

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL AT THE ARK AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr G Pearce (Chairman) Mr V Dudman (Vice Chairman) Mrs J Forbes-Kiely Mr C Harding Mrs C Jarvis Mrs T Mason Mrs S Roffe
7 members of the public and a member of the press

APOLOGIES:

ABSENT: Ms O Howard-Thomas

237 Apologies none received.

238 Public Participation Mr Dawes reminded everyone of the St Georges Day Celebrations being held at The Crown on the evening of 23rd April and said he hoped lots of people would attend. He also invited candidates for the forthcoming Parish Council elections to put a small article about themselves and why they are standing, in the next Parish News. Articles by 15th April at the latest.

239 Declarations of Interest None

240 Chairmans Announcements Mr Pearce informed Council that a new finger sign has been positioned at the eastern end of Wallage Lane within out boundary. It is the responsibility of Worth Parish Council and will remain so. The Chairman also announced that this Council has been in existence for 25 years now with the first meeting having taken place on 7th April 1986. Mr Pearce reported that nomination forms for the forthcoming elections have now been submitted and details of candidates are awaited. He also reminded everyone that the mobile freighter will be in the village on 10th April.

241 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2011, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

242 Matters Currently being pursued by the Clerk

The damaged road sign in Lion Lane has been reported to MSDC. Grit bins should now all be full. The rubbish on East Street was reported as being cleared but members informed the Clerk that it was still there. This will be taken up with MSDC again. The road surface at the corner of Church Rd has been repaired. The road surface on East St by the recreation ground will be included in works to be carried out from outside The Crown to the entrance to Turners Hill Park but there are no firm dates for any of this work yet. The stile to the rear of the Red Lion which was sawn off has been reported to Paddockhurst. An advertising sign erected to the front of Cowdray Arms was reported and has now been removed. Rubbish by the flats at Withypitts has been removed. We have not heard back from Downlands about the lighting to the flats at end of Willow Ridge. Tumble Tots has had to close due to financial issues which means The Ark is available during the day on Thursdays.

243 Planning Applications It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

11/00604/FUL (Mrs Tang Miswells)
We have no objections to this application but would like a condition in place to ensure that the new property is tied to Miswells.

11/00758/LBC (Mrs Tang Miswells)
We have no objections to this application but would like a condition in place to ensure that the new property is tied to Miswells. We would only want materials used that are in keeping with Miswells.

Mr Harding asked that MSDC be contacted regarding building works being carried out at Broad Oak, East Street.

244 Report on Previous Applications

11/00192/FUL	Withy Cottage stables/sandschool	PERMISSION
11/00262/FUL	Worth School all weather pitch	PERMISSION
10/03623/FUL	26 Withypitts vehicular access	REFUSED
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Burleigh Arches – MSDC is considering prosecution proceedings as the Enforcement notice issued has not been complied with.

Tarana – the bin store, pitched roof parapet to the now approved storeroom and the infill fence have been completed. The acoustic fencing has been approved and needs to be erected by 30.4.11. Moving the air-con units and cycle bays should have been done by the 3.3.11 and the owner has been reminded of this. Technical drawings are still awaited for the extractor fan which is proving difficult as the company has gone into liquidation. Regarding the bollards that have been removed have been reported to WSCC by MSDC.

245 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd March 2011, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the correction of the titles of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

246 Mrs Jarvis reported on the Liaison Group Meeting regarding the development of the waste recycling site at Imberhorne Lane. There had been a very good presentation showing the detail of the redevelopment. A follow up meeting is to be held with the date to be advised.

247 Mrs Jarvis reported on the MSOPC meeting held on 7th March. The group is hoping to receive a lottery award for future projects. The AGM is being held on Friday 8th April, 2pm at Claire Hall. Nicholas Soames will be speaking.

248 Northern Area County Local Committee. Mr Harding reported on the meeting held on 31st March. The grant application for the school rain-water harvesting scheme was refused but they were asked to resubmit the application when they know what the shortfall in funding is.

249 Standing Orders It was RESOLVED that the updated Standing Orders as circulated be adopted.

250 Accounts Due for Payment It was RESOLVED that:

1. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid and
2. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 1st March, 2011, be approved.

The contract for maintenance of the Street Lights is due for renewal but unfortunately the quotation was received after the agenda were issued. This item will therefore be placed on the May agenda to be resolved. The cost per light per year is £30-62, previously £31-55. The cost of parts has increased. The cost of painting columns is £92-21 per column plus the cost of employee.

It was AGREED that the maintenance contract be accepted but further discussion should take place with the company, SEC, regarding the painting work and then to consider how best to fund this work.

251 Correspondence The clerk informed Council that there had not been any places left for the meeting on the Localism Bill last month but 2 further meetings have been arranged: 15th April 9.45-1.00 Heathfield and 19th April same time at Henfield. The cost is £10-00 per person and a light buffet lunch will follow the meeting. Councillors to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend. WSCC inform us that funding has been set aside to install a new VAS at the south side of the village at the location agreed last year. Power is available close by and a new pillar should now be installed as a connection point for the supply. There will be a delay of several months before the connection is made and then WSCC will be installing a new post/ sign at the agreed location which will involve a road crossing for a duct. The lead in time for manufacture and installation will be around 4-5 months. A letter of thanks has been received from the Free Church for the grant towards the toddler group and Bethel Cafe. After some three years MSDC has now removed the diseased and dying Poplars and Willow trees at the back of Withypitts. They will be replaced by some more suitable trees in the autumn. Councillors asked that native trees be used. WSCC has written to inform us that libraries other than mobile and smaller Tier 5 & 6 will be affected by reduced funding at the present time. The smaller services are still being discussed and alternatives investigated. WS public rights of way service – a new access ranger has been appointed for this parish and details of the schedule for work will be given on the WSCC website under the PROW Inspection and Maintenance link. They are also looking for people to volunteer as rights of way wardens to help with parish inspections and rights of way rangers to undertake more practical work. The public path diversion order for path number 76 at Worth Abbey has now been sealed. Karen Bolt sent her thanks to Councillors for the flowers and gift for her new baby daughter.

252 Any Other Urgent Business Mr Harding informed Council that the section of East Street that has been stripped back is to be resurfaced in May.

Mrs Jarvis asked about the new farm shop on East Street – this has been reported to MSDC and is being followed up by them.

As the following item was confidential the Chairman asked the members of the public to leave the meeting.

253 The Minutes of the Ark Community Executive meeting held on 8th March 2011 were adopted.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Signed(Chairman)

3rd May 2011

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