

Wortley Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Smith, Morgan, Sutton, Wing, Loxley, Mitchell.

Apologies : None

Declarations of interest : Cllr Smith, Wortley Rugby Club

1265 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd November 2021 agreed as a true record.

1266 Matters Arising

Parking on Park Avenue – still with BMBC after several attempts to gain information on this issue.

Church Gate War Memorial - Cllr Smith reported on progress that has been made so far.

There might be a slight increase in price as unusual mortar was required. Cllr Smith to meet with Andrew Churchman at the end of February, it is planned to start erecting the woodwork w/c 21st February. The stonework is being extended to either side of the gate. Works should hopefully be finished by next meeting of Parish Council and accounts can be settled. We discussed adding a discrete outdoor electricity socket to the project.

Parish Council website

It is ready to go live. We just need a picture of Wortley on it. Cllr Morgan offered to speak to Tony at the Post Office.

External Audit

We have had to answer a few more questions as we have had a full detailed audit this year. Should be completed anytime now.

Dr Alan Billings meeting.

Cllr Sutton attended and fed back the following.

Discussions were mainly around speeding traffic, in particular near Thorpes garage. Also increased speeds at Howbrook. Dr Billings said he would drive and look personally.

Hanging Baskets

We currently have 12 baskets at the cheaper price 7 in Wortley and 5 in Howbrook.

We decided to up this to 14 this year – 8 in Wortley and 6 in Howbrook.KW to inform BMBC.

1267 Precept

We discussed this and decided to request £8500 this financial year (22/23)

1268 Finance – the following payments were agreed;

11.12.21 RSB Fencing and Gardening - £400.00

09.01.22 BMBC Hanging Baskets 2021 - £1400.88

02.02.22 Tom Crookes architecture - £980.40

08.02.22 KW Salary and Expenses 1/11/21 to 31/03/22 - £894.96 and £49.14

1269 Venue date and time of next meeting

5th April 2022 at 7.30pm (subsequently changed to 12th April due to availability.)

1270 Any Other Business

Bus stops need staining for Platinum Jubilee if possible? Contact SYPTE

Bromley trough – Cllr Mitchell has visited and measured it. Will bring photos to next meeting to discuss further.

The Avenue = leading from the hall to Hermit Hill and A629.It needs resurfacing, and also is attracting speeding traffic.

Email re Sgt Ian McKay who was from Wortley and was awarded a Victoria Cross in the Falklands war. KW to reply to Andrew Care – Sgt Mckay will be read out at Remembrance service each year at Wortley church, also advise that there is a remembrance event to commemorate the 40th anniversary on 14th June at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire.