

Worldham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June 2023 7.30pm
East Worldham Village Hall

<p>Present Also present</p>	<p>Cllr R Twining (Chair), Cllr W Brock, Cllr R Bagnell, Cllr S Butler, Cllr T Godbert Pamela Hibbins, Clerk to Parish Council. 2 members of the public, County Councillor Mark Kemp Gee, SSEN representative Phoebe Sullivan, Martin Powell, Tony Horne, and Jon Wylde</p>
<p><u>27.41</u></p>	<p>Chair's Announcement – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
<p><u>27.42</u></p>	<p>Apologies for absence – Cllr C Sole</p>
<p><u>27.23</u></p>	<p>Declarations of Interest - none</p>
<p><u>27.44</u></p>	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th May 2023 Proposed: Cllr W Brock, Seconded: Cllr T Godbert Action: Clerk</p>
<p><u>27.45</u></p>	<p>District Councilor's Report None</p>
<p><u>27.46</u></p>	<p>SSEN Four representative from SSEN presented on the current scheduled works and how the B3004 road closure next year will be managed. The works that will be conducted is part of the Alton-Bordon Network Investment project which will boost the power supply to future proof the electricity network for homes and businesses in the Alton Bordon area.</p> <p>Phoebe Sullivan – Account Director at Copper Consultancy Martin Powell – Project Manager at SSEN Tony Horne – Works manager at SSEN Jon Wylde – Designer at SSEN</p> <p>The B3004 would be closed to all through traffic from Alton to the Oakhanger junction the 16th March until the 12th August 2024. The road will be closed, both lanes, during the day and at night in order to ensure safety for all.</p> <p>Works will begin on Mill Lane (industrial estate) on the 9th Jan 2023, move to Wilsom Rd on the 16th March and finish at Oakhanger junction. As each area is cleared the road will be opened up again for that particular stretch. The works in East Worldham village are currently predicted to be from 28th April to 21st June 2024. Residents will be able to access the village of East Worldham from either the Kingsley end or the Alton side depending on where work is taking place at that time. Vehicle access to properties will be maintained unless they are actively working on that section at that time . At that time people will have no vehicle access to their properties for up to three days so will need to seek alternate places to park. As the road will be closed SSEN confirmed that parking on the road would be acceptable during this time. Pedestrian access to properties will be maintained at all times with the exception of approximately 15 minutes when they are digging outside your property.</p> <p>Discussions have been had with the emergency services. Bus routes will be rerouted and bin collections will be driven up to the road closure with some assistance from SSEN team to help access the bins in their current working section.</p> <p>A 35 mile diversion will be set up to keep the main bulk of traffic away from the smaller roads. This will be a diversion through Meon, Petersfield to Alton. Works will stop for the four days of the Jalsa Salana when the road will be operational. This does not include the weeks leading up to and post the event and access will be via the diversion at these times. SSEN with Hampshire</p>

	<p>County Council will conduct a condition survey of the road before and after and will reinstate what was there before, to include verges.</p> <p>SSEN have asked for any local businesses to get in touch with them directly so that they can look at particular concerns and predict traffic movements e.g. events planned, tractors during harvest time etc so these can be factored in. Those concerned about carers etc getting access to properties are also asked to contact them directly so they will start mapping times etc Contact information is at community@ssenbordon.co.uk or call on 0800 046 9034 or write to them using Freepost: SSEN BORDON.</p> <p>Works will take place between the hours of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday (no work takes place on a bank holiday) • 8am to 4pm on a Saturday • 9am to 3pm on a Sunday <p>The Chair expressed disappointment that there had been no prior consultation by SSEN with the Parish Council about the proposed works. Councillors asked whether a Traffic Impact Study had been undertaken and raised concerns from parishioners about what effect the closure of the B3004 for nearly 8 months will have on for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emergency services • People who have carers visiting them • Bus routes • Local deliveries • Local businesses • The local lanes with the increase in traffic.
<u>27.47</u>	<p>Public Questions – the Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear public questions</p> <p>County Cllr Mark Kemp Gee requested the contact details of the Traffic Management company to ensure that clear signage was used on the diversion. Hampshire Highways have devised the route and will be instructing SSEN who will subsequently instruct the traffic management team what signage to use. SSEN are currently having biweekly meetings with Hampshire County Council and County Cllr Mark Kemp Gee will request if himself and representatives from Worldham and Kingsley Parish Council (who will also be affected by the B3004 closure) to join these meetings.</p> <p>Once the work has started in the parish SSEN Comms team have agreed to send us weekly updates on progress and detail of the sections of the road that will be closed (e.g. if we can turn left or right out of Blanket Street for example). This will be posted on the Parish Council social media channels and our website. The interactive map on the website will also be updated regularly https://www.ssen.co.uk/about-ssen/our-works/alton-bordon-network-investment/</p> <p>A member of the public requested that more roadshows and public meetings be arranged for the wider community. SSEN are keen to connect with any community liaison groups.</p> <p>Meeting reconvened</p>
<u>27.48</u>	The Clerk's report was noted. (Appendix 1)
<u>27.49</u>	<p>Financial Report: The Clerk advised that the bank balances are as follows:</p> <p>Bank Balance as below</p> <p>Current Account as 31/05/2023: £ 11,207.69</p>

