

A Parish Council Meeting of Wortwell Parish Council took place

on Monday 30 October 2023 at 7.30pm

at the Waveney Room Wortwell Community Centre

5 Members of the public were in attendance.

Welcome by the Chairman – Councillor J Worley took the chair in the absence of Cllr Aylett due to a bereavement.

Present: Cllr Worley, Cllr Cook, Cllr Copeman, Cllr Carter, Cllr Eddy, Cllr Hadingham. In attendance Mrs Leggett Clerk and RFO

Apologies accepted from Cllr Aylett, District Cllrs Eddy and Graham (both attending other parish meetings)

RH declared a personal interest in the application under 60 (a) below, as his brother is the applicants neighbour. RH did not comment on this application.

Minutes: Council approved, Cllr Worley signed and the Clerk will retain in records, the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2023

The Meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to permit Public participation. The Public used their time to comment on their concerns and reservation regarding item 60 (b) Planning application 2023.3002 Council listened to these concerns and took them into account when they debated the application.

58) Planning Applications Received:

a. 2023/3015

Extension request granted by SNDC 7/11/23

Proposal: Single Storey infill extension to front, replace front elevation pantiles with slate tiles and new porch (revised application from 2020/1033) Location: 97 High Road, Wortwell.
Application type: Householder

Approved by Council with no reservations or comment.

b. 2023/3002

Extension request granted by SNDC 7/11/23

Proposal: Outline planning permission for 5 dwellings and associated garages with all matters reserved except for access. Location: Land West of Low Road Wortwell. Application type: Outline Planning Permission

Council debated and concluded there were too many reservations and questions that need to be answered to be able to approve at this stage. A full copy of the response has been submitted to Planning Department with a request for further answers and information at SNDC where it can be viewed online. A copy of the response is held with these minutes.

- c. **2023/8545** Breach Report: PBR00306 99 High Road, Wortwell

Details of suspected breach: Mobile home has been sited alongside the property, decking currently being added.

Mobile home arrived 29/09/2023 and is currently under investigation. An Enforcement order is in progress.

59) Parish Councillor Reports: none

60) Recycling Centre, Defibrillator and Playground Inspection WE

Cllr Eddy reported:

The Fort Slide has 4 bolts that still need covering but he has been unable to release them. KV (Maintenance will attend to this)

There are moles on the new field.

Defibrillator checks show that the power is now back on to the defibrillator and all in order.

The instructions have become faded. Clerk to replace and also explore cost of a laminated version rather than paper.

Rubbish was removed from a corner of the car park.

61) Clerk and RFO report:

- a. Cashbook, Financials were presented to Council by the clerk.
- b. Clerk activities – The Clerk presented her report and a copy is held with these Minutes
- c. FOI – a freedom of information request was received by the clerk relating to the request for hedging to be cut. This matter has been satisfactorily resolved with the villager.
- d. Council have thanked all the villagers for cutting back hedges and the landowners for attending to overgrowth – with a couple of exceptions the village is now a tidier and safer place for walkers and drivers alike.

62) Finance Committee (FC) –met on 9/10/23 to review the Forecast year end and the upcoming 24/25 Budget, and reported to Council:

- a. The budget has undergone a mid-year adjustment to some figures while remaining within the overall budget figure. By increasing some areas and reducing others, based on the first six months of the financial year, a more accurate forecast for year end has been obtained. A copy of the new adjusted figures was circulated.
- b. FC felt it was important to have accurate forecast year end with the above adjustments taken into consideration, to enable a more accurate base for setting the draft figures for the 2024/25 Forecast as phase 2. These papers will be reviewed by Council and the Clerk will provide a summary after this meeting for consideration between now and November meeting, when Council should be well placed to set the budget in preparation for Precept in January 2024
- c. FC recommended that the RFO explore rates for time deposits to get a better rate of interest if possible on the Reserves Funds.
- d. The Mardler is costing £1100+ per year to print the six editions. An article to be put in the January edition calling possible time on the printed version and a request for opinions or thoughts on doing this to be sought from villagers.

63) Nature Recovery in Wortwell - Wortwell PC has signed up to the Principle of Nature Recovery. LL read out the report on Nature Recovery from Trevor Graham together with his District Council

report. This has been deferred to the November meeting for further discussion when it is hoped that TG can attend the meeting. Meanwhile he will be invited to speak at one

64) Speed-watch – update from Chairman re Police Checks and SH re Village speed-watch team – in the absence of the Chairman and no update from SH this has been deferred to the November meeting.

65) Open Spaces – The installation of the new gym equipment will take place on the 8/9 November. They need access to toilets and water.

Meeting was adjourned to permit further public participation: Kevin Vincent and his partner Amanda have very kindly offered to refurbish the memorial and the surrounding flower beds ahead of the Armistice service on the 12 November, at their own expense. They wish to do this in memory of those lost in the village and also to commemorate Mr Vincent's family listed on the Thetford memorial. His view is that 'someone' looks after that memorial for him, so he is happy to do something for the Wortwell Memorial. Councillors thanked them both for this kind and generous offer and accepted.

1. FUTURE MEETINGS

27/11/23 8/1/24 (Precept Sign off Meeting only) 29/1/23 26/2/24 25/3/24

29/4/24 (Annual Parish Meeting)

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

HMRC PAYE NIM7	£191.83
NEST PensionM7 DD	£ 35.90
K R Vincent	£tba
J9 Ltd Barriers	£526.12
Total BACS payments made	£753.85

RECEIPTS RECEIVED

Litter Pick	NONE
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