

Minutes of a meeting of Wortwell Parish Council, held in the Community Centre, on Monday 26th September at 7:30 pm.

Councillors attending: Robert Hadingham (Chairman), Allison Copeman, Margaret Colyer, Daphne Cook and Lua Leggett.

Apologies

Accepted from Councillor Shore who was on holiday, and Jane Pearce who was unwell.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hadingham declared an interest in 19 b and d.

To approve the July Minutes

These were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

District and County Councillors Reports

Murray Gray and Margaret Stone were not present at the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Councillor Hadingham reported that the Bowls Club lock had been stolen. However, nothing had been taken and no damage had been done.

The Parish Council Notice Board on High Road was missing but later found by Councillor Hadingham and reinstated.

Parish Councillors Reports

Councillor Colyer gave a report regarding the **Community Centre**.

The Community Centre Committee (WCC) is keen to promote the WCC and some items such as Projectors have been purchased with this in mind. Various other matters are in hand including a re-design of the website and possible change of name to Wortwell Community and Conference Centre which would upgrade the building from a perceived 'Village Hall' status.

At WCC meeting on 19 September, it was agreed that a formal Business Plan is to be drawn up to enable the Committee to understand what is viable for the WCC and act as a tool for future funding negotiations. Due to the complexity of the task it is envisaged that the Business Plan will be formulated over a period of a new months.

On Friday 11 November there is to be a performance in the WCC of "Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain, 1942". The production will be performed by a professional group and a bar will be open for pre-performance and interval drinks. Appropriate food will be available which is included in the ticket price. It is envisaged that this will be the first of many live performances.

Norwich City Football Club have indicated that they would like refreshments available at their practise evenings. Various ways of providing this were discussed but it was agreed to recommend people go to The Bell for refreshments.

WCC Chairman, Mike Whitehouse, is retiring at the next AGM and Simon Leggett has agreed to take on the position of Vice-Chairman, shadowing Mike in preparation to take over as Chairman next year.

Councillor Colyer reported on the regular bi-monthly meeting at The Bell. Present at this meeting was Chris Shore (The Bell), Liz Shore (The Bell), Simon Leggett (WCC) and Margaret Colyer (WPC)

Village Fete. Simon Leggett pointed out that if this event is to go ahead we need to get the Fete Committee set up and operational sooner rather than later. Perhaps advertise in the Mardler for people who would like to be involved.

On the subject of The Mardler, Chris Shore thought that the closing date prior to publishing should be made clearer as he has been caught out with this.

Football Refreshments. Regarding practise night refreshments, Chris and Liz were happy to provide refreshments and would have available take-away hot drinks but would not be responsible for any resulting litter.

Go-kart Racing. Chris and Liz have looked into the possibility of resurrecting the village go-kart racing along High Road. They have contacted Norfolk County Council and other authorities and have been told that there are no problems with this as far as they are concerned. The other issue to be resolved is that of insurance and they have been told that this event would probably be covered under WPC insurance. This needs clarifying.

Councillor Copeman brought up the subject of the parking outside the premises of Classic Cars showroom. It was agreed to request that Murray Gray be contacted with a view to writing to Classic Cars on this matter. Action RH

Waveney Valley Signs

This matter was discussed and agreed to go ahead with signs either end of the village.

Speeding on High Road – Agenda next month.

Councillor Copeman suggested a flashing sign on High Road.

Village Tree Warden

An application has been received from Heather Watson who has excellent qualifications. It was agreed that she should be invited to become Tree Warden.

Update on Ownership of Community Centre and Grounds

Agenda next month.

Hedge Trimming

Overgrown brambles were reported in the field by the roller, Tunbeck Close and behind the bowling green. It was agreed to ask Steve Reynolds to get them cut back.

Speaker for next Joint Meeting at Wortwell

The Speaker for the joint Meeting on 14 November is to be given by a member of Waveney Valley First Responders.

Speeding on Tunbeck Close

It was thought that the signs put up by Councillor Shore had had a positive effect on speeding.

Weekly Reports

Daphne Cook weekly report and also reported an overgrown hedge on the Junction between Tunbeck Road and the A143 which was blocking vehicle visibility.

Councillor Hadingham – Weekly report.

Norwich City Football Training

An e-mail message has been received from Norwich City Football Club confirming dates they require use of the field up to July 2017. They also require new goals, 7-a-side pitch marked out and lights cleaned and tilted slightly to provide brighter and bigger playing area.

Councillor Hadingham has ordered the line marking paint.

Harleston Youth Football Club Training

There was no information available on this matter but it was agreed that if a quick decision needed to be made we could do it by e-mail.

Village Fete event 2017

Regarding advertising for volunteers to help with organising this event, it was suggested that a list for potential volunteers be placed in The Bell. It was also suggested that Chris Shore might be the best person to head the organising committee.

Councillor Copeland would update the website to include this event.

Bus Services

Councillor Leggett has been approached by villagers Joan and Aub from 71 High Road complaining about the new bus services serving Wortwell. Buses are scheduled for inappropriate times. It was agreed that this might be a matter to be passed on to Margaret Stone and mentioned in the Mardler. Action Lua Leggett