Wortwell Carpet Bowls:** Mrs Pam Howard provided a written report which was read out. A copy of this is held with these Minutes.
7. **Norfolk County Bowls:** A report received from Mick Fisher was read out, a copy of which is held with these Minutes.
8. **Mardler:** Mrs Allison Copeman submitted her report, a copy of which is held with these minutes.
9. **Goodswens:** A report was received from Gary and Colin Goodswen and read out, a copy of which is held with these Minutes.
10. **The Dove Restaurant:** Sonia Remblance reported that they took over the The Dove on 12 July 2023. Considerable work has been carried out in the grounds to stop flooding, an outside stage has been erected and access to the garden opened from the back. They welcome families, serve breakfast all day, hot lunches are popular and tea bookings are up. The restaurant is also available for private hire, and they do outside catering. Sonia spoke about wishing to support local charities and sponsorships. She stressed the importance of working with other businesses, particularly with advertising each other's events and activities.
11. **Guide Dogs:** Richard Bussien spoke about his work with Guide Dogs. In Norfolk and Suffolk there are volunteer puppy raisers, boarders, and guide dog owners with their working dogs. It costs £56,000 to train each dog and approximately two years to train a puppy. Someone goes blind every six minutes. Shops can refuse to allow guide dog puppies in, whereas trained Guide Dogs cannot be refused. Richard does everything he can to raise awareness of the work of the Guide Dog Association. He receives support from Wortwell Village. He gives talks to schools, etc. There is a concert on the 11 May in The Corn Hall, Diss by the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band and all proceeds will go to the Guide Dogs Association.

7:50pm Tea, Coffee and biscuits were served after the meeting which was a good opportunity to catch up and get to know new people.