

WORMINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2015

IN WORMINGFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 8.00 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Collins
Present: Cllrs Bentley, Boyce, Grimsey & Hearne
Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook
Also Present Cllr Nigel Chapman, Mr Robert Godden (Chairman, Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club) and seventeen members of the public

15/024: Chairman's Welcome, Apologies for Absence

Cllr Collins welcomed everybody to the meeting. He explained that while it was understood that the Planning Application on the Agenda was contentious with local residents, the Council had arranged for a speaker from the Gliding club to attend and that the meeting would be run with order and respect for all parties involved.

15/025: Declaration of Interests

To receive any "Disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests" relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Bentley declared a possible view of bias with regards to item 15/032 due to a presentation by the Gliding Club followed by a complimentary flight. It was noted that he was legally able to vote, but had decided to not to vote on this item.

Cllrs agreed to bring 15/027 forward.

15/027: Public Participation Session with Respect to Items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual Interest

A member of the public reported that the hedge opposite Paul Flatman Ltd needed to be cut. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Essex County Council regarding this matter.

A member of the public spoke about the potholes and flooding on Old Packards Lane. The Clerk would follow this up with Cllr Anne Brown who was already aware of the issue.

Several members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding Planning Application 150127 these included noise levels, lack of detail in the application, amount of use for the TMG, open ended application to include other motorise aircraft. (See attached Q & A sheet.)

15/026: Mr Robert Godden, Chairman, Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club

Mr Robert Godden, spoke about:

- ❖ New training system for instructors, and the club having to comply.
- ❖ Club would not choose to purchase and use a TMG
- ❖ Club members do not wish to become a motor club.
- ❖ Only wishing to purchase one motor glider.

Mr Godden, also went through the Q & A sheet (See attached).

Cllr Collins reopened the meeting back to the public where further questions and clarifications were made.

15/028: Ward & County Councillors to Address the Members if Present

Cllr Chapman confirmed that he would be calling in Planning Application 150127 for determination by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Chapman agreed to chase the relocated litter bin and report back to the Clerk.

15/029: Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting Held on 22nd January 2015

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting. All agreed that these were a true record of the meeting (Cllr Collins abstained due to not being present at the meeting).

15/017: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 were a true record of the meeting and were signed by Chairman.

15/030: Worm & Rec Trust

Mr Brian Jones spoke briefly:

- ❖ New Pavilion Committee had commenced, Cllr Boyce had agreed to attend.
- ❖ The booking secretary would arrange access to the Village Hall carpark for all bookings.

15/031: Fence

Mr Brian Jones confirmed that this would be repaired this week.

15/032: Planning Applications

Planning Application: 150127. Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club Wormingford Airfield, Fordham Road, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AQ. Application for use of a touring motor glider (TMG).

Cllrs discussed this matter at length and questioned Mr Godden further:

- ❖ Number of flights, frequency.
- ❖ Minimum number of TMG flights for an average pilot.
- ❖ Noise levels.
- ❖ Open application, no limits.

Cllrs agreed to object to this application, but would be willing to work with the Gliding club on a clearer and more detailed application in order to obtain what was essential for their continued programme of training for pilot due to the new EASA regulations (April 2018).

15/018: RESOLVED that the Clerk send the decision of object and comments to Colchester Borough Council, Planning Department. (Cllr Bentley abstained from the vote)

15/033: Public Facilities

Bus Shelters – The Clerk reported that this work was not likely to take place till March due to a delay with paperwork at Essex County Council.

15/034 Road Report

- 1) **Public Notice regarding road maintenance.** After discussion the Clerk was asked to find out when the road maintenance would take place.

- 2) **Road Report.** After discussion Cllr Grimsey agreed to put together a report and bring it back to the Council in due course.
- 3) **Old Packards Lane.** After discussion it was agreed to ask the Clerk to chase this up with Cllr Anne Brown.

15/035: Grants 2015/16

It was agreed to defer this to March, once Cllr Collins had inquired regarding the use of the service.

15/036: Parish Plan

1) Parish Plan & Speaker

Cllr Bentley reported that he had spoken to Beverly McClean. She had recommended the Parish Council work on a Model Parish Plan to then use as a consultation to residents. Cllr Bentley agreed to look into this further and discuss at the March meeting.

2) Response to the Local Plan Consultation - CBC

Cllr Bentley had circulated to all members a draft response with regards to the CBC consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk should send this to CBC.

15/019: RESOLVED that the Clerk send the response to CBC regarding the current Local Plan Consultation.

15/037: Standing Orders

It was agreed as the Planning Application had taken up a huge amount of the meeting this would be deferred to the March meeting.

15/038: Financial Matters 2014/15

1) Financial Statement. (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

The four invoices including the Clerks' Salary were passed around for all Councillors to have a look at and agree.

15/020: RESOLVED that after further consideration, the four cheques detailed on the payment schedule be authorised for payment.

2) Monthly Budget Information.

The Clerk had sent round details prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that Barclays bank had credited the PC account with £100 as a goodwill gesture due to the complications in changing signatories and address.

3) Update on Changes to Accounts.

The Clerk confirmed that all changes to the Accounts are now complete.

4) Update on outstanding EALC invoices.

The Clerk confirmed EALC had waived the invoices.

5) 2014/15 Audit – To Confirm an Internal Auditor.

15/021: RESOLVED that Wormingford Parish Council use Mr J Turner for the 2014/15 Internal Audit.

15/039: Chairman & Clerk's report

This was circulated prior to the meeting. An update was given on the flooding on Church Road. ECC confirmed that there are no gullies in this area; however, a grip has recently been dug which should alleviate the problem.

15/040: Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated correspondence via email throughout the month and the correspondence file will be passed round. No matters were raised.

15/041: Items of Consideration for Future Agendas

Standing Orders
Post Office Grant
Parish Plan
Potholes – possible road report
Update on fencing

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting

15/022: RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting would be held in April due to the Elections in May.

15/042: In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the Parish Council may exclude the Public from a meeting whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the Public Interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business, and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the Public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

15/023: RESOLVED to close the meeting to the Public during the consideration of Agenda item 15/043.

Meeting closed at 10.25pm

15/043: Human Resources & Personnel

The Clerk asked the Council to consider not having meetings during the school holidays, particularly the half terms, the Clerk was asked to look through the calendar for the remaining year and report back to the Council.

Cllr Collins thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 10.30pm. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 19th March 2015.

Signed:.....

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 19th February 2015