**WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September 2023 @ 7.00pm Worleston Village Hall

**Present**: Malcolm Holman (**MH)** Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Gary Vernon (**GV**), Tommy Adams (**TA**), John Schofield (**JS**) (Vice Chair) John Thomasson (**JT**) Peter Jones (**PJ**) Becky Posnett Borough Councillor (**BP**)

Parish members: present

| **Point**  | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies**, Vicky Higham (**VH**), Andy Hudson (Chair), Fred Percival (**FP**) Joe Foster (**JF**), Matt Evans (**ME**), Gary Basford (**GB**)  |  Clerk | N/A | 14/09/23 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors interests & Code of Conduct:** - **TA** application decided 23/2737N  |  Chair | All Cllrs | 14/09/23 |
| 3. | **Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Matters:-****Please see attached checklist for outstanding matters**Minutes from 13/07/23 quarterly meeting proposed as correct by **GV** and 2nded by **JT** |  Chair | All Cllrs | 14/09/23 |
| 4. | **Public Forum:-*** Member of the public raised the issue of traffic on Station Road and the increase in speed of both cars and tractors. What is the possibility of a 20MPH limit? **JS** explained that various measures have been put in place in the village to monitor the speeding issues, but there is still an issue. **JS** feels that it would be a good think to have 20 MPH, but it is whether it could be implemented. Police are the enforcers and it is them to agree a speed limit. No pavements on Station Road going towards the school and it is dangerous for pedestrians.

