**Minutes of the Meeting** **Held on Thursday 19th January 2023, Worminghall Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Skates (Chair)

Cllr Bramley

Cllr Wright

Cllr Sue Lewin

10 members of the public

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| Item |  |  |
| 1 | To receive apologies of absence | Rebecca Martin - Clerk |
| 2 | To receive declarations of interest | Cllr Skates – being Trustee of Village Hall Committee (see open forum) |
| 3 | Bryan Showell | Following Bryan’s recent passing, the PC wish to thank and acknowledge the service that Bryan gave to the PC and the village. Discussions around some form of commemoration to be held at a later meeting. |
| 4 | Approval of minutes | Minutes from the meeting held 15th December 2022 were unanimously accepted by the council then signed and dated by the Chairman. |
| 5 | Open forum | * Cllr Sue Lewin provided update following meetings with Buckinghamshire Council * Proposed zebra crossing at new development had been questioned over location. The planning team at BC state that it meets the criteria required. * HGVs through the village. They can’t be stopped coming through the village so PC should consider traffic calming at entrance to the village and approaching the Community Board for funding. * Cllr Lewin to provide the process re getting traffic calming installed * Cllr Lewin recommending that people report all potholes on Fix My Street. * Re the speeding in the village (confirmed by speed sign data), the PC could consider borrowing the mobile speed camera from the Community Board. The PC will need volunteers from the village to operate these * Toddler Group/0-100 Cafe   asked the PC for support in clearing the issues that are preventing the group from continuing to run in the Village Hall.  They also raised their concerns about the booking process.  The PC made it clear that they have no involvement with the running of the hall.      Cllr Skates is also on the Village Hall Committee and asked for the group to provide a proposal to the VHC for their consideration. Cllr Skates agreed to liaise with Kate to try and get this resolved.   The PC did offer the group a S137 form if they required funding but this wasn’t required at this time. A question was asked as to when the last Committee meeting was, and this is to be provided. * The PC are supportive of having a toddler group in the village      * Mr Buchan provided an update following his recent burglary. * From discussion with surrounding villages, there appears to be two gangs operating in the area. The first focussing on garden sheds and the second on cars especially those with smart car keys. * Two men got on the site at Coldstream Farm and Mr Buchan has asked that the PC write to the developers with a view to tightening up on security for the site and for nearby residents |
| 6 | Councillor’s reports of meetings attended | None |
| 7 | Planning Applications | 22/04199/APP Lower Brook Farm  22/03937/CPL 34 Silvermead  23/00022,APP 2 Clifden Road  23/0006/APP 28 Clifden Road  22/04304/APP 36 The Avenue  All discussed and there are no objections. Clerk to update the planning apps on Buckinghamshire Council |
| 8 | Budget | The budget for 2023/24 has been approved. Income: £15,058 Expenditure: £15,648. The deficit will be covered by underspend from current year |
| 9 | Precept | Further to the discussion in the December meeting, the Cllrs agreed to reduce the precept by 5% from the 22/3 level – So Band D value £47.50  Precept to be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council by 31/1/23 |
| 10 | Public footpath and gate | * Footpath: Matt Fry provided an update with regards to the potential move to their footpath. This went out to public consultation and there are currently 3 objections. If these can’t be resolved, then the change will need to go through the Secretary of State for a decision. Matt provided photos taken during the recent wet weather so show the impact on the existing path and the proposed one. * Gate: The PC have been contacted by a group who have said that they can replace the gate at the end of The Avenue. This needs to be discussed with the landowner. Letter to be sent to them to discuss * Gate: Buckinghamshire Council have asked that we contact the landowner of the field behind Bishops Way with a view to laying some hardcore by the gate where it’s extremely muddy. |
| 11 | Flooding and public transports | It’s been reported that during the recent wet weather/localized flooding that the bus stopped running out as far as Worminghall. Clerk to contact Ickford PC in order to provide a letter to the bus company asking them to take a detour rather than not complete their journey as it would leave residents stranded. |
| 12 | Village Hall – Community Events | This was covered in the Open Forum |
| 13 | Grants for village Eco events | This is to be deferred to next meeting |
| 14 | Parking | It was reported that the car parked at the junction of Clifden Road and the pub, was both dangerous and meaning that the verge on other side of the road was being damaged. This car has now moved.  Parking on pavements should be avoided where possible and should not be blocking the pathway for pedestrians. |
| 15 | Approve financial payments | * Clerk expenses November £4.49 * Clerk Dec salary £61.20 * Green and Growing £330.00 |
| 9 | AOB | * Inspection port for the pub still needs to be fixed. Clerk to write to the owners to request this is remedied as soon as possible. * The ditch needs clearing from culvert to brook at Brissenden cottages.   Clerk to write a letter to the landowners   * Traffic sign on Clifden Road isn’t able to get continuous light. Letter to householder to advise that work will be done to extend the solar panels. |
| 11 | Confirm date of next meeting | The next meeting is 2nd March  Meeting closed at 21.42 |

Signature of Presiding Chair:

Date: