

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at 8.00 pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**EAST WORLDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs Terry Blake (Chairman), Andrew Aldridge, Bill Fife, William Brock, Tessa Gaffney, Mary Trigwell-Jones, Robin Twining (Clerk), District Cllr David Ashcroft, 0 Members of the public.

**111/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

None were received.

**112/16 Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes of the Worldham Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December were approved and duly signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Fife and seconded by Cllr Brock                      All in favour and duly RESOLVED.

**113/16 Declaration of Interest**

None were declared.

**114/16 The floor will be opened to the public to raise any matters of concern or interest**

No questions or issues were raised.

**115/16 To receive an update regarding the Kingsley Parish Council's suggestions to increase Broadband speeds and coverage**

Cllr Blake reported that there had been no developments since the last Parish Council meeting. The planned visit by Pine Media in December had been postponed and no new date had been arranged and there was nothing to report. Cllr Trigwell-Jones reported that the Parochial Parish Council had also had heard nothing from Pine Media.

**116/16 Review of actions from last meeting**

The Clerk reported that he is still in the process of obtaining quotes for pruning the tree in the western corner of the playground. Action Point September 01-16

**117/16 To receive a report from the District Councillor**

District Cllr Ashcroft reported that the planning application for the Land South of Wilsom Farm, Wilsom Road, Alton was in the process of being turned down/refused by the Planning Officer on 3 main grounds:

- i. There had been no adequate response by the developer to the Highways objections
- ii. There had been no response to the Environmental Agency's concerns over the issue of flooding
- iii. The height, bulk and mass of the proposed development.

Councillors noted that the site had been designated for employment use and there was no reason to change this designation from Industrial to Residential use. It was suggested that the Parish Council might write to EHDC Deputy Leader, Richard Millard, suggesting that EHDC might like to purchase the site and develop it for low level start up units.

District Cllr Ashcroft reported that the next EHDC Council meeting will be discussing the forward budget over the next 5 years. EHDC are investing their surplus cash into purchasing properties with the aim to reduce the precept to zero but maintaining the level of services being delivered.

There was nothing to report on the devolution issue.

**118/16 Finance**

- a) The monthly report and schedule of expenditure was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Fife and seconded by Cllr Aldridge. All in favour and duly resolved.

The current accounts balance as at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
TSB current account: balance:                      £1,305.65  
TSB Business Instant account balance:                      £843.14

HSBC current account balance: £11,771.35

**Total balance of all 3 accounts as at 03/01/17: £13,920.14**

**Total balance of Community Benefit Fund £4,005.80**

**Total Payments**

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Total (£) inc VAT	VAT included in total (£)
3/1/17	1152	Nick Tupper	Expenses relating to Photographs in village hall	61.69	10.29
3/1/17	1153	R Twining	Clerk's salary December – Month 9	551.87	
3/1/17	1154	SEE	Electricity for EW village hall	284.16	13.53
			Total Payments for Authorisation	897.72	23.82

**Total Receipts Received**

Date paid in	Bacs/ Paying In book	From	Details	Total (£) Receipts
15/12/16	500104	Sue Tupper	Hire of village hall	46.00
			Total Receipts Received	46.00

**b. To receive a report on the 2016-17 budget and to discuss the setting of the precept for 2017-18**

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting information regarding the 2016-17 budget and a draft budget for 2017-18. At the May AGM Councillors had agreed to review whether grants should be given to the Hampshire Citizens Advice Bureau and Alton Counselling later in the financial year. In view of the operating deficit of the Parish Council, it was proposed by Cllr Trigwell-Jones and seconded by Cllr Aldridge for 2016-17 and 2017-18 to give a grant of £100 to the CAB and £0 to Alton Counselling. AIF and duly resolved.

For 2017-18, the Clerk was proposing to reduce his hours from 11 hours per week to 10 resulting in a saving of £600. Councillors discussed the possibility of applying to the Worldham Community Fund to pay for any specific repairs to the Parish infrastructure thereby reducing the proposed budget required for repairs. As the Clerk was still forecasting an operating deficit for 2017-18 Councillors discussed the need to raise the precept by 2-3%. It was agreed that the precept would be set at the next Parish Council meeting.

**119/16 Planning**

a) Applications received, decisions and actions made since last meeting

WPC ref number: wpc 2015/23 and wpc 2016/16 SNDP Ref number: 50014/002  
Site address: Land South of Wilsom Farm, Wilsom Road, Alton  
Proposal: Notification of Outline Planning Permission application. Construction of Class B1(c), B2 and B8 employment premises, together with a new vehicular and pedestrian access from the A3004 (Wilsom Road), modifications to the A3004 to allow for the new site access to be constructed  
And  
Proposal: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) received for Construction of Class B1(c) and B8 employment premises, together with a new vehicular and pedestrian access from the B3004 (Wilsom Road), modifications to the B3004 to allow for the new site access to be constructed (Amended description removing B2 use) (as per further information received 13/07/2016 and 12/09/2016)

**Councillors noted:** The comments made in the report made by District Cllr Ashcroft that the planning application is in the process of being refused.