Instant Access Account (quarterly statements as 29/03/2023): £ 29,761.16
 Worldham Community Benefit Fund (quarterly statements as 02/04/2023): £17,831.43
 Less cheques o/s £250.30
TOTAL £58,549.98

Receipts ledger balance **£58,549.98**

Payment Schedule:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Proposed: Cllr T Godbert, Seconded: Cllr W Brock

	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
07/06/23	P Hibbins - Clerk	Salary May 2023 (£585 new salary =WAH £24 - TAX £5.40)	£603.60	£0.00	£603.60
07/06/23	HMRC	Tax March2023	£5.40	£0.00	£5.40
07/06/23	West Worldham PCC	Grant upkeep of churchyards - West Worldham PCC and Hartley Mauditt PCC	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
07/06/23	East Worldham PCC	Grant - upkeep of churchyards	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
07/06/23	P Hibbins - Clerk	Expenses - meeting with Chair (travel £9 round trip) and recorded dly for election forms (50/50 with Kingsley PC)	£11.34	£0.00	£11.34
07/06/23	Star Fireworks	Coronation - Fireworks	£833.33	£166.67	£1,000.00
07/06/23	Pauline Flude	A-frame	£45.00		£45.00
07/06/23	East Worldham PCC	Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection (£62.04	£12.40	£74.44
07/06/23	HALC	Councillor Training - Core Skills Cllr S Butler	£98.00	£19.60	£117.60
			£2,258.71	£198.67	£2,457.38

Payments received

	Payor	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	n/a		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

To note; -

- A cheque for £1,108.37 from WCBF to WPC for Coronation expenses as approved at the meeting on the 1st March 2023 item 26.50, was authorized and signed. Breakdown below.
- Total costs = £1586.93 (includes £55 Loos for Dos deposit paid in previous financial year) – £478.56 (Dst Councillor Grants received for Coronation Fireworks – Grant received in previous financial year = £1,108.37. All costs excludes VAT as council are able to recoup VAT).

CIL ANNUAL REPORT

Reporting Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

A	Total CIL income carried over from previous years (2021 – 2022)	£0
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B	Total CIL income received (receipts)	£ 1248.23
C	Total CIL spent (expenditure)	£0
D	Total CIL repaid following a repayment notice	£0
E	Total CIL retained at year end (A+B-C-D)	£ 1248.23

CIL Expenditure

Item/Purpose	Amount Spent
n/a	£0
TOTAL SPENT	£0

SSE Electricity tariff for the Village Hall

It was **AGREED** to continue with SSE electric to the village hall and a direct debit to be set up in order to receive the more favourable rate. The current contract will expire end of June 2023 and the next review will be June 2024.

Proposed: Cllr S Butler, Seconded: Cllr T Godbert

Action: Clerk

<u>27.50</u>	Planning Applications No current open planning applications for comments and no decisions to note on previous applications.
<u>27.51</u>	SDNPA Parish Priorities – To discuss project, working party, consultation and timeline. Development and Management of Land Key Question – What could be developed and what needs protecting? Background The Worldham Parish consists of the settlements of East Worldham, West Worldham and the scattered settlement of Hartley Mauditt. There has been limited housing development in the last 20 yrs mainly consisting of infill or brownfield sites(farmyards). Most recent development has mainly been commercial or agricultural related. NB. Most surrounding land is under agricultural production. Oaklands Farm hosts the annual Jalsa Festival attracting 40,000 people. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we want more development? 2. Where would we like development and are there sites already put forward in the SNDP's recent call for sites? 3. In fill or greenfield? 4. If development, what kind? 5. Job creation or housing? Homes & Design Key Question – Do we want more houses, more business or a small rural village with no growth? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What development would benefit the needs of the village? E.g. affordable housing for young families and opportunities for those looking to downsize and stay in the village. 2 What designs would be most fitting? 3 How to future proof such as looking at solar etc.

