

WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of Wortwell Parish Council was held on
Monday 30 November 2020 at 7.30pm
via ZOOM Conference

no members of the public joined the call

1. In the absence of The chairman **Councillor Eddy** stepped into the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies** received from Councillor Aylett (Chair) who is medically indisposed.

In attendance Councillors Eddy [WE], Colyer [MC], Cooke [DC], Copeman [AC] Hadingham [RH] Worley [JW] and District Councillor Savage [JS]

3. **Minutes:** Council approved, and Clerk will retain in records the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2020. These will be retrospectively signed once CoVid regulations permit.

4. Chairman's Report:

4.1. SAM 2 machine: in the absence of CA a request was made that at an appropriate time Cllrs WE and RH contact Cllr CA to temporarily takeover the routine of moving the SAM2 machine around the village.

Councillors to action

5. Councillor Reports:

5.1. Cllr AC cascaded training on the Defibrillator checks to Cllr DC and the Clerk. Cllr DC will cascade this training to Cllr JW in January 2021

5.2. Cllr DC reported that The Wortwell Poors Charity is still looking for a further Trustee. Cllr MC volunteered her services. Clerk will link the Chair and the Councillor by email

Clerk to action

5.3. District Cllr JS reported that a number of Grants are available to assist anyone struggling from the impact of the pandemic on jobs or health. Villagers are encouraged to apply for assistance to the SNDC if they are struggling to pay rent, council tax or to buy food. JS to provide a contact name at SNDC

Cllr JS to action

5.3.1. District Cllr JS reported that Elections will be due in May 2021 for Police Commission at no cost to the Parish.

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6. Clerk and RFO Report:

6.1. The lamp post in Low Road that was knocked down has now been replaced and is up and running. Clerk to liaise with Came & Co to settle the bill with TT Jones and reclaim against AXA insurance.

6.2. A number of potholes around the village have been reported and chased for resolution but Highways is under a lot of pressure with shortages of staff and cover restrictions. They are on the list to be infilled in due course. Clerk to monitor

6.3. Three Year Plan: a copy of the Three Year Plan project proposals has been circulated and will be discussed in full at the February meeting.

6.4. 2021/22 Budget Setting and Precept: Stage 3 was completed.

6.4.1. Council Proposed [JW] Seconded [MC] and unanimously approved all numbers in the budget proposal for 2021/22 to be acceptable to Council. It is proposed that the Precept levy be increased by 2%, in line with inflation and the needs of the Village. The Precept will be confirmed in January once the Tax Base for Band D has been provided by South Norfolk District Council

7. Planning Applications: None received. It was noted that there has been very little planning activity this year which will impact on the Community Infrastructure Levy income. This has been taken into account in the budget planning.

8. Any other Business: Councillor AC raised the following matters:

8.1. Leaves in the Recycling Centre need to be swept up

8.2. Goal mouths on the Old Playing Field need to be taped up to allow grass to recover

8.3. New goals are being continually used and need to be added to the Council Insurance Policy

8.4. The 20mph sign needs replacing on Tunbeck Close. Further signage around the Play Fields re Covid also need replacing

8.5. An overgrown bush needs cutting back at the Community Centre

8.6. It was questioned if the roller is being used. Cllr RH confirmed it does get used and was last in action on the allotments pathways

8.7. The Slide has a lot of rust and the Groundsman reported it needs welding before painting. Cllr AC tested the slide and felt it to be safe to use. Goodswens are being asked to look at it.

8.8. The Cricket nets on the new playing field are becoming overgrown. To be added to the winter jobs for Excite Solutions.

Clerk to action 8.1 to 8.8

Next meetings: 4 January 2021 at 7.30pm - Sign off Precept only

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25 January 2021 at 7.30pm - Full council meeting

1 February 2021 at 7.30pm - Charities Meeting: Wortwell Parish Lands and Wortwell
Old Playing Field including Three Year Plan proposals re playing field funds.
(venue and meetings all dependent on ongoing CoVid19 regulations)

Close of Meeting:20.17pm

Signed:_____ Date:_____