- b) To consider and decide on the Parish Council's response to planning applications received since the last Parish Council meeting.

None received

- c) To consider and decide on the Parish Council's response to planning applications received since the agenda was published *if any*:

None received

**120/16 To receive and approve a report from the Clerk regarding:**

- a) Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that he had received the following correspondence:

- i) Chris Patterson of SDNPA has confirmed receipt of the Parish Councils response regarding the removal of the Settlement Policy Boundary from East Worldham.
- ii) The Hampshire Central Access Team (Rights of Way) contacted the Clerk to inform him that the replacement bridge on Worldham Footpath 16b (which is behind the Oakhanger Satellites) is completed.

Work on the bridge on bridle path Kingsley 1 (from Shortheath Common to Binswood) is planned to start on 11th January. This bridle path has been closed for the last 6 years due to repairs required on the bridge.

- iii) The Clerk read out a request he had received from a Parishioner.  
I wonder if you could advise me as to how to go about asking if the Parish Council could consider asking HCC if a footpath could be constructed between East Worldham and Alton?

Councillors noted that although there is no direct footpath between Alton and East Worldham, there is an indirect path via the Hangers Way. There is a proposal to construct a permissive footpath between the Hangers Way and the B3004 alongside the solar farm.

There are 3 Landowners on the north side of the B3004 and 2 on the South side. They would need to be consulted to see if they would agree to the idea of a footpath running alongside the B3004. They have been consulted in the past and were not prepared to give their consent.

- b) Meetings to attend and attended

The Clerk reported that:

He had booked himself onto a training workshop being run by HALC on Thursday 19th January at a cost of £15.00 The workshop is on "The Transparency Code and ensuring that Parish Councils website meet the requirements". The course is being subsidised by £60.

HALC are holding a networking, learning and recruitment workshop on 24th January open to all Councillors – the main aim is to recruit Councillors onto the Executive and the Board of HALC.

**121/16 East Worldham Village hall report**

Cllr Gaffney reported that the light in the porch had been repaired, the lights on the steps have been adjusted and that she had received positive comments about the hall from users of it over the Christmas period. The Monday morning yoga group have discontinued using the hall until better weather arrives, because the hall is too cold.

**122/16 To receive a report from the Traffic Management Working Group.**

The Clerk reported that the Traffic Management Working Group had met with Ian Janes of Highways on Friday 16th December. Since the meeting Ian Janes has spoken to colleagues in the County Council's transport team who have advised him that the process for finalising the works to be

progressed on the Whitehill and Bordon eco-town corridors (including the B3004 through Worldham Parish) has recently started. Further progress should be made in the early months of 2017 and he will speak to his colleagues again at this time and will update us with the outcome.

With regard to the traffic surveys previously carried out in the Worldham area, the County Council's traffic surveys team have confirmed that three surveys were carried out on the B3004 at East Worldham in March 2009. Ian Janes asked for further surveys to be carried out at these locations in March 2017.

From a highways point of view, he understands that there is no formal designated lorry route agreement relating to the B3004 between Alton and Sleaford although he confirmed that there are area wide weight limits to the north and south of the B3004 which do not include this route.

District Cllr Ashcroft suggested that as the A325 has speed limits throughout its length from Farnham to Bordon, but the B3004 has unrestricted speed limits, the Parish Council could request for a 40 and 30 mph limit along the whole length of the B3004.

**123/16 To note any issues regarding the state of the roads, pavements and footpaths in the Parish.**

Cllr Trigwell-Jones stated that she had written a bouquet in the King's World on the excellent work carried out by the Lengthsman on clearing the leaves on the pavement by Wyck Lane. It was noted that they had also cleared the ditches in Shelleys Lane.

The Lengthsman was to be asked to repair the footpath steps leading into Clays Lane and the gateway into Binswood.

**124/16 To note any issues that has been brought to Councillors attention**

Cllr Trigwell-Jones reported that the Parish Plan will be reviewed and updated in the next few months. She is currently contacting the current members of the Parish Plan Committee to agree on the new composition of the Committee but needed confirmation from the Councillors that she is authorised to be Chair of the Committee.

Cllr Fife proposed and seconded by Cllr Aldridge that Cllr Trigwell-Jones continues to be the chairman of the Parish Plan sub-committee. AIF and duly resolved.

It was agreed that only parts of the plan needs to be updated. The revised plan would then go forward for adoption by the Parish Council, EHDC and SDNPA.

Councillors discussed the merits of upgrading the Parish Plan to being a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Cllrs Trigwell-Jones and Aldridge would look into this.

**125/16 Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Normally the first Wednesday of each month. To note the next Parish Council meetings will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

**New Action Points**

None

Actions points from previous Worldham Parish Council Meetings:

Action ID	Action detail	Owner
September 01-16	Obtain a quote for pruning the tree in the western corner of the playground.	Clerk