

WORTHAM & BURGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council at Wortham Village Hall on January Tuesday 12th 2018 at 7.30pm

Councillors (Cllrs) present: S Rash (Chair) J Bradley (Vice Chair) M Odams, C Williams, D Ling, C Grocott, M Breen, J Piper, S Wright,
In Attendance: Netty Verkroost (Clerk) , Cllr Kearsley , Cllr Fleming

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence** – Cllr Lloyd & Cllr Erith - sickness
Cllr Cole - Family commitments
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting/s**
PC Meeting Dec 2017 – Approved
3. **To record declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed** - Cllr Odams - payment for pavilion light bulbs
4. **To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed** –
Cllr Odams - payments
5. **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation – 7.35pm**
 - 5.1. **To receive reports from District & County Councillors**
 - 5.1.1 **Cllr Fleming** report contained the following items:

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School Transport Consultation– Reminder that the County Council is consulting on changes to home-to-school transport which would reduce funding and support to statutory levels, it runs until 28th February. Views are sought on three options for pre-and post-16 age groups . Please refer to: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

Consultation on High needs Funding - Suffolk County Council is consulting on proposals is to establish a fairer, more transparent and easily understood set of high needs funding policies for 'high needs' children. To find out more about the proposals and consultation please go to: www.suffolk.gov.uk/highneedsfunding

The consultation runs from 13th December 2017 to 9th February 2018. Invitations for 1:1 meetings will be offered to those providers who have specialist responsibilities.

Business Rates Retention Pilot – Suffolk is one of 10 pilot areas in England to retain 100% of business rates from Council Tax starting in 2018/19. Business Rates are intended to contribute more to local income the future and this is an opportunity for Suffolk to influence how this programme will operate in a two-tier system.

Highways. Reminder to report all defects on:– <http://highwaysreporting.suffok.gov.uk> for other highways matters refer to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/> To follow up on a fault/report telephone 0345 606 6171 with the log reference number to hand.

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5.1.2 Police Statistics - None

5.1.3 To invite and receive items from members of the general public - None

6. To re-convene the meeting- 7.40pm

7. To consider, discuss, agree and/or note new planning applications/items:

8.1 To receive an update on planning issues at Oak Tree Farm, Great Green - MSDC Enforcement Department are continuing with an injunction.

8.2 To receive an update on the clearance of common land after the removal of a garage at South View, Furze Way, Burgate EN/14/00136- The Legal Team at Suffolk CC are contacting the owner regarding the clearance of the land and will report back when they have any further information.

8. To receive the Chairman's report- A BT Fibre Optic Broadband Green box has been installed on the Ling.

9. To receive the Clerk's report & o/s actions from last meeting: (For information only)

Emailed Mr D Ling thanking him for payment of the rabbit removal on the playing fields

Email received from Mrs M Ling regarding transfer of remaining funds from account set up for the purchase of the defibrillator. Clerk to supply bank account details.

Clerk contacted Redgrave Parish Clerk regarding Data Protection but no reply.

Clerk contacted Gislingham PC regarding Data Protection and waiting for feedback.

Cost of Lockable Metal Storage Cabinet for storage of PC Documents, Approx £99 + Vat. Clerk to research costs of 2nd hand cabinets.

10. To receive an update on the purchase of common land and track from

Mr Holt Wilson -Payment of £1800 to be sent to Gudeons Prentice to be held in Client Account for payment of Greene & Greene Fees.The purchase is progressing with the solicitors.

11. To discuss and approve the budget for 2018 - Budget unanimously approved

12. To discuss and agree on the Precept for 2018/19 - Precept of £16500 approved Unanimously.

13. To receive an update and agree on the model of VAS/SID/SAM to purchase-

It was agreed that a SID with "slow Down " text , data collection and bluetooth along with 4 x extra bracket sets at a max of £3350 + vat from Westcotec Ltd

14. To consider, discuss and agree on any donations to be given by the PC. - to be discussed at the next meeting

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15. To receive and discuss items from Committees / Working Groups:

- 15.1 Playing Field Committee (PFC)- meeting to be arranged
- 15.2 Commons Committee:None
- 15.3 Finance Representative:None
- 15.4 Employment Committee: Meeting held on Jan 8th for staff appraisals and employment reviews.
- 15.5 Village Design Statement Working Group: In progress

16. Finance

16.1 Accounts Balances as at 2/1/18 HSBC

16.1.1	Current Account	£818.15
16.1.2	Savings Account	£28231.36
16.1.3	Commons Account	£3987.69

16.2 Account payments

16.2.1	N Verkroost	Salary Jan	£366.34
16.2.2	N Verkroost	Expenses Dec	£86.94
16.2.3	N Hinton	Salary Jan	£82.86
16.2.4	Safe & Sound	Moles December	£48.00
16.2.5	K M Gardencare	Strimming Village Maintenance	£480.00
16.2.6	MSDC	Annual Play inspection	£57.04
16.2.7	Gudgeons Prentice	Legal Fees	£1800.00

To consider any additional payments prior to the meeting - All payments approved unanimously. Cllr Odams abstained from voting

16.3 Account Receipts

17. To receive and discuss items / reports from Committees, Groups and Councillors:

- 17.1 VHMC – Cllr Piper - None
- 17.2 Rights of Way – Cllrs. Grocott (Wortham) & Williams (Burgate)- None
- 17.3 Councillors- It was noted that the notice board posts (no vehicles beyond this point) near the Bowls Club are rotten and need replacing. Playing Fields Committee to arrange
Cllr Odams confirmed that a Fibre Optic Green Box has been installed near the entrance to Oak Tree Farm on the A143.

18. Correspondence received – None that have not already been noted in previous items

19. To receive items for the next agenda-

- Purchase of the Tracks and Land
- Donations

20. Date & time of next meeting Feb 20th at 7.30pm in Wortham Village Hall.

Meeting Close 8.45pm

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