

**An Extraordinary meeting of Wortwell Parish Council was held in the Community Centre on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

**Councillors attending – Robert Hadingham (Chairman), Margaret Colyer, Daphne Cook, Lua Leggett and David Moore**

**Also attending County Councillor Mrs Margaret Stone who entered the room at 7.40pm and the Clerk Mrs. Jane Pearce**

**1014 Apologies**

- 1014.1 Apologies were accepted from Councillor Jayne Moore and Allison Copeman due to family commitments and also from District Councillor Dr. Murray Gray

**1015 Report from County Councillor**

- 1015.1 Councillor Stone had emailed a copy of her report. It stated:

- 1015.2 **Postwick Hub junction** - The new Postwick Hub junction improvement is on course for the main works to be complete by Christmas, with traffic lights at the new junction south of the A47 scheduled to go live on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. (Full report to be sent to all Councillors)

- 1015.3 **Autumn Statement** – Tax credits have been reprieved. Details of revenue support grant from central government will not be announced until 14<sup>th</sup> December but it does not look as if the reductions will be as severe as expected.

- 1015.4 **Waste Disposal** – Last year the Energy from the Waste Plant at Kings Lynn was cancelled. This would have allowed us to incinerate our black bin waste and produce energy at the same time. The Alliance said it created dangerous emissions and cancelled the contract which cost us £35 million in compensation. Last month the Alliance signed an agreement to send our black bag waste to Germany and the Netherlands at a cost of some £65 million, as we have no land fill sites available.

- 1015.5 **Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – The Committee will look at Children's Mental Health Provision. The committee will accept a report on the services provided at present and what is proposed for the future with extra money from central government. The Local Transformation plan will ensure the £1.9 million provides services including early assessment and treatment at a time when there has been a significant number of children and young people self harming or attempting suicide. There are on average 4 weeks before being assessed and a further 4 weeks before starting treatment. Unacceptable delays can lead to crisis.

**1016 Update on the Bell**

- 1016.1 A letter was read from Councillor Jayne Moore raising concerns over how matters had been handled with regard to the report by Councillors Colyer and Leggett, on the Bell. (a copy of the letter appears on file). Councillors Leggett and Colyer then presented their report which followed two meetings between themselves and Mr. and Mrs. Shore, at The Bell. The Report had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

- 1016.2 It stated that Mr. and Mrs. Shore were immensely angry, hurt and disappointed with an article in the Mardler relating to enquiries being made to the District Council following loud music being played over three consecutive days during August this year. Councillors Leggett and Colyer apologised unreservedly to them for the piece relating to this in the Mardler.

- 1016.3 Chris had said that he was also unhappy that emails had been sent to the Parish Council and had been ignored. The Clerk pointed out that all emails needing a reply always received one.

- 1016.4 As the Minutes appeared on the web site it was felt un-necessary for brief reports to appear in the Mardler. This was agreed.

- 1016.5 County Councillor Margaret Stone left the meeting at this point.

