**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd May 2025 @ 7.15pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present:**,John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) Gary Basford (**GB**) Tommy Adams (**TA**) ,Fred Percival (**FP**), Richard Heaton (**RH**) Malcolm Holman (**MH)** Joe Foster (**JF**) John Thomasson (**JT**) Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**),

Parish members: present

| **Point**  | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**:-Andy Hudson (**Chair**) Vicky Higham (**VH**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Gary Vernon (**GV**)  |  Clerk | N/A | 22/05/25 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** - **JT** – planning matters - *25/0713/PRIOR-6* |  ViceChair | All Cllrs | 22/05/25 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-****Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**Minutes from 03/03/25 quarterly meeting, were proposed as correct by **JS** and 2nded by **MH.** All councillors present, were in agreement. |  Vice Chair | All Cllrs | 22/05/25 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-**Discussed in Annual Parish meeting -see notes | Public |  Vice Chair | 22/05/25 |
|  5. | **Borough Councillor Report:-*** Road closure of Main Road in August – widening of the splay by the roundabout. Concerned about the Worleston Fete access, so the date of closure has been altered. Road will be open in the evenings, but closure will impact the shop & pub business. Access will be for the residents, but clarification required for the businesses. **GB** stated that the shutting of the road in January for the bridge repair had a massive impact on the shop business. **BP** to email CEC Highways highlighting the impact that closure will have. **BP** suggested that the PC raised this as a formal complaint. – **AH** to write to Highways. The shop sales were 75% down from the last closure. **JS** suggested that all local businesses collectively ask for a meeting on site with CEC Highways.
* CEC have been issued a “Best Value Notice” by central Government – effectively a warning letter, regarding balancing the books. Borrowing £25M from the Government as a loan.
* Devolution talks still taking place for CEC. This would mean that more decision making at local level.
* Consultations – Heritage and Nature Recovery Strategy (planning policy) how to make sure when there are developments that nature doesn’t suffer.
* Planning Department are inundated with applications.
 | ViceChair | BP | 22/05/25 |
| 6. | **Planning matters:-*****Pending applications****25/1548/DSC- Reaseheath College – Discharge of conditions on 24/0109N**25/0514/FUL-Worleston Lodge Main Road, Erection of detached dwelling and linked garage/office**G25/0502/CLPUD -Groome Cottage, Rookery Park Main Road, Cert of lawful development for proposed extensions.****Past Planning****25/0713/PRIOR-6- Aston Lower Hall, AJM.-* *Prior determination for an extension to an existing agricultural building. Prior Approval refused**25/1090/HOUS 116 Station Rd, Proposed rear extension and porch removal Approved**24/5212/CLPUD- Crossbanks Farm Stoke Hall Lane, Poole, CW5 6AR – Lawful development certificate for proposed conversion of agricultural buildings -Positive certificate**25/0102/HOUS - 47 Station Road, Aston Juxta Mondrum, CW5 6DW - Proposed single storey rear extension and extension over existing single storey extension.24/5096/DSC - Aston Lower Hall Dairy Lane, Discharge of Condition 3 on 24/0658N - Erection of an agricultural livestock building and all associated works- retrospective - Approved**23/4566N – Aston Lower Hall, AJM- Erection of Rural enterprise unit & associated works- undecided**23/3507N – Aston Lower Hall Farm, Dairy Lane - Erection of covered silage store - undecided**22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided* |  ViceChair | Vice Chair | ongoing |
| 7. | **Clerks Report:-** Email regarding Local Government Boundary commission – forwarded to Cllrs | Clerk | Clerk | 22/05/25 |
| 8. | **Playground Matters:-*** *Actions required - update from PJ –* not present at meeting.

Alan Ackerley has kept the site very tidy.* *Further Inspection date -*Clerk reported that the ROSPA have come back with quote of £265 for an inspection as they are now out of area. Clerk to contact Zurich insurance as to whether there is a requirement an annual inspection. It was proposed by **FP** that if is not an annual requirement for inspection that it should be scheduled for 2026. This was 2nded by **MH.**
 | Vice Chair | PJ/FPClerk | ongoing  |
| 9. | **Parish Compacts:-** Nothing to report back from Peter Wilson.  | Clerk | Vice Chair | Ongoing |
| 10. | **Road Safety Matters:-*** *Road conditions* – no major improvements. Pothole outside the pub is still there which was reported in Oct 2024. **BP** to follow up with highways.
* *Kingsbourne Rd* – work is taking place on all surrounding areas to push for opening – date TBC
* *Road Safety & Speed limits -* **FP** asking for streetlights at the chicane end of the village to improve safety in the dark. **AH** is investigating this. **JF** asked whether there could be any restrictions put on HGV’s through the village at night.  **BP** stated that it is not legal to do this. **JF** asked if there was a weight restriction on the bridge for HGV’s  **BP** said that it is the Canal & River Trust responsibility not CEC Highways.
 | Vice Chair | Vice Chair | Ongoing |
| 11. | **Payment of accounts & Financial Matters :-*** 2024-25 Annual Audit – Internal Audit passed/signing off the Annual Governance form. **JS** & Clerk completed signing.
* Re-adoption of Financial Standing Orders. Proposed by **RH** and seconded by **JT**

Payment of accounts:Clerk has proposed that the Solar panel grant (2024 & 2025) be transferred to deposit account so that it is available for community projects along with the CIL payments.Current bank balance 12/05/25 to include saver account £13,559.81 Outstanding payments:-* *WVH meeting room fees £32.00*
* *Annual Insurance £367.36*
* *Audit Fees £105.00*
* *CHALC annual subscription Fees £182.13*
* *Microsoft Licence - £104.99*
* *Clerk’s annual expenses £177.50*
 |  Clerk | Clerk | 22/05/25 |
| 13. | **Dates of meetings for 2025:**10th July, 25th September, 20th November | Clerk | Clerk | 22/05/25 |
| 14. | **Items for next agenda**:- N/A | clerk |  ViceChair | 22/05/25 |

Meeting closed at 20:20 hrs

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**Action list from22/05/25 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
| 5 | Email to be sent to CEC Highways regarding road closure | BP & AH | July |
| 8. | Check insurance re playground inspection | Clerk | July |
| 10. | Streetlighting costs – what it would be for 3 streetlights at top end of the village | AH | July |
| 11. | AGAR for to be sent onto Auditors and notice of annual audit inspection to be displayed  | Clerk | 2nd June  |
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