

# Worminghall Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on **Thursday June 29th, 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs: Skates, (Chairman), Showell (Vice Chair) Bramley, Hopcroft, & 0 members of the public.

1/ Apologies: Cllr Black ,Dst Cllr Rand, Cnty Cllr Harriss

**2/ Declaration of Interests:** None

**3/ Minutes** from meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> 2017: were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4/ Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Bramley gave the up-date - Since the last council meeting, members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met landowners or their representatives who had told us they will offer a play area or green space as part of their proposed development. These are sites 1, 9 and 10/11 of the map that has already been circulated and made available on the council website.

So, three sets of representatives separately met members of the Steering Group on 27 May.

At this stage, it is only right that the details of our discussions should remain confidential. We were grateful to all who came to speak to us for their openness.

As a result, we are now in an advanced state of readiness, having completed working drafts of a statement of public consultation, a site assessment report and the Neighbourhood Plan itself. We are hopeful that we will be able to submit the Plan to councillors in advance of the July meeting, for approval at that meeting.

**5/ Village Amenities: MVAS** All Councillors agreed to save the fee and not renew the maintenance contract with SWARCO @ £252. The money can be put it to better use, the seal in the box can be inserted by the operative. The batteries need recharging – JH to arrange.

**6/ New website:** <http://www.worminghall-pc.co.uk>

7/ Clerk applied for grant for new office equipment

**8/ Ditches & hedges:** Clerk has had trouble contacting Mr Gregory to cut grass and clear weeds from the kerbs and cut grass verge in front of ‘WORMINGHALL’ sign on Ickford Rd. The grass at the crossroads will need cutting again soon too. Other quotes to be obtained in case Mr Gregory does not get in touch.

Clerk reported potholes in the crossroads on

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole> Reference No: 40042999

**9/ Local Area Forum:**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, Cllrs Skates and Black attended. Oakley very concerned about massive commercial warehouses going up just outside Bicester and the traffic that will undoubtedly go through Oakley & Long Crendon as they will be unable to get under the bridge on the A41 – they have suggested a no left turn sign to prevent all the traffic using the B4011. This could potentially increase traffic through Worminghall also.

Comments from Councillors at this meeting: Cllr Hopcroft said that the bridge is 15’ high and adequate to allow large container lorries underneath.

A rep from another village said that Sentinel instructions are inadequate and there needs to be a working party to be able to go through it physically - met with mixed response. Taken on board and

thinking over by BCC. Talking about a training session at Waddesdon and asking villages to think about suitable sites & 1/2 people per village to be trained.

MVAS - maintenance contract - some villages have, some haven't, some don't know. Out in all weather sealing can perish allowing water to get in.

[Cllr Hopcroft to renew seal when necessary and change batteries as they are run down currently.](#)

Ickford are in contact with owners of Court Farm W/hall about a stile they wish to replace with a self closing gate for which they have the money.

[Clerk to write to Clerk at Ickford to enquire as to which gate they are referring.](#)

Transport for Bucks (Dave Smith) said he is happy to set up meetings with each village to discuss any unresolved issues and to take a walk round where necessary,

[Clerk to contact Dave Smith.](#)

Chearsley – is looking at traffic calming.

Oakley – looking to have the community bus to use for trips to Bicester on a Friday – would be available for Worminghall residents.

[Clerk to find out when this will begin.](#)

Maintain my street is new website coming out shortly which should make it easier to report road repairs

[Clerk to report - Curbside stones loose in Clifden Rd by pub. \(AOB\)](#)

New homes bonus is launching a new approach for smaller grants to help smaller parishes

Vale Lottery – this is being promoted at the moment and helps raise money for communities. Is this worth considering for W'hall. Oakley already have this in place. You receive 50% of weekly ticket sales direct to the bank

[Clerk to enquire and set up a link on the website with JohnSkates' help.](#)

Suzan Jones has been asked to set up a quarterly suggestion meeting, to tackle priorities in our area.

Local Council Planning Liaison Group meeting in Jubilee Room July 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30 to 8pm.

VALP Parish seminar –The Oculus 6.30pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Postponed.

Cllr Black commented on the SODC Plan on behalf of the Parish Council.

**10/ Planning:** 17/00490/APP Elizabeth House, Wornal Pk, Erection of upper storey to accommodate 2 flats. Objection due to suitability of location and traffic. Refused.

11/ Planning Up-date: 42a The Avenue works now completed to upstairs windows.

## **12/Finance & Expenditure:**

Accounts will now be sent to Mazars for audit.

Payment for website domain name: £ 9.98 plus VAT £3.79 total (£22.75) includes £8.98 from May Minutes.

Good Councillor's Guide £25.00

Clerk's salary 30 hours £309.69

Grant received from Groundworks UK £5,395.00

All payments agreed by the Council. All cheques signed by two Councillors and counterfoils initialed to comply with Financial Regulations adopted 2016.

Quarterly Review completed to comply with Financial Regulations. the councillors reviewed expenditure and income to the end of June and were comfortably that there were no significant variances identified that could result in the projected cash balance at the end of March 2018 being significantly different to the budgeted level, apart from the grant awarded for the NP which is a significant amount. This has to be spent within 6 months, or returned.

**13/Correspondence:** Bucks Show August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Merchant Navy Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Some towns fly a red ensign from a flagpole.

Community & Emergency Services Day at Quainton Railway Centre July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10.30 til 5.

Letter from resident of Almshouses. Clerk to reply.

**14/Any Other Business:** Curbstones loose on Clifden Rd.

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole>

**15/ Closed** 8.56pm

**16/ Date of next meeting:** July 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm in the Village Hall

**Acronyms:**

MVAS Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

AVDC Aylesbury Vale District Council