

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

8.00 pm Wednesday 11th March 2015

### EAST WORLDHAM VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Terry Blake (Chairman), Becky Bagnell, Tessa Gaffney, Mary Trigwell-Jones, Mr R Twining (Clerk), 0 Members of the public.

**97/14 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas Brock and Cllr Tara Goodwyn.

**98/14 Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes of the Worldham Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Gaffney and seconded by Cllr Trigwell-Jones AIF

**99/14 To receive and note any declarations of interest relevant to the agenda**

None received.

**100/14 The floor will be opened to the public to raise any matters of concern or interest**

No questions or comments were raised.

**101/14 Review of actions from last meeting**

No actions points needed reviewing.

**102/14 Planning**

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

The Clerk reported on applications received, decisions and actions made since the last meeting:

- Pullens Hartley Lane West Worldham:- Rebuilding of chimney to the north east end of the property: Approved
- Land to the North and South of, Cakers Lane, East Worldham, Alton: Installation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras, for the life of the solar farm: Comments submitted: Objection
- Barns North West of Tree Close, Blanket Street, East Worldham: Prior approval - Change of use from agricultural buildings to two dwellings: Comments submitted – no objection as long as the conversion retains the existing inherent character and footprint of the existing barns
- Land at Oaklands Farm Green Street East Worldham GU34 3AU: Installation of underground water supply pipe: Comments to be submitted by 13th March
- Old House Farm Shelleys Lane East Worldham GU34 3AQ: Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed use - conversion of a disused barn to a storage and distribution building (relates to site - Barn adjacent to Unit 1 Shelleys Lane, Alton): Comments to be submitted by 23rd March

Councillors noted that that the consultation period for the solar farm had been extended to 13<sup>th</sup> March. It was noted that the applicants will be meeting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> with the planning and landscape officer to look at the landscaping issues. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would not attend this meeting and that it was the Parish Council's view that any additional screening could also be detrimental to the landscape.

Councillors noted that the neighbours to the Old House Farm planning application had not received notification, that the barn can be seen from Shelleys Lane contrary to what is indicated in the planning application and that Hampshire Highways was not a consultee. It was felt that Highways should be consulted.

The Clerk reported that since publishing the agenda he had been notified of a planning application for Tree View, Blanket Street, East Worldham, GU34 3BA for a detached garage with

external staircase for access to first floor, following demolition of existing garages. Comments to be submitted by 3rd April.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a planning application for his property consisting of demolishing an existing porch and building an enlarged front porch. The Clerk stated that in order to demonstrate the integrity of the Parish Council, the Clerk should not be involved in processing this application or submitting the Parish Council's comments to the Planning Department. Councillors agreed that Cllr Blake will take overall responsibility for co-coordinating the Parish Council's response.

**b) Alton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded to Councillors a link to the web page of the Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan and that consultation on the draft document was until 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Councillors noted the following points within the draft document:

- Population of Alton is going to increase
- Six of the sites for new housing are SHLAR sites with 2 other sites
- All new housing should maximise the number of affordable housing but the Borovere Farm site number has been reduced from 40% to 20%
- 25 houses are proposed to be built on land off Wilsom Road
- No mention of a slip road from the A31/B3004 but support for a western bypass
- No policy of designating land for employment
- There are capacity issues on the road network
- Work is required to improve the road bottlenecks
- Intention is to work with adjoining parishes to improve cycle routes
- Suggest converting The Old Post, the Magistrates Court and the Brewery sites into offices

Councillors felt issues that need commenting on by Worldham Parish Council include:

- Mention of a need for a strategic gap between Alton and East Worldham
- Concern regarding the adequacy of the health provision available for Alton and the surrounding villages – One GP surgery is full to capacity and the other nearly full.
- The Alton Community Hospital needs safeguarding
- The capacity of the primary and secondary schools will come under pressure – this is an issue as East and West Worldham children attend the Alton schools
- More flexible planning rules are required for the shops within Alton
- Car parking charges should be frozen
- There should be sufficient car parking provision for commuters using Alton station

Councillors agreed that Cllrs Trigwell-Jones and Blake will draft the Worldham Parish Councils response.

Cllr Trigwell-Jones was thanked for her hard work in looking at the report.

