

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting
held on Thursday 15th February 2007
At 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Warmington

1. ATTENDANCE

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| Mr D Rowell (Chairman) | Mrs M Hodges |
| Mr R Bosworth (Vice Chairman) | Mr D Short |
| Mr D Constant | Mr M Dixon |
| Mr G Reid | |

4 Parishioners were also in attendance

2. **APOLOGIES** : Apologies were received and accepted from Mr I Cutler and Dr C Jones

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** None

4. PLANNING

- a) 37A Chapel Street – EN/06/02544/FUL – Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension – Mr J Clinton. Mr Rowell explained that the property was originally one of two bungalows built in the grounds of the Hollies. Mr & Mrs Turton, the owners of the neighbouring property were present and Mrs Turton read out an extract from their letter of objection to ENC. Following discussion Mr Constant proposed and Mrs Hodges seconded that the application be objected to on the following grounds:-

The proposed change in height to the property would upset the balance between the two bungalows and have an adverse visual impact. The two properties were built to complement each and this would no longer be the case.

The application is contrary to section H17 of the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan 1996 which states that "Planning permission will normally be granted for residential alterations and extensions provided that the design and materials are in harmony with the existing dwelling and there is no adverse impact upon the amenities of the existing dwelling and neighbouring properties".

The proposed windows would be far too close to the neighbouring property thus impinging on their privacy

The application does not conform or comply to the aspirations of Warmington's adopted Village Design Statement.

The majority were in favour.

- b) For