

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council, Commons Committee meeting held at Wortham Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2022 at 6pm

Councillors present: Jacky Bradley (Chair), Ian Hovey, Chris Grocott and Jenny Piper

In attendance: David Appleton , Chris Williams and Jane Wright (Clerk)

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence** - None
2. **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed** - None
3. **To consider any dispensations from members in any item to be discussed** - None
4. **Adjourn the meeting to allow public participation** - 6.02pm
5. **Re-convene the meeting** - 6.02pm
6. **To receive the Clerk's report and any outstanding items/actions** - Nothing to report
7. **To consider, discuss and agree to any action required to a flooding issue near to the Village Hall** - An email had been received from a parishioner who lives close by to the Village Hall, raising concerns about the ditch flooding outside of his and his neighbours properties. Councillors were advised and along with residents, rodded the ditch to try and clear the problem. The inspection chamber is full and it would appear that this could be where the problem is. After several attempts a very small flow through the pipe was achieved. Recent inspection shows that the area is much clearer. It was proposed that the ditch be cleared, and monitor the situation. Once cleared, further investigations may be required. CG proposed that Rufus Bradley dig and clear the ditch, being mindful not to go too close to the pipe, seconded JP - unanimously agreed.
Whilst inspecting the flooding problem, it was noticed that a manhole cover close to the village hall is rusty and potentially a hazard. Clerk to contact Mike Burgess to bring this to his attention, however, this may be the responsibility of the Parish Council.
8. **To consider, discuss and agree to any amendments to the Rural Agency Mapping Updates** - Information to be forwarded to Councillor Bradley to ascertain if any action is needed.
9. **To receive items from Councillors** - Councillor Hovey suggested that a list is drawn up of the jobs that require attention. David Appleton offered to assist with this. The grazing fence that is in place seems to be too close for pedestrians to be able to step off the road safely. Grazier is aware. Councillor Grocott informed that all jobs that were required from the Scrub Clearance have all now been completed and everywhere is looking good. Couple of jobs still need to be carried out. The brambles need to be sprayed off again and Pond 8 is full of sludge. The ditch close to the tennis courts has lots of leaf mould. However, this is awkward as it is so close to the road. These and other issues to be brought back to the next meeting at a date to be arranged in June.
10. **To discuss any correspondence received** - None
11. **To receive items for the next agenda** - Capital Works
12. **Date and time of the next meeting** - June 2022 (date and time to be confirmed)
13. **Meeting close** - 6.40pm

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