**103/14 Community Benefit Offer from Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd**

Cllr Blake reminded Councillors that Lightsource has offered Worldham Parish Council the following Community Benefit Offer:

- An annual payment of £1,500 per MW for the capacity that is connected to the grid network on or prior to 31st March 2016 (the 1.3ROC Cut-off date) for a period of 20 years; or
- An annual payment of £1,000 per MW for the capacity that is connected to the grid network on or after the 1st April 2016. for a period of 20 years;

Councillors noted that the terms of this offer will remain open for acceptance until the date of determination of the development by the Local Planning Authority and that there is no expectation of the Parish Council's support during the planning process or that the Council would withhold any objection to Lightsource's planning application.

The Clerk reported that he had emailed a letter, on 27<sup>th</sup> February, to Lightsource accepting the offer and formally asking them to draw up the legal deeds. The Clerk had requested an update on 11<sup>th</sup> March on where they were on drawing up the deeds and had received a reply back stating that they were still in the process of drawing up the deeds.

The resolution "*Worldham Parish Council will accept the Community Benefit Offer offered by Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd*" was proposed by Cllr Gaffney and seconded by Cllr Trigwell-Jones. All Councillors voted in favour of adopting this resolution.

The resolution "*Cllr Blake, Chairman of Worldham Parish Council, and the Clerk Robin Twining be authorised to sign on behalf of the Worldham Parish Council the deeds relating to the Community Benefit Offer*" was proposed by Cllr Trigwell-Jones and seconded by Cllr Bagnell. All Councillors voted in favour of adopting this resolution.

#### **104/14 Queries raised by Parishioners**

- a) Community Right to bid – nomination of community assets – The Three Horseshoes  
Cllr Blake reported that a parishioner had suggested that the Parish Council registers the Three Horseshoes as a community asset. Councillors noted the advantages of doing so. The Clerk reported that he had met with the landlord and had informed him of the Parish Council's intentions.

The resolution "To nominate the Three Horseshoes as a community asset and for the Clerk to complete the application forms" was proposed by Cllr Blake and seconded by Cllr Gaffney. All Councillors voted in favour.

[New Action Point March 01-15 Clerk to complete the application form for registering the Three Horseshoes as a community asset]

- b) Edgeleys – query whether planning permission required for garage being erected.  
The Clerk reported that a parishioner had raised a query whether what appears to be a double garage being built at Edgeleys requires planning permission. The Clerk had sought advice from EHDC planning department who had raised it with the enforcement team who understood that the garage was allowed under permitted development rights. EHDC had received no formal complaint.

#### **105/14 Clerks report**

- a) Finance - Cheques approved, bank balances  
Councillors noted the cheques issued since the last Parish Council meeting and that the total of the bank balances stand at £16,061.68.
- b) Correspondence  
The Clerk reported that he had received notification regarding the TAG Farnborough Airport – Airspace Change Consultation. TAG Farnborough and NATS have now agreed that the South Coast Proposal would be best progressed under NATS' London Airspace Management Programme (LAMP). It is expected that the feedback report will be published later in 2015 which will outline the revised design and next steps.

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by EHDC that work to clear litter from roadsides in East Hampshire has begun again following the introduction of new safety regulations. The new rules require traffic control measures, including signage, marked safety vehicles or in some cases road closures, to protect litter-pickers on roads with speed limits above 40 mph.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email, via the Selborne Clerk, from a local parishioner asking if there were any allotments available in East Worldham. Although Selborne have some vacant allotments they are only available for residents within Selborne.

- c) Meetings  
The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council's Department for Economy, Transport and Environment will be holding a workshop for Hampshire Parish Councils on Thursday 26th March. It was agreed that Cllr Brock will attend.
- d) Parish Council Elections  
The dates for Parish elections are the 7th May. The publication of the notice of the election will be issued on Monday 30th March and nomination forms have to be received by EHDC by 4.00 pm Thursday 9th April. The Clerk handed out the nomination packs to the Councillors present and confirmed that he would deliver them to Cllr Brock and Goodwyn.

#### **106/14 Highways issues**

##### A31/B3004 slip road

Councillors noted the memo written by Cllr Bagnell on the potential impact on Worldham Parish of the A31/B3004 slip road and her concern that County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee is supporting the slip road whilst there are parishioners in Worldham who have expressed their opposition to such an idea.

