

# WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

A meeting of Wortwell Parish Council was held on  
Monday 25 January 2021 at 7.30pm  
via ZOOM Conference

*No members of the public joined the call*

1. The Chairman **Councillor Aylett** welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies from County Cllr M Stone whose report had been previously circulated. There were no declarations of interest
3. In attendance Councillors Aylett [CA], Eddy [WE], Colyer [MC], Cooke [DC], Copeman [AC], Hadingham [RH], Worley [JW] and District Councillor Savage [JS]
4. **Minutes:** Council approved, and Clerk will retain in records the minutes of the meeting held on November 2020. These will be retrospectively signed once CoVid regulations permit.

### 5. Chairman's Report:

5.1. Flooding over the Christmas period in Waveney Valley up to Beccles. CA reported his attendance at a virtual meeting hosted by Bungay Town Council to discuss the flooding across the Waveney Valley area. Numerous theories had been put forward including blocked sluice gates from trees and other debris (following the recent storms), saturation of the land following the heavy rains which impacted on the water table and a much higher level of rainfall in the period leading up to Christmas.

5.2. Council discussed in full and agreed that the Chairman should attend the next emergency briefing with BTC.

**Chair to action**

5.3. Clerk to research and cooperate with cross border councillors and other agencies to collate an initial layout of questions to be answered regarding flooding. This will be used to adapt and expand the existing Wortwell Village Emergency Plan. Flooding to be added to next agenda for next meeting.

**Clerk to action**

### 6. Councillor Reports:

6.1. Cllr JW provided her report on playground checks and re-iterated previously circulated concerns about unauthorised activities, including drugs paraphernalia, in the old cricket pavilion. Police have been alerted. It is a possibility that a vulnerable person may have been staying overnight but there is no evidence that this is still the case. Councillors will monitor the situation. Beat Officers are patrolling. Clerk to research security options.

**Clerk to action**

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6.2. Cllr JS reported a letter had been sent to Bungay Town Council expressing concern over sluice gates. The culvert under the A143 is damaged and blocked and now needs re-building. Water is backing up here from the Waveney so this needs to drain before work can recommence. A copy of the Members report will be provided by JS re SNDC

### 7. Clerk and RFO Report:

- 7.1. Potholes reported: Sancroft Way, Low Road exiting the village, land falling away opposite Cooks Lane
- 7.2. Fallen lamppost - Claim upheld. £1450 paid by AXA Insurance against a charge of £1740. This excludes VAT which can be reclaimed and the £250 excess fee due.
- 7.3. Bonfire and Groundsman's duties discussed and all confirmed that as long as the bonfires are attended, held in suitable weather conditions and are confined to burning suitable materials, it is acceptable for the groundsman to continue this age old tradition of burning garden rubbish.
- 7.4. The Rising Mains sewage problem continues and Clerk to discuss further with Anglian Water as this is now seen as a potential pollutant to land and livestock.
- 7.5. Play slide - referred to Goodswens in the first instance to see if the rusted support brackets can be soldered or repaired. Otherwise review long term future of slide.
- 7.6. The stile between the end of the Infant playing field and Mr B's field needs replacing. Clerk to telephone JB.

#### Clerk to action

- 7.7. Accounts for payment - see schedule attached as appendix A to these minutes.
- 7.8. Balance sheet against budget note: Reserves switched to Business Premium Account - £30,000
- 7.9. Accounts on track to meet budget by year end.

- 8. **Communications:** Website and Mardler. Cllr AC asked for input from councillors to the Mardler as this is getting rather stale. Contributions of gardening tips, poems, life in lockdown and allotment tales all welcome. Deadline 20 February.

#### Clerk and Councillors to action

- 9. **Planning Applications:** none received

#### Future meetings:

February 1st	Charities Meetings: Old Playing Field and Wortwell Parish Lands*
February 22nd	Full Parish Council Meeting*
Topics for future meetings:	Three Year Plan

**Close of Meeting: 8.55pm**

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Signed.....Date.....

\*Venues of meetings dependent on ongoing CoVid19 regulations - likely to be via ZOOM for foreseeable future. All are welcome to attend by applying to the clerk for an invitation [lua@wortwellpc.org.uk](mailto:lua@wortwellpc.org.uk)

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT January (2) 2021

1.	T T Jones Electrical Ltd Donation to Harleston and Redenhall TC: Parking	102155	£100.00
2.	Community Heartbeat Defibrillator invoice 7006	102156	£151.20
3.	ZOOM annual subscription Virtual meeting and conferences	102157	£143.88
4.	HMRC PAYE and NI Clerk	102158	£128.06
5.	M L Leggett Salary adjustment from backdated pay award	102159	£229.53
<b>Total</b>			<b>£752.67</b>