

WORSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2016 HELD IN THE CLUB ROOM OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. Cole (Chair), K O'Hara, R. Barrett, S. Henderson, P. McGill and A. Millar.

APOLOGIES: PCSO King, A. Bond, S. Harris, M. Smith, J. Gardner, Meeting Hill Club and Worstead Day Care Centre.

ALSO PRESENT: Members for and on behalf of Queen Elizabeth Hall, Worstead CoE Primary School, Worstead over 60's club, Worstead Friends, The Choir, Worstead Parochial Church Council, Worstead Pre-School, Mr. M. Chapman and District Cllr. G. Williams.

Clerk: S. Martin.

16.01 AMP	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>All apologies were accepted.</p>
16.02 AMP	<p><u>All present were welcomed by Chairman Cole.</u></p> <p><u>TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015:</u></p> <p>Cllr. Barrett proposed to accept the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr. Henderson, all agreed. Chairman Cole duly signed the minutes after the meeting.</p>
16.03 AMP	<p><u>PCSO REPORT FOR VILLAGE</u></p> <p>PCSO King was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report which was read out by Chairman Cole:</p> <p>For the period from 22 March 2016 to 19th April 2016</p> <p>There was only 1 crime</p> <p>1 x Assault without Injury.</p>
16.04 AMP	<p><u>REPORT OF WORSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL</u> written and presented by Chairman Cole.</p> <p>This report is a resume of the last year.</p> <p>Over the year the Parish Council have dealt with many planning applications including the Solar Farm and various properties within and around the parish.</p> <p>There has been a new piece of play equipment installed in the children's play area called a rotaweb, which was paid for by monies from the Robin Hazlett account together with a grant from the Worstead Festival.</p> <p>A plaque is to be attached to this to commemorate the dedicated commitment that Robin gave to the youth of the village and to the village as a whole. Thank you to Cllr. Barrett for organising this.</p> <p>The fitness equipment has been relocated as recommended by ROSPA.</p> <p>The graveyard extension is still ongoing, and plans to include the school/pre-school to complete a survey of wild flowers. A commemorative bench will be located there with a shelter to allow people to sit in contemplation.</p> <p>The railway station is getting run down which is included in discussion with the Bittern line and Albellio Greater Anglia. We are also working to try to get more regular trains to stop at Worstead for the benefit of all concerned.</p> <p>Over the last year there have been changes to the Parish Council committee itself, sadly Gavin Paterson, who completed over 50 years on the Council, passed away in December 2015. Many considered him to be the elder statesman of the Council and the Worstead Festival too. His experience and reminiscences will be sorely missed.</p>

