

An Extraordinary meeting of Wortwell Parish Council was held in the Community Centre on Monday, 5th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Parish Councillors attending – Councillors Robert Hadingham (Chairman) arrived late, Allison Copeman (Vice Chairman) Daphne Cook, Jayne Moore, Malcolm Perry and Derek Woollorton

Also attending the Clerk Mrs. Jane Pearce

Apologies for absence – Councillors accepted apologies from Councillor Sarah Noy, due to illness. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Dr. Murray Gray.

810.1 Declarations of Interest

810.2 All Councillors had been granted a four year dispensation by the Clerk in November 2012 in connection with setting the Precept.

811 Proposed purchase of a SAM mobile machine

811.1 Notification of our wish to purchase a SAM mobile machine had been sent to Denton Parish Council asking if they wished to share the purchase and ownership of a SAM machine also pointing out that we needed a reply by 5th January 2015. No reply had been received. Information from Harleston Town Council pointed out:

- The machine cannot stay in one location for more than 28 days.
- The cost of the machine is more than £3,000, if we are unable to get funding.
- The batteries need to be charged up and changed once a week.
- Someone has to take responsibility for the machine and take off the data as well as physically move it and obtain permissions from landowners whose land the pole may stand in to affix the machine.
- The Parish Council would also be responsible for all maintenance of the machine.

811.2 Members discussed this information and generally felt that due to the cost and added responsibilities that we take the matter no further at the present time. All in favour.

812 To discuss the positioning of the new play equipment on the new field

812.1 The proposed positioning of the new equipment had been marked out in yellow paint on the new field in order that all members had a chance to look and comment on the proposed layout. Councillor Perry explained that the largest piece of equipment would be 4 metres away from the football pitch. He felt that if there were problems, the football pitch could be remarked 2 metres further towards the village. Concern was expressed as to the future of the Cricket Pavilion but assurance was given that this would not be moved. Councillor Hadingham entered the room at this point. After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hadingham and seconded by Councillor Cook that we accept the positioning of the new equipment as currently marked on the field and also that the Cricket pavilion would not be moved. All in favour.

812.2 Grant monies could not be paid into the Parish Council account so it was proposed by Councillor Hadingham and seconded by Councillor Cook that all grant monies be paid into the Sunshine Fund account, which was run by Councillors Perry and Noy. The monies would then transferred to the Parish Council Playing Field account.

813 2015/16 Precept

813.1 The 2015/16 year would see a Tax Base of 199 and the village would receive Council Tax of £1,329 towards our precept.

813.2 Proposed by Councillor Perry and seconded by Councillor Copeman that we precept for £6,335.50 for Parish Council expenses which included £1,000 as a contingency fund for the Community Centre. With the Council Tax Support of £664.50 the total amounted to £7,000. All in favour.

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Action Clerk

814 Parish Allotments on Tunbeck Close

814.1 An allotment holder had telephoned the Clerk saying that the new resident at 4 Willow Close had removed part of the Parish Council's hedge, at the bottom of his garden

allowing him access through the allotments, to the playing field, where he was exercising his dog. Councillor Perry agreed to investigate the damage to the hedge and report back to the Clerk.

Action Councillor Perry

815 Close of Meeting

815.1 There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm