

## WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Warmington Parish Council meeting

10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Warmington Village Hall 7pm

### 1790. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Bream, Cllr Karen Denny, Cllr Philip Douglas, Cllr Christine Litawski, Cllr Kevin Overton, Cllr Debbi Scotting (chairman), Cllr David Short and Cllr David Strafford. Officer present: The clerk

### 1791. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

There were none.

### 1792. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### a) **NE/22/00230/FUL | Two storey side extension to provide an extra bedroom on the first floor, and further living space on the ground floor. | 1A Stamford Lane Warmington**

It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

#### b) **NE/22/00151/FUL | Hybrid Planning Application:**

Full permission sought for the demolition of all existing buildings and structures and the re-alignment of an existing farm track; site infrastructure works, including groundworks, strategic landscaping and creation of development plateaus; and construction of a storage and distribution unit (Unit 01) (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E), including access, parking, servicing, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Outline permission sought for the construction of industrial distribution space (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E). All matters reserved except for site access. | Sand And Gravel Quarry Land Pts OP4834 7882 And 8518 TL0178 Huntingdon Road Thrapston.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council has strong objections to this application. The main effects for the community of Warmington will be those brought about by the increased traffic using the A605, generated by the proposed warehousing, should it proceed. A crucial point of principle is that the development is not allocated in any local planning documents, either the extant RNTOP<sup>i</sup>, nor the NNJPU<sup>ii</sup> JCS<sup>iii</sup> Part one, nor the emerging plan currently with the inspectorate<sup>iv</sup>. The landscape aspect of the plan impacts Warmington, as the buildings will be visible from the parish and the wider critical importance of ecology and biodiversity at large are important criteria to be considered. These matters will be formulated into a submission of objection and lodged via the planning portal.

#### c) **Newlands**

There was nothing to discuss regarding the Newlands development between junction 17 of the A1(m) and Chesterton as the planning application has not been published.

### 1793. CLERKS REPORT AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

A link to the database of ongoing council matters had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the 'ongoing projects' part is becoming a little unwieldy. This will be addressed going forward.

Decisions made under delegation detailed in the database:

- Bird spike purchase £40.54
- Earth anchors fixings £129.45
- Churchyard wall repair £600.00
- Hautboy walk fence repair £660.00 (an additional charge was made by the contractor)
- Pancake day sundries £71.25

### 1794. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The council will try to obtain grant funding towards the jubilee celebrations
- The clerk met with the team from Neighbourhood Watch (NW) and set up a scheme for Warmington. A publicity campaign to encourage people to join will commence.
- The annual village meeting, hosted by the chairman, will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Attendees confirmed so far are the police, with the Beat Bus, NW and Oundle Volunteer Action. All village hall user groups will be invited as will the PFA and other village organisations.

- The pancake races the preceding weekend had been an immense success with lots of positive feedback. The event will be repeated next year and a Easter hunt planned for 2023 as well.
- There was a brief update on the jubilee plans, which are progressing well.

#### 1795. GOVERNANCE:

##### a) **Website**

A report and recommendation for the supplier of the new WGAC' compliant website had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with Aubergine

#### 1796. COMMUNITY / AMENITY MATTERS:

##### a) **Heads of Terms for lease for play area / Nene Pastures open space:**

The clerk was instructed to revert to the land agent and ascertain the following:

- Clause 23.

a) The council maintains that there are no boundary walls – remove the word wall?

d) Remove 'every 2 weeks' and replace with 'as often as is necessary' per (g) ?

- Clause 27

What is the reason for having the additional fence there - is the existing fence the responsibility of the manor?

Can the new fence butt up right to the existing fence?

- Clause 28

Clarify 'usual provision' under dilapidations and/or compensation on quitting. Does it mean having to hand it back at the end of the lease in no worse a condition than when the lease started?

##### b) **Pathway from Dexter Way to Nene Pastures open space:**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with groundworks and installation of bollard lighting within a budget of £3,000, at the same time as the works agreed under minute 1728.

##### c) **Grass-cutting licence**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve The licence proposal for grass-cutting between Buntings Lane and Bosworth Close via 'dark hole'. (As an aside, it was noted that the works instructed for the cut and clearance had not been carried out correctly and the clerk is not to pay the invoice until arisings are removed)

##### d) **Broadgate Way ditch:**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing order 7 regarding the reversal of previous resolutions. In accordance with the previous resolution, the clerk has contacted the flood team to request enforcement action. There had been no reply. It was agreed to ask David Smith Associates' representatives for advice when they visit the village to help with a different matter.

##### e) **Enabling volunteer involvement for Duke of Edinburgh award events**

The clerk was instructed to contact Kings school in Peterborough to ascertain whether it has any child protection guidelines to assist the council in providing voluntary activities for DofE students.

##### f) **Churchyard wall.**

Some maintenance work has been carried out since the last meeting, with instructions issued in accordance with the council's delegation scheme. Wall maintenance will continue as necessary at a cost of £200 per man day, to a maximum of 12 days. This will be on an ad-hoc basis with works instructed under the scheme of delegation.

In addition, a recent accident occurred whereby a home delivery van hit the wall during an on-street vehicular manoeuvre. The clerk will continue dealing with the delivery company's insurance directly, as there is an excess of £1,000 for the council's legal cover, and the wall is not insured.