Councillors noted that there is still not a published Transport Strategy for Alton, and that there is no information in the public domain whether a slip road will be recommended and whether HCC will fund a slip road. Without having clear information about the plans the Parish Council is not in a position to hold a public meeting to discuss the issue nor take a position.

It was agreed that Mark Kemp-Gee should be questioned about the slip road at the Annual Parish Assembly.

##### Extending parking at bus stop on B3004

The Clerk reported that he contacted Highways asking for an update on this idea. He had received the following reply. "At present we at the Petersfield Office do not appear to have had a Formal Submission from the Parish Council, which would normally be submitted/sent to us via your Local County Councillor, this has probably caused the delay in reply/action, HCC should receive the submission by September each year. At present there does not appear to be any documentation/submission for this requirement". Councillors noted that by extending the lay-by it might inconvenience some pedestrians.

##### Signage on Wyck Lane;

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Highways for an update as new signs were meant to have been erected by December/January. No response had yet been received.

##### Potholes

Cllr Trigwell-Jones stated that she had reported a number of potholes to Highways.

##### Bollards on Blanket St

The Clerk reported that Derek Rawle of Highways had responded to the request that bollards should be placed along the bank beside the ditch that is adjacent and below 1 Manor Farm Cottages, West Worldham. Mr Rawle reported that Highways had in the past tried putting bollards at this location before but farm vehicles keep knocking them out, so Highways are not prepared to put new bollards in.

##### Shrine on B3004

Councillors noted that some drivers were finding the shrine on the B3004 was a distraction and becoming a driving hazard. It was noted that the landowner had tried to have a meeting with the relatives but no action was forthcoming. It was agreed that the Clerk will raise this issue with Highways as a road safety issue.

[New Action Point March 02-15 Clerk to raise the issue of the shrine on the B3004 with Highways as a road safety issue]

Other highways issues

As a result of a number of Parishioners asking for flashing speed control cameras in Worldham, Councillors asked the Clerk to investigate the economics and costings of installing flashing speed control cameras in Worldham.

[New Action Point March 03-15 Clerk to investigate the economics and costings of installing flashing speed control cameras in Worldham]

#### **107/14 Miscellaneous and Any Other Business**

Cllr Trigwell-Jones reported that the Parish Plan Sub Committee met on 24<sup>th</sup> February to review the Parish Plan. A full report will be made at the next Parish Council meeting. Issues to be raised will include: cleaning of road signs; signage on Blanket Street; and no restrictions signs at the B3006 end of Blanket Street.

Councillors noted that the Pathh (Providing access to Hampshire's Heritage) project had issued a formal notice to Mr and Mrs Winn of Clay's Farm to include an historic Right of Way that crosses their land to the definitive Rights of Way map.

Councillors noted that Hampshire Countryside Services have appointed a contractor to undertake surfacing improvement and drainage works along 3 Byways open to all Traffic (BOATs) in East Hampshire. These are Worldham BOAT 40 (Water Lane), Selborne BOAT 67 (linking into Worldham BOAT 38) and Grayshott BOAT 13

Councillors noted that the fingerpost designating the footpath of Shelleys Lane was missing and asked the Clerk to request a new footpath sign.

[New Action Point March 04-15 Clerk to request a new footpath sign for the footpath by Shelleys Lane]

Councillors noted that 62 people attended the Meet the Neighbours party held in the village hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**108/14 Date of next Meetings:** 8<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 8.00pm (Cllr Bagnell apologised that she would not be able to attend this meeting)  
The Annual Parish Assembly to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April starting at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm

### **Annex A**

#### **New Action Points**

<b>Action ID</b>	<b>Action detail</b>	<b>Owner</b>
March 01-15	Clerk to complete the application form for registering the Three Horseshoes as a community asset	Clerk
March 02-15	Clerk to raise the issue of the shrine on the B3004 with Highways as a road safety issue	Clerk
March 03-15	Clerk to investigate the economics and costings of installing flashing speed control cameras in Worldham	Clerk
March 04-15	Clerk to request a new footpath sign for the footpath by Shelleys Lane	Clerk

#### **Actions points from previous Worldham Parish Council Meetings:**

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	None		