

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at 8.00 pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**  
**EAST WORLDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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

**126/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Fife.

**127/16 Declaration of Interest**

None were declared.

**128/16 The floor will be opened to the public to raise any matters of concern or interest**

No questions or issues were raised.

**129/16 Finance**

a) 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 budget and actual's for 2016-17 and a draft budget for 2017-18. The Clerk was forecasting an operating deficit of £246 for the year 2016-17.

For 2017-18, the proposed budget was based on the following assumptions:

- The Clerk to reduce his hours from 11 hours per week to 10 resulting in a saving of £600.
- To apply to the Worldham Community Fund to pay for any specific repairs to the Parish infrastructure thereby reducing the proposed budget required for repairs
- To raise the precept by 3%.

Based on these assumptions the Clerk was forecasting a surplus of £68

Councillors discussed the proposed budget and felt it was prudent to raise the precept by 3% to ensure that the Parish Council did not continue to operate a deficit.

Cllr Trigwell-Jones proposed and Cllr Brock seconded the resolution to set the budget at £10,568, which after deducting the Council Tax Support Grant of £273.42 would result in a precept of £10,312.58

AIF and duly resolved.

The Clerk reported that as a result of attending the workshop on Transparency Funding, he thought that the Parish Council could apply for funding to cover 2 hours per month of his time to update the Parish Council's website. Councillors agreed that an application should be submitted.

AIF and duly resolved.

**130/16 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 application had been 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

Councillors noted that EHDC had purchased the site in Alton previously owned by Tesco's.

Councillors noted that the developer of the proposed hotel and petrol station at the Holybourne roundabout, whose planning application had been refused, has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspector. Although any development may have an impact on the entrance into the Parish, Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would not submit a response to the Planning Inspector, but individuals could.

**131/16 To note any issues that has been brought to Councillors attention**

Cllr Trigwell-Jones and Aldridge reported that they investigated the merits of upgrading the Parish Plan to being a Neighbourhood Plan and had concluded that it was not appropriate for Worldham Parish Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillors agreed not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan but to update the existing Parish Plan. Cllr Trigwell-Jones will lead the work in updating the Parish Plan.

Councillors noted that the screening of the solar farm at Cakers Lane which was a planning condition had not been undertaken. It was agreed that Cllr Trigwell-Jones will contact the owners to register the Parish Council's concern that no planting had taken place and asking when the work will commence.

**132/16 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> March

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43 pm

**New Action Points**

None