4. Small scale to fit into the current footprint and local needs or a larger development?

Natural Environment

Key considerations – Protect and enhance the local environment for local residents, all visitors and for those travelling through the village.

Access to green spaces, footpaths and easily accessible areas also. The right to roam for recreation and exercise.

Do we want to consider wider environmental issues, incinerators, availability of solar etc in the area and if this is a priority.

Jobs

Business register

Compile a list of businesses in Worldham and the local surrounding area.

Local Business

Business to register online, to promote their business in the local area and also list any available job vacancies for local residents looking for full/part time work.

Allowing anyone to refer to this register when looking for a type of business.

Business networking meetings /workshops

Monthly or quarterly meet up to share your business in a quick 2 minute presentation and finish with handing out business cards and discussing business knowledge.

Village Hall

Making the village hall available to business' to offer workshops for the local community and surrounding areas. Maybe getting students to help and potentially find out about local business and employment requirement need.

Engage social media

Make use of Worldham facebook page and use a specific day to promote your business, /jobs/skills etc.

Advertise

local area vacancies

Business Recruitment / work opportunities,

Public spaces and infrastructure

1. To seek to preserve and enhance the landscape and footpaths within the parish.
2. Maintain and improve key parish assets such as the village hall and playground.
3. Look for opportunities to increase parish owned public space, like kick about area and consider further parking options.
4. To ensure the highways infrastructure is improved to prioritise the people that live within the community rather than just those that pass through. E.g. Extend the footpath in East Worldham; Lower speed of traffic; Improve sight lines at both ends of Blanket St where it meets B3006 and B3004.
5. Improve telecommunications and ensure fibre connections to more homes.

It was agreed to finalise the 3 key messages for each topic and to bring back to the next meeting to discuss.

	<p>The current timeline is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July - finalise key statements and to publish for public consultation. - September - An open event - October - finalise and send to SDNPA in October meeting <p>Proposed Cllr R Twining, Seconded Cllr T Godbert Action: Clerk</p>
<u>27.52</u>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, at East Worldham Village. The next meeting to take place 5th July 2023.</p>
<u>27.53</u>	<p>Items for next agenda</p>
<u>27.54</u>	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 9.48pm.</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p>

Appendix 1: Clerk Update – June 2023

VILLAGE HALL - DEEDS

Current status - First registration for the village hall received.

Completed

VILLAGE HALL WORKS/GRANTS

Awaiting decision on SDNPA and EHDC Grant applications. Decisions to be made Summer 2023 by awarding body so unlikely for the work to commence in August 2023 if successful. It was hoped that the work could take place in August as it is a quieter month in terms of hall usage. To be reviewed once awarding decision is made. Clerk has identified other potential income streams below and we have £1,248.23 SDNPA CIL funds that could be added to the project.

Next steps – Timeline reviewed and additional grants to be applied for if needed once decisions from current pending applications have been received and total funds reviewed.

Clerk/working party

VILLAGE HALL - FUNDING

Current status – Clerk has identified a number of potential pots of funding that could be applied for. These include:-

- Veolia Landfill Communities Fund
- HCC - Parish and Town Council Investment Fund
- Section 106 Developers' Contributions / Community Infrastructure Levy - to ask EHDC
- ACRE Village Hall Improvement Grant <http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund> or call 01285 653477 Grants of up to £75,000 for major building works on halls in villages and small towns. Scheme currently closed but have logged our interest and to be alerted if the fund should reopen
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- www.garfieldweston.org/ or call 020 7399 6565
Several community halls and centres have recently been funded through the 'Community' strand, with grants from £1,000 to well over £100,000. Their policy is to give grants of a fairly small proportion of the total project cost, typically around 10% for building works. Completed initial eligibility check – potential to be eligible under organisations deemed exempt or excepted from charity registration
- Screwfix Foundation <https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/> or call 0500 41 41 41 Grants of up to £5,000 for work on community buildings and people's homes.
- Pilgrim Trust – (preserving heritage, including buildings) <https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/>
- Heritage Fund (previously the Heritage Lottery Fund) <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>
- Public Works loan Board – If no funding found.

Next steps – additional grants to be applied for if needed, once decisions from current pending applications have been received and total funds reviewed.

Clerk/working party

POTENTIAL FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BY THREE HORSESHOES

Ian Janes from the Traffic Team at Hampshire County Council has confirmed that the proposed East Worldham phase two CFI scheme has been included in this financial year's programme with a view to starting initial investigations later in the year.

Next steps – one of the traffic team's scheme engineers to be in contact with clerk later in the summer. SSN's proposals have been noted.

Clerk/working party