#### 1797. HIGHWAYS

Information regarding the proposed gateway scheme had not been forthcoming in time for the meeting.

#### 1798. LOCAL ENGAGEMENT MATTERS:

##### a) **Spring newsletter:**

The target for distribution would be early April and would include details of the Annual Village Meeting and the jubilee celebrations. There would be a 'you said/we did' article and information about various new project and ongoing matters.

b) **Annual parish meeting update.**

This had been covered earlier in the meeting

c) **Police update from Parish liaison meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The clerk had attended to represent the parish. The commissioner and Chief Constable recognised the input of East Northamptonshire area JAG, which was welcomed. The force is aware of the rise in rural crime and is working on covert ANPR coverage and cross border co-operation.

1799. **LAND MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

a) **Football next season:**

Arrangements for 2022/23 season and the hire costs would be carried forward to a following meeting.

b) **Allotments:**

It was agreed that allotment holders would cut the sides of the allotment hedges by hand. The allotment hedge will be included in the hedge works in the tender document for the season starting March 2023.

A 25% to £125 increase in rent from landowner was noted.

c) **Recreation ground ditch works**

It was agreed to engage consultants from David Smith Associates to attend site and advise the council on the drainage downstream from the ditch in question and the most cost-effective and effectual way of dealing with the ditch clearance should it be deemed necessary.

1800. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

An approach had been made to the parish council from someone wishing to commemorate some people interred in the cemetery, but on whose graves they do not have right to erect a memorial. It was agreed that the person is welcome to donate the cost of the bench and a plaque.

1801. **ACCOUNTS MATTERS:**

d) **Accounts**

Accounts and budget year to date to end February had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were approved as a true reflection of the councils financial situation.

Opening Balance	118,770
Add Total Receipts(As Above)	130,327
Less Total Payments(As Above)	106,555
Closing Balance	<u>142,542</u>

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Current Bank A/c	7,807
Tailored Deposit A/c	94,219
Nationwide 6 Month Saver	41,309
Multiply Mastercard	-820
Petty Cash	26
	<u>142,542</u>

e) **Accounts for approval**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment and payments made under delegation or by standing order/direct debit

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross	Power
Wages and pensions	(direct debit)		1,462.97	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S112 & pensions act
Election costs	North Northants Council		60.12	
Training	NCALC		30.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Hedge works	CGM	205.00	246.00	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Office expenses	S Rodger		1,135.43	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Churchyard in Nov	CGM	95.00	114.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S215
50% fireworks deposit	1605 fireworks (jubilee)		750.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S145
Housing needs survey	East Midlands Housing	2,318.00	2,781.60	
Cleaning	Hurcombe		110.00	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Leaf cleaning	cgm	110.00	132.00	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164

Football cut	cgm	68.00	81.60	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Cem/C'yard autumn wks	cgm	339.50	407.40	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S215/S214
Rose garden	HughGardens		243.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S215
Scribe accounts	accounts licence	791.00	949.20	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Parish online mapping	GeoXphere	17.10	24.60	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Training	Chagos Consulting		15.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Bus shelter A605	GW Shelters	4,687.34	5,624.81	LG(mp) 1953 <sup>viii</sup> S19
Orchard clo bus shelter	GW Shelters	3,554.50	4,265.40	LG(mp) 1953 <sup>viii</sup> S19
Wobbly bridge plank	Broxap	230.00	276.00	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Back salary	S Rodger		569.16	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S112
Electricity Jan & Feb	Eon Next		29.06	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
QR Codes	Betterprint	39.00	46.80	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111
Fiveaside nets	Pettitt sports	100.00	120.00	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Artwork redraw	Gazebo shop	36.00	43.20	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S145
Village hall	hire		192.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S111

**Paid by CC**

Gazebo delivery	gazebo shop	30.00	36.00	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S145
Birds spikes	Huck nets	40.54	48.65	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Fixings	Earth anchors	86.50	103.80	PHA <sup>vii</sup> S164
Gazebo	gazebo shop	416.00	499.20	LGA <sup>vi</sup> S145

It was **RESOLVED** to minute a vote of thanks to Cllr Kevin Overton for his role as governance scrutiny and his support of the clerk in ensuring the council can be confident in these approvals.

**1802. MATTERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The increased cost of verge clearance at Broadgate Way will be covered under delegated authority and ratified at the next meeting.

In accordance with [bit.ly/WPC\\_SO](http://bit.ly/WPC_SO) Standing Order 9 Requested items to be notified to the clerk 14 working days in advance of the meeting, on [this form](#) if it is a member's proposed motion.

**THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.57**

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022</b>		
<b>Approved: Signature of chairman</b>		<b>Date</b>

<sup>i</sup> RNOTP = [Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston plan](#)

<sup>ii</sup> NNJPU = [North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit](#)

<sup>iii</sup> JCS = [Joint core strategy](#)

<sup>iv</sup> [https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200193/adopted\\_local\\_plan/65/development\\_plan\\_documents/6](https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200193/adopted_local_plan/65/development_plan_documents/6)

<sup>v</sup> WGAC = [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#)

<sup>vi</sup> LGA = [Local Government Act](#)

<sup>vii</sup> PHA= [Public Health Act 1875](#)

<sup>viii</sup> LG(mp)= [Local Government \(miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1953](#)