Tractors – too fast down Station Rd. Local employer to communicate to staff regarding speed. **JT**United Utilities tankers also speeding on a regular basis. Letter to be sent to them regarding speeding on Main Rd.School should also remind parents and carers when dropping off & collecting about speed in local area and to be respectful to the residents.* Play area on Main Road -feels that is needs a bit of a facelift. **JS** explained that this is an ongoing project. The joiner is tasked to repair the roundabout, and this is in process (he is recovering from an injury). Explained that some items have been repaired. Would be good to have a slide in the area? It needs to be a commercial provision with the required H&S. **JS** to look at the cost of a slide provision.
 | Public |  Vice Chair/JT | 14/09/23 |
|  5. | **Borough Councillor Report:-*** At full Council meeting it was agreed an increase on Members allowance taking place & backdated (**BP** voted against this)
* Bin tax for green waste - £56/yr will be implemented. Letter to be sent to residents in November.
* Potential closure of CEC Westfield site in Sandbach. **JS** Questioned why this is happening – should be the old buildings being replaced.
* Verge mowing all to be done by 1 contractor rather than the 2 currently used.
 | ViceChair | BP | 14/09/23 |
|  | * Primary School on Kingsley estate will be opened in Autumn 2025. Those on the estate will transfer to Acton in the meantime.
* Main Rd – **BP** has registered with Highways and chased regarding the digging out and jetting of the drains and gulleys. Still chasing via E mail.
* Spoken to Crime commissioner about road safety in the borough. Provision for more speed devices. A speed limit through Poole is unenforceable (Police saying this). **MH** stated that the country lanes are being used as a short cut and this is where the issues are.
* Request of Police Mobile Van to monitor speed on Main Road.
* Road coring taking place for potholes. **BP** is logging road markings.
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| 6. | **Planning Matters:** ***Pending applications****23/2737N – Ash Paddocks, Main Rd, AJM – Certificate of Lawful existing use/Development****Past Planning****23/2504D – Worleston Lodge – Main Rd, Worleston, Discharge of Conditions on approval* *23/1221N - Park Farm, Worleston - proposed conversion of stables to a dwelling – Approved with Conditions**23/1414N – Poole House Farm, Poole – single storey side extension (resubmission of 22/4528N)**23/0331D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole – Discharge of Conditions - undecided**22/2729N – Rookery view – link to existing dwelling to covered pool – Approved with Conditions**22/2053N – Land off Main Road, single storey outbuilding (resub of 21/5198N) Approved**23/2565N – Land off Main Road – No material amendment - Approved**22/0208N- Building adjoining Barons Rd, discharge of conds on 19/0773N - undecided**22/1522N – Highfields House AJM - Erection of wooden garage - undecided**22/0557N – New Start Park, Change of Use and erection of 2 amenity buildings - Undecided**21/5813N – Reaseheath College, Extension to Engineering block – Approved with Conditions**22/0517N – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole – Discharge of conditions on 21/27291N application - undecided**22/0836D – Poole Hall Barn, Cinder Lane, Poole Discharge of condition**21/5813N – Reaseheath College – Extension to Engineering block and additional teaching space Appd with Conds**21/5898N – Land off Main Road, Worleston – outbuilding see above application 22/3505N**19/4128N – Poole Nurseries. Variation on occupancy. Erection on dwelling of old site of cottage – Not decided* *20/1405N – Land adj to Oakview, Mile House Lane, Worleston. Variation on conditions- Not decided* *20/2517N – Land at Dairy Lane, AJM. Planning for 2 dwellings – not decided**20/2085N - Church Rd, AJM – single storey rear extension. – not decided**21/5813N – Reaseheath College – Extension to Engineering block and additional teaching space**21/5898N – Land off Main Road, Worleston – outbuilding see above application* *21/2729N – Poole Hall Barn – Listed Building Consent – no decision* |  |  |  |
| 6. | *19/4128N – Poole Nurseries. Variation on occupancy. Erection on dwelling of old site of cottage - undecided**20/1405N – Land adj to Oakview, Mile House Lane, Worleston. Variation on conditions- unknown -* *20/2517N – Land at Dairy Lane, AJM. Planning for 2 dwellings – not decided**20/2085N - Church Rd, AJM – single storey rear extension. – not decided***JS** stated that the current planning application process is very poor. Applications are taking far too long and do not make sense as to why they are rejected. | Vice Chair | Vice Chair | Ongoing |
| 7. | **Clerks Report:-** * *Communication regarding Food bank donation*. **GV** did not like the tone of the letter from Nantwich Town Council asking for money from WDPC which is 2% of the total = £50. **JS** feels that the funding calculation is incorrect. It was agreed that WDPC respond to the letter and that we would be happy to donate, but directly to the Foodbank -Trussel Trust. Proposed by **GV** and seconded by PJ that £100 be sent directly to Trussel Trust.
* *80th D Day celebrations*. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the November meeting.
* *Flexilink flexible bus service details*  - pre-book service for those residents aged 80yrs or over, or with disabilities or in rural locations with no means of other transport. Book 48 hrs before required. £3 fee.
 | Clerk | Clerk | 14/09/23 |
| 8. | **Fibre broadband update:-**No update  | ViceChair | Chair | 14/09/23 |
| 9. | **Playground Matters:-***Update on Playground safety report* - annual report improvements – **ME****JS** to get the roundabout repaired.Slide costs to be investigated by **JS** | Vice Chair | ME/JS | ongoing  |
| 10. | **Parish Compacts:-** No comments  | Clerk |  Vice Chair | ongoing |
| 11. | **Road Safety Matters:-*** Flooding issues – see point 5 drainage issues
* Update on Road conditions- see point 5
* Kingsbourne Road opening - scheduled for May 2024
 | Vice Chair | Vice Chair/ Clerk | Ongoing |
| 12. | **Payment of accounts :-** Current bank balance 06/09/23 = £8,369.72To include: * *Clerks fees £400.00*
* *WVH hire costs £32.00*
* *Peter Wilson – litter picking costs £506.00*
 |  Clerk | Clerk | 14/09/23 |
| 13. | **Dates of meetings for 2023:** 16th November | Clerk | Clerk | 14/09/23 |
| 14. | **Items for next agenda**:- 80th D Day celebrations. | clerk | Chair | 14/09/23 |

Meeting closed at 20.20 hrs

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**Action list from 14/09/23 minutes**

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| **Point** | **Agenda item** | **Who to complete** | **Actioned by** |
|  | OUTSTANDINGHedges to be looked at in Poole.State of verges by the school to be repaired.Gritting route consultation with Craig Brown – Contact PAPlayground safety report issues – Roundabout to be repaired **JS** to organise**. ME** to organise other repairs | MH AH JT FPJS & ME   | November |
|  4. | * Tractor drivers to be spoken to regarding speed on station Rd
* E Mail to be sent to school requesting parents/carers respect speed on Station Rd for local residents.
* Letter to be sent to UU regarding speed of vehicles on Main Rd
 | JTAHAH | November |
| 7. | Food bank donation – Letter to be responded to & donation made | Clerk | November |
| 9. | * Cost of slide to be investigated
* Roundabout repair
 | JS | November |