WORLESTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at WORLESTON VILLAGE HALL 7.15pm 18th May 2023

present: John Schofield (Vice Chair), Fred Percival, Peter Jones, Malcolm Holman, John Thomasson, Gary Basford, Vicky Higham, Gary Vernon, Borough Councillor Becky Posnett

**1.Introduction & Welcome:-**

The Vice Chair welcomed all attendees to the Annual Meeting.

**2.Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Vice Chairman, Worleston & District Parish Council.**

Summarising the main activities of 2022-23:-

Slowly getting back to normal from the effects of Covid, but a noticeable slowdown from local Government – especially with such issues as planning. This is taking far too long and effecting local businesses who are struggling to plan for the future.

Kingsley Fields – A51 opening is still delayed and no update (Vicky Higham has been pushing for this). Many questions asked to CEC highways as to the final date for opening. Delay is purely down to CEC Highways.

Road repairs are almost non existent and the Parish Council are continually pushing for improvements. Traffic speeding issues are still prevalent in the village and the speed limit has helped but not enough. The cars parked outside the shop help limit the speed through the village. Police presence is happening, but the speeding is a concern.

Neighbourhood plan has come to a halt, but we are hoping that this will be resurrected in the future.

Vice Chair thanked the Councillors for their continued support and dedication to the ongoing matters in the parish. Also thanked the Clerk for her ongoing support.

**3.Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2023 by the Clerk to the Parish Council.**

The expenditure for the financial year increased on last year’s figure and so the total payments for the year were £11,823, this is wholly due to the return of the Neighbourhood grant that has been unspent. Repayment totalled £4771. The closing reserve balance for the year ending 31/03/22 was £3958.

The annual Light Source grant saw a slight increase on the previous year and we received payment of £2085. The parish council made a donation of £500 to the local Riding for the Disabled branch, funded from the Lightsource grant in this financial year. The Precept remained at the same level as the previous year at a figure of £4617. A VAT repayment of £687 was claimed and we received a CEC CIL grant of £443. We continue to receive the Parish Compact Grant at £1,150 which covers the cost of the Lengthsman.

Thank you again to the Chair & Vice Chair for their continuing support and to the Councillors for their help with Parish matters.

**4.To invite the public to raise any matters of interest**. – None stated,

Meeting closed @ 7.45pm

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