

WORTWELL PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 9/5/22

NOTE: INVITATION - ALL WORTWELL VILLAGERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND TOGETHER WITH LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WAS SENT BY EMAIL IN MARCH AND AGAIN IN EARLY MAY DUE TO POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING DUE TO ILLNESS OF CLERK AND COUNCILLOR

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TOOK PLACE AT 7.30PM AT THE WORTWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WERE PROVIDED
ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDED IN ADDITION TO CLUB AND SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVES WHO SENT REPORTS**

The Chairman of Wortwell Parish Council - Councillor Clive Aylett, being present opened and chaired the meeting.

1. To receive and accept apologies from those unable to attend - many clubs and societies did not send in annual reports. This is put down to the fact that so many are only now starting, in the last few weeks, to reopen following the pandemic. We believe this ongoing concern was reflected in the non attendance by individuals. It should be noted that where it is recorded that no report received it is not to be seen as a reflection on the individual society but a reflection on the ongoing challenging times we are going through due to the pandemic and its aftermath.

Before proceeding a member of the public pointed out an error on the agenda and that a meeting did take place in May the previous year.

2. The minutes of the meeting held in May '21 were signed and confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.

3. Annual Reports were presented as follows:

- 3.1. Wortwell Parish Council - The Chairman Mr Clive Aylett explained what the Parish Council has been doing over the last year and a copy of his Chairman's Report is held with these minutes. The RFO was present although officially on sick leave with Covid. Due to this the figures for the year 2021/22 presented were in draft form only and subject to change. These will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on the 23/5/22
- 3.2. Wortwell Community Centre - The Chairman Mr Bill Eddy presented his report entitled CORE annual report 2021/22. The full report is attached to these minutes but the main points are a need to find more volunteers to support the Trustees and that despite everything this has been a good year for the CORE and it looks well set for the future.
The Treasurer was present and presented the accounts and the Treasurer's report a copy of which is held with these minutes.
- 3.3. Wortwell Events Committee - Mrs Mags Colyer presented her report regarding events and a copy of this is held with these minutes.
- 3.4. Police - PC Steve Phillips was unable to attend but the Chair took the opportunity to say how helpful the Police have been with the speeding through the village
- 3.5. Wortwell Bowls Club - Mr Peter Croxson - was unable to attend but Mr R Hadingham, a member who was present, confirmed that they do want new members and that they were grateful for support in funding received from the District Council. Roll ups take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings - all are welcome to attend.

- 3.6. Wortwell Short Mat Bowls - Mrs Sheila Rusted was unable to attend
- 3.7. Wortwell Carpet Bowls - Pam Howard was unable attend
- 3.8. Norfolk County Bowls - Mick Fisher was unable to attend
- 3.9. Table Tennis Club - Mr Jeremy Copeman was unable to attend but Mrs Copeman stated that they are down to only 6 regular members and would like to increase their membership.
- 3.10. Badminton Clubs - unattended but the Treasurer reported that these clubs are swelling in number as it is a very popular venue in the area.
- 3.11. Dance Clubs - Ms Julie Ash was unable to attend but sent thanks for the support that the CORE has given in enabling her to socially distance her class attendees due to the marking on the floors.
- 3.12. Town Lands and Poors Charities - Mr Chris Thomas was unable to attend due to the change of date at short notice but he provided a written report that is held with these minutes. These were read out to the room by Mr Robert Hadingham and Mrs Daphne Cook.
- 3.13. Wortwell Lands Charity - The Allotments - Mr Charles White reported that there is a happy community that support each other and this was particularly noticeable when storm damage from the Spring Storms had people running to protect property, both their own and that of others.
- 3.14. Wortwell Old Playing Field - Mrs Allison Copeman spoke about the plans to restore the old pavilion by repairing the roof, using funds received under the Government assistance programme following the pandemic
- 3.15. Mardler - Mrs Allison Copeman confirmed the change of Printer and all agreed that the new style and quality is a big improvement. Articles and items for publication are always welcomed.
- 3.16. St Mary's Church Redenhall - were unable to attend and no report received.
- 3.17. Wortwell United Reformed Church - were unable to attend and no report received. Mr and Mrs Long have invited attendees to the Official Opening of the new car park at 3.pm on the 26th June.
- 3.18. Goodswens Garage - did not attend but the Chair in their absence thanked them for their kind donation of £100 to the raffle prize and their support of the play equipment repairs.
- 3.19. The Bell Public House - did not attend
- 3.20. Pure Vida Cafe and Garden Centre - did not attend
- 3.21. Outside spaces/Knoll - Groundsman Steve Reynolds and Excite Solutions - Mr Barry Wilton - did not attend. It was mentioned about damage to the gate and clerk to speak to Excite Solutions. Dog signs have been removed and vandalism is an ongoing concern with the play equipment. It was agreed that despite the huge inconvenience to regular users the gate at the top of Tunbeck Close will be closed at night - Cllr Worley agreed to get a new lock and chain.
- note The clerk left the meeting at this stage due to health issues.*
- 3.22. District Councillor Jeremy Savage - presented his comprehensive report of how the District Council has supported people throughout the pandemic and that they are mindful of the impact on people of the cost of living increases. The Local plan is with Inspectors but are looking at 100 or more settlements in South Norfolk. A detailed consultation will be presented in August/

September 2022. A full copy of this report is held with these minutes. Chair expressed thanks to Mr Savage for his support throughout the year

3.23. County Councillor Barry Stone was unable to attend but sent his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

4. The meeting ended at 20.41 and teas and coffees were partaken on an informal basis.

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