**Minutes of the Meeting** **Held on Thursday 27th January 2022, Worminghall Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Skates (Chair)

Cllr Bramley

Cllr Showell

Cllr Hopcroft

Cllr Wright

Clerk – Rebecca Martin

1 member of the public

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| Item |  |  |
| 1 | Apologies for absence | None |
| 2 | Declarations of interest | None |
| 3 | Approval of minutes | Minutes from the meeting held 8th December 2021 were unanimously accepted by the council then signed and dated by the Chairman. |
| 4 | Open Forum | Bus Shelters – a resident of the village offered their help and support in keeping the bus shelter tidy (nearest to the pub).  It was discussed that the books are being taken to the Wornal Café each Saturday morning for residents to share and therefore the bus shelter is being tidied once a week. However, Cllr Skates to make the current volunteers aware in case they need additional support. |
| 5 | Public Footpath WOR/2/2 | Discussion on the proposed re location of public footpath WOR/2/2, landowner present.  The Council approved the move of the footpath as long as certain conditions were met:   * The hedges, bushes and trees that line the route of the new proposed path are very overgrown and mean it is always in the shade.  We have requested that these are cut back and continually maintained. * The proposed path is very muddy and slippery and actually quite dangerous.  We have suggested proper drainage is put under the path to drain the excess water away. * Large tree roots are appearing on the proposed path, these are a tripping hazard and we have requested they be removed. * The whole of the new path needs a proper surface, including around the gateways. |
| 6 | Councillor’s report of meetings attended | None |
| 7 | 2022/23 budget  Precept | YTD spend against budget was reviewed by the Council.  Budget approved.  Cllr Skates also provided the potential figures for the precept which needs to be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council by 31st January 2022. PC approved the plan to lower the precept for the coming year.  Traffic survey budgeted for this year.  Electricity costs to be increased. |
| 8 | Planning applications | 21/04651/APP 20 Clifden Road – wait to see amended plans re parking and access requirements.  21/04907/APP Clifden Arms – no objections raised.  21/04918/APP 18 The Avenue – no objections raised. |
| 9 | Financial Payments | Chairman expenses £78.96  Village Hall £252  Both approved for payment |
| 10 | New benches | Lots of positive feedback on the bench in the churchyard.  Discussion on where to put the second bench; Giles View grassed area near the kissing gate is the preferred option. Cllr Wright has spoken to Chair of Giles View Management Committee for initial view and will now ask him for committee approval. |
| 11 | Light Pollution | Residents who have concerns over security lighting near to their homes should speak with their neighbours first. |
| 12 | AOB | Parking of vehicle close to the junction on the Clifden Road entrance to the pub, deliveries and larger vehicles are having to use the grass verge to pass. Cllr Wright to speak to resident.  WPC has received “thank you’s” for the donations agreed at the last meeting.  WPC would like to formally thank and acknowledge the landowners who have cut back their hedges, cleared ditches and maintained/cleared footpaths around the village. Specifically, Steve Oxby and David & Susan Macerlane. |
| 10 | Close & Date of next meeting | The meeting was closed at 21.17. The next meeting will be 3rd March 2022 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. |

Signature of Presiding Chair:

Date: