

# WORMINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

IN WORMINGFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 6.45 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Bentley  
Present: Cllrs Boyce, Evans, Grimsey, Hearne  
Clerk: Mrs. Cook  
Also Present: Cllr Chapman and four members of the public

20/001	<b><u>WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Fenn had sent his apologies due to work commitments.
20/002	<b><u>CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS</u></b> The Clerk confirmed that no applications had been received and there was still one vacancy on the Council. Any interested resident should contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.
20/003	<b><u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></b> No Cllrs declared an interest.
20/004	<b><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST</u></b> A member of the public raised the issue of several football matches having to be cancelled due to the lack of drainage on the football pitch. The Parish Council were asked if they could assist. Cllrs agreed to look into funding options once quotes had been obtained and submitted to the Clerk
20/005	<b><u>WARD &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT</u></b> Cllr Chapman spoke about Planning Application: 193069 and raised the following points:  No need for a new site as existing sites are available. Lack of access to amenities including schools. Highway access. Does not access onto an A Road.
20/006	<b><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u></b>  20001 <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 were a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
20/007	<b><u>PLANNING APPLICATION</u></b>  20002 1) <b>PLANNING APPLICATION: 192833. LONG FARM, MAIN ROAD, WORMINGFORD, COLCHESTER, CO6 3AN. CHANGE OF USE OF “THE ESSEX BARN” AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION FROM B1C TO C3 DWELLING HOUSE</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that application 192833 is supported by the Parish Council and this would be submitted to Colchester Borough Council.  20003 2) <b>PLANNING APPLICATION: 193069. LAND TO REAR OF GOODWINS FARM, CREPPING HALL ROAD, WAKES COLNE, COLCHESTER, CO6 2AP. TEN MOBILE HOMES PITCHES FOR TRAVELLERS.</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that application 193069 is objected by the Parish Council and this would be submitted to Colchester Borough Council on the following grounds:  The proposed location for the ten mobile homes pitches is situated very close to the Wormingford parish boundary, two miles from the centre of our village in an area used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders from all of the four parishes

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which merge at this point. Considerable concern regarding the application has been expressed in our village either directly to Councillors or via social media.

As a Parish Council we are currently unable to form any firm view other than register the proposals' general unpopularity due to the lack of information made available in the application.

Having discussed this application at our Parish Council meeting last night it is our opinion that such a proposal in this rural environment should contain specific details of how the development will be managed; the impact of increased vehicle movements along very narrow lanes and the impact on walkers, cyclists and wildlife. The application should also address the effect that a substantial concentration of new residents will have in an area where there are currently no shops and school places available without creating a significant increase in traffic movements on very unsuitable roads.

Until the above issues have been addressed in order to allow a proper review of the proposed development we feel that we must register a strong objection to this application and ask that Colchester Borough Council reject this application.

**20/008**

### PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE

- 1) PLANNING APPLICATION: 192918. FAIRFIELDS FARM, FORDHAM ROAD, WORMINGFORD, COLCHESTER. APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED BUILDINGS**

The Clerk confirmed that conditional approval had been granted from Colchester Borough Council.

- 2) PLANNING APPLICATION: 192554. POST OFFICE STORES, WORMINGFORD POST OFFICE, CHURCH ROAD.**

The Clerk confirmed that conditional approval had been granted from Colchester Borough Council.

- 3) PLANNING APPLICATION: 192657. TIPPELLS, CHURCH ROAD, WORMINGFORD, COLCHESTER, CO6 3AZ.**

The Clerk confirmed that conditional approval had been granted from Colchester Borough Council.

- 4) PLANNING APPLICATION: 191467. FAIRFIELDS FARM, FORDHAM ROAD, WORMINGFORD, COLCHESTER.**

Colchester Borough Council were hoping that the application would go to the 6<sup>th</sup> February Planning Committee.

**20/009**

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

The nine invoices including the Standing Orders for the Clerks Salary & Pension were checked by all Councillors present.

Payee	Description	Invoice	Chq Number	Net	VAT	Gross
				£		£
Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	301.20	£ -	301.20
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	N/A	SO	92.52	£ -	92.52
Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	301.20	£ -	301.20
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	N/A	SO	92.52	£ -	92.52
H Cook	Expenses	N/A	101384	28.74		28.74
Chappel Parish Council	6 month share of office telephone	CH002	101385	30.00	£ -	30.00
Pale September	Website Deposit	269	101386	67.00	£ -	67.00
Wormingford Recreation Trust	Village Hall Hire	002/1219gtpc	101387	105.00	£ -	105.00
Wormingford Recreation Trust	Post Office Subsidy	003/1219gt	101388	120.00	£ -	120.00

£	1,138.18	£	-	£	1,138.18
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20004	<p><b>RESOLVED that after further consideration nine payments detailed on the schedule be authorised for payment.</b></p> <p><b>2) MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated budget proposals prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>3) BUDGET 2020/21</b></p>
20005	<p><b>RESOLVED that after further consideration the budget for 2020/21 will be set at £10,311.00.</b></p> <p><b>4) Precept 2020/21</b></p>
20006	<p><b>RESOLVED that after further consideration the precept would not be raised for 2020/21 and would be set at £9,552.00.</b></p>
<b>20/010</b>	<p><b><u>WORMINGFORD BRIDGE NO 0056</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the bridge was now opened and she had chased Cllr Brown regarding the question on whether a width restriction could be put in place.</p>
<b>20/011</b>	<p><b><u>REC TRUST</u></b></p> <p>A representative of the Recreation Trust reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Heating fault was being investigated.</li> <li>❖ Events would be taking place in March.</li> <li>❖ Quotes were being obtained for the disabled toilet.</li> <li>❖ £1,000 debt left from the lawn cutter.</li> </ul>
<b>20/012</b>	<p><b><u>S106 MONEY</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had made the request to Colchester Borough Council for the S106 money of £1,000 to be given to the Rec Trust in relation to the lawn mower. This had been chased. The Clerk asked Cllr Chapman if he could assist with this matter.</p>
<b>20/013</b>	<p><b><u>DEFIBRILLATOR</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had received £500 from the Locality Budget for the project. Cllr Bentley and Mr Tansley had met an Electrician on site to discuss options and we were waiting for a quote.</p>
<b>20/014</b>	<p><b><u>WEBSITE</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Pale September would be designing the new website and once the deposit had been received these would be circulated.</p>
<b>20/015</b>	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN &amp; CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>No items were raised.</p>
<b>20/016</b>	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u></b></p> <p>All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors.</p>
<b>20/017</b>	<p><b><u>ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u></b></p> <p>Fairfield Farm Emergency Plan Co-option Defibrillator Website S106 Money</p>
<b>20/018</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:</b></p>

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<i>20007</i>	<p>THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 20/019.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to not close the meeting to the Public during the consideration of Agenda item 20/019.</b></p>
<b>20/019</b>	<p><b><u>HUMAN RESOURCES &amp; PERSONNEL</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bentley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.10pm.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....</p> <p>Chairperson of the Parish Council <span style="float: right;">Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020</span></p>

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