- 1016.6 On the question of the Defibrillator, it was agreed that a new cheque amounting to £150 would be reissued under Section 127 monies, and sent to the BPH. The Clerk to arrange for the Defibrillator to be included on the Parish Council's insurance policy. The Defibrillator would also be added to the Parish Council's Asset Register. **Action Clerk**  
The Bell would be responsible for paying the ongoing cost of keeping the defibrillator charged, cleaned and checked on a weekly basis.
- 1016.7 The Bell had a number of events planned for the rest of the year and into 2016. The four bigger events will include sound system or live music on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and in May and August. All events will end at 11pm apart from the New Years Eve event. The major one will be the weekend of the 20/21/22 May. Further discussions to take place to turn this into a major village event involving all parties. Suggested that the first meeting be held in February. Lessons had been learned from the Beer Festival in July regarding parking arrangements. The BPH were grateful for the provision of extra car parking at the Community Centre and there will be an ongoing offer of support for major events and there will be no charge. If however a major event is already happening at the Community Centre then that would necessarily take priority. Councillor Leggett to take this back to the Management Committee. Regular liaison between the Pub and the Community Centre should avoid any clash happening.
- 1016.8 Temporary signs had not been adequate for the Beer Festival and Chris would make larger more permanent signs for the future including signs on the outskirts of the village. Agreed to look into hiring a Marshal for the day. A lot of rubbish was left on Bell Meadow the Knoll and on Tunbeck Close following the Beer Festival. The Bell must be responsible for clearing up all rubbish in the future.
- 1016.9 The Bell would be happy to sponsor a page in the Mardler. They would provide details of their charitable progress, upcoming events, advertise the shop facility and have a 'spot of the month' item
- 1016.10A comment was made to them by a villager that 'nobody reads the Mardler'. However, it does beg the question whether we need to revisit how the Mardler is used and put together. Perhaps a 'revamp' is needed?. A villager, Mrs. Sue Grace at the Old Chapel has offered to provide input to the Mardler. The Editor of the Mardler, Councillor Allison Copeman to meet with Mrs Grace for discussions. Content for the Mardler should be unanimously agreed in advance of printing. It was agreed that the Mardler be included on the January Agenda. **Action Clerk**
- 1016.11It was suggested that a sub-committee of at least the Chairman and two others to regularly meet face to face with the landlords. Councillor Leggett will propose the same to the Community Centre. **Action Councillor Leggett**
- 1016.12Agreed that a formal complaint procedure be drawn up if members of the public wish to complain (eg litter, parking, noise issue, dog excrement etc).
- 1016.13Each Parish Councillor to make the effort to introduce themselves formally to Chris and Liz to help to put faces to names and build a good working relationship.
- 1016.14Councillor Leggett to inform Chris and Liz that they may put up notices on any of the village notice boards except the Parish Council notice board on the Knoll. **Action Councillor Leggett**
- 1016.15An email to be sent to the Bell saying that following Councillors Leggett and Colyer's 2 visits to them, a report was presented to the Parish Council for discussion. Also to congratulate them on their fund raising for the Defibrillator. **Action Clerk**
- 1017 To receive an update from Norwich City re football training**
- 1017.1 A meeting between Councillor Leggett, Mike Whitehouse from the Community Centre Management Committee with Jordan and Danny from Norwich City had taken place on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Jordan and Danny were pleased with the pitch that the lights could be sufficient for now with a couple of changes. It would be better if we can provide a further light (possibly a mobile one) to lengthen the pitch usage to the full field, but as they are not using it until March and mainly for small groups this problem could be resolved over the summer. We needed to resolve three key points however (1) Can the goal posts and

nets be moveable? The answer was no. (2) Can we get the field marked up with white lines – enquiries to be made. (3) Can the floodlights be tilted to take in more of the ground? It was thought that this would be no problem.

- 1017.2 It was agreed that a letter be sent to Norwich City confirming that the Parish Council charges would be £18 per week for use of the pitch on Wednesday evenings for training from 6<sup>th</sup> January until 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, and £36 per week when using the pitch on Wednesday and Friday evenings for training, commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. Charges for using the Community Centre would be £25 per usage session for Changing Rooms and hot and cold showers. £7 per hour for the use of Flood Lights and £26 per football match. Costs to be agreed regarding the use of Kitchen facilities. Boys from the village would be able to join the club for training if desired.

**1018 Capital Funding**

- 1018.1 Councillor Leggett confirmed that the application for a grant for a Projector and Screen for the Community Centre had been granted in full. The sum of £2,538 would be paid into the Community Centre Account. She was thanked by the Chairman for arranging the application.

**1019 Family Christmas Party 2015**

- 1019.1 Confirmation from Councillor Copeman confirmed the following: 8 tickets had been sold to date for the Family Christmas Party on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. It was hoped to sell more tickets. Flyers had been sent to Primary schools at Alburgh with Denton, Mendham and Harleston. Tombola and children's raffle prizes had been received. A grant of £250 has been received from the District Council towards the Party. A final decision to be made on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December as to whether the party will go ahead.

**1020 Items for the January 2016 Agenda**

- 1020.1 Agreed that the following items be included on the January Agenda. Report on Training – Councillor Leggett, The Mardler and proposed Village Events Committee.

**1021 Close of Meeting**

- 1021.1 There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.