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16.06 APM/B (cont.)	<p>I started at Worstead Day Care Centre last May. I have 12 years' experience in the care sector at a senior level. I have worked in several care homes and housing with care schemes.</p> <p>I worked for Norse care for all 12 years. I have The Health and Social care levels 2-3 certificate and The Leadership and Management – city and guilds level 5. All staff have regular training and refresher training in Manual Handling, Emergency First aid, Safe Guarding Vulnerable adults, Medication management and Dementia training. The district Nurses visited last September to give Diabetic and blood glucose training also Stoma care training.</p> <p>The staff are partaking in Cognitive Stimulation Therapy Training on Wednesday 27th April this is to provide better activities for people living with Dementia. On that day also they will be learning hand massage and relaxation techniques. We provide arm chair exercises along with the musical entertainments and the usual games of Bingo and card / group games. We are providing bus trips out along the coast line during the summer months.</p> <p>As you can see we are very busy and we are a very happy team. If anyone would like to visit us you would be more than welcome, telephone 01692 408979</p>
APM/C	<p><u>ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH</u> by Rev. Long: The restoration of the Church, which started in 1966, was completed last year with funds from English Heritage Grants and Worstead Festival. Cosmetic work is still ongoing.</p> <p>I am the vicar of 6 churches and Sunday services move around each church and include baptisms, wedding, funeral and fund raising. Not all of the attendees live in the village and surrounding villages, but some travel from Norwich, Catfield and more. 140 people attend midnight mass.</p> <p>Annual income meets most ongoing costs. Cleaning is done voluntary. However, the cost of Insurance for the Church cannot be met, which is currently £300 per month. Mr Gosling, Treasurer is able to answer further questions. Worstead is amongst the 12 largest Churches in Dioceses of Norwich. It can be insured for 3 months until the festival, but unsure what will happen after this. An uninsured Church cannot be used for any functions and will have to stay closed. Rev. Long is not sure where we go from here, and has a meeting next week to investigate with the Archbishop/Dean. Currently the bank account has £1000, but insurance for the year is over £3000. There are 60 other benefices in the Dioceses in the same position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion were made by those present of ways to increase funds including investigating Wi-Spire (<i>although Fibre Optic is within the village</i>), contacting cell companies e.g. Vodafone, O2 etc., a 'gift day', 'crowd funding' on Facebook and contacting the Worstead Festival. Help was offered from Worstead School who will support if they can. <p>District Councillor Williams was surprised at how many benefices in the Dioceses are in the same position and commented that Worstead Church is a great Church and used for so many different things by all the Community.</p> <p>Rev Long and Mr Gosling thanked all for their suggestion and support.</p>
16.04 APM/D	<p><u>QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL</u>: presented by Mr. N. Collins (Chairman): The final accounts are not prepared as yet, however, the Village Hall expects to just about break even in the financial year ending April 2016.</p> <p>The Hall Committee has continued to try to bring the hall into a profitable situation, unlike most of the recent years we have not made a large loss this year, but financially the hall continues to struggle and the future of the hall remains in doubt unless further action is taken.</p> <p>Worstead pre-school has now been in residence since September 2015 and has brought in £1,500 this year; this will rise to £3,200 for the current year 2016 – 2017.</p> <p>The Solar Panels have resulted in payments totalling £2,178 over the past year. Without the panels and the preschool we would have posted a loss of around £3,600 this year.</p> <p>Changes have been made to the way in which some clubs and organizations use the hall to prevent occasions where, under the old agreements, the hall was losing money as a result of renting out the facility; this situation can clearly no longer be allowed to continue.</p> <p>Worstead Festival granted us £2,862 so we could have the main floor re-varnished. This was in desperate need of attention, and the committee are very grateful to the Festival for their continued support.</p> <p>In agreement with the Worstead Festival we have changed the way we will operate during the</p>

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16.04 APM/D (cont.)	<p>festival period so that the hall can hopefully bring in more money from the 2016 event.</p> <p>A painting party was organised to make the hall look more attractive and hopefully get more bookings for parties and other festivities. The Village Hall committee would like to thank all those who helped out at the painting party, as well as the local companies that have provided paint and materials.</p> <p>We would also like to thank those companies and individuals that contributed prizes or gave their time for the other fun raising events held during the year, as well as those who came along to support these events.</p> <p>A race night was held to raise money for a much needed baby changing table to be sited in the disabled toilet, and we are in the process of changing the flooring in the entrance hall, once sufficient funds allow.</p> <p>With the repaired floor and fresh paint the hall is looking far better, but there is more to do and we will arrange another painting party when funds and time allows. It would be nice of course, when future requests for help are made, if more people could come forward to offer their services, so as not to let all the work of maintaining this hall rest on the shoulders of the same people every time.</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p> <p>It is hoped that, with a full year of income from the play group, the solar panels, and the extra money from the festival we will make a larger profit this coming year (2016 – 2017). This is encouraging but we will still not be making enough money to pay for all the repairs that are needed to keep the hall going in the longer term. Realistically we believe we need to be banking £2,000-2,500 a year just to keep the fabric of the hall from falling into disrepair.</p> <p>The committee is currently arranging for quotations to renew the heaters in the main hall, and also to place an insulated, suspended ceiling in the main hall (including lighting panels), these alterations are needed to reduce what are currently the buildings largest overheads. It is likely that, only once these changes are made, will the hall return to true profitability and then be able to pay for its own upkeep and maintenance.</p> <p>We expect to get the remaining quotes in soon and intend to make applications to North Norfolk District Council, and Solar Century who have announced a community grant for the Bunn's Hill solar farm.</p> <p>So it is with some slight optimism that we look forward to this current year heralding a return to profitability and self-sufficiency for the hall and we will continue to work hard to maintain this valuable resource. We would also like to encourage anyone who is interested in keeping the village hall open to come forward with any fundraising ideas which they may wish to develop with us, or else perhaps to help with future painting, maintenance and fund raising events, all offers of assistance will be gratefully appreciated.</p>
APM/E	<p><u>OVER 60's</u>: written and presented by Mrs. G. York:</p> <p>We have 23 regular attendees who enjoy a hot 2 course lunch for £2.50, plus fruit juice, tea and coffee. The club is grateful to WPC for subsidising the hall, in which the lunches have now moved rooms. Thank you for also contributing to the Christmas meal which was held at The Diplomat, which was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.</p>
APM/F	<p><u>WORSTEAD FRIENDS</u>: written and presented by Mrs. C. Clare:</p> <p>We have 25 members and we meet once a month in the QE Hall. We are grateful to the WPC for the ongoing support towards the rent – Thank you. We try to go out at least once a year, but this costs in excess of £300.</p>
APM/G	<p><u>WORSTEAD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>: written and presented by Mrs. J. Read – Head teacher:</p> <p>There are 98 children currently on roll, organised into four classes. There are 3 children on roll with English as an Additional Language and 12 children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The school receives extra funding, called the Pupil Premium, for 12 children who are deemed to be disadvantaged for a variety of reasons. The current Headteacher took up post in January 2014, the seventh Headteacher in five years. The school was judged as 'requiring improvement' by OFSTED in 2014 but is expecting to be 'good' at the next inspection, due this term. Results at age 11 (Key Stage 2) were in the top 12 schools in Norfolk in 2015 for attainment and progress and were well above the national average. There is an upward trend in results over the past three years. With financial support from the Worstead Festival Charity, the school was able to construct a brand new classroom which was opened by Norman Lamb in September 2015. This freed up hall space creating a dining hall, collective worship area and PE hall. The school is over-</p>

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16.04 APM/G (cont.)	<p>subscribed for the reception class for September 2016 for the first time in a number of years. Current issues we face as a rural school are parking problems and the recruitment and retention of staff. We have a vacancy for a community governor!</p> <p>The comment earlier regarding more regular trains stopping at Worstead would benefit the school with recruitment.</p>
APM/H	<p><u>WORSTEAD PRE-SCHOOL:</u> written and presented by Paula Self - Supervisor: Worstead Pres-School moved into the village hall in September 2015 taking on the side room from the main hall, decorating it and making into a suitable space for our preschool. We have been delighted at how little we have had to clear our space in totality, which was a major factor in us moving here.</p> <p>Children numbers are very good, with 40 children being on the books and a growing waiting list of children wishing to begin in the next academic year, we have expanded our hours to offer 3 full days and 2 mornings, and taken on another member of staff.</p> <p>During the last year children, parent and staff have continued to learn through a wide range of exciting experiences and play; favourite activities included: looking at old farm tools and comparing them to today's farming equipment, walking to the train station to look for Thomas the Tank Engine, brick laying in our mud patch, planting out our garden, visiting Wroxham Barns, completing multi sports and keeping fit, learning new songs about various topics and running our own Café.</p> <p>I would like to thank the parish council and the village hall committee, Shirley and Dougie Jordan for working with us so well and enabling us to offer a fabulous environment for all the children in Worstead and the surrounding villages. Thank you.</p>
16.07 APM	<p><u>REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:</u> Glyn Williams:</p> <p>Over the past year the District and County Councils have worked together to stop the old factory closing and have seen Albert Bartlett open. Worstead Parish Council is a very effective council who works hard. Examples from the last year include; the Solar Farm, which involved site visits and putting local views forward. It is good to support green initiatives. There was a review of the White Lady noise pollution and planning applications, including parking within the village. Flooding can be a big problem within this area. NNDC is working with Gt Yarmouth Council to try to cut costs by trialling things like sharing staff. Grants are being cut, and therefore working with other councils can negotiate better deals for services such as refuse collections, so keeping separate Councils but working together. Devolution is happening in the background of Central Government. Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge looking to work together. The Government is insisting on electing a central mayor.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams thanked the Parish Council and appreciated all the work it does.</p>
16.08 APM	<p><u>QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS FROM THE FLOOR:</u></p> <p>If there is consolidation of resources of councils, will small councils still be able to feed information in ? What is the effect at Parish Council level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The District Council would feel that Parish Councils are important to meet decisions coming down in the middle and therefore believes that the powers of the Parish Council will remain. <p>Is there going to be a memorial for Gavin Paterson ? To be looked into.</p> <p>Handyman – On behalf of the Parishioners, thanked the Parish Council and wishes Cllr. Henderson and family the best for the future.</p>

The meeting finished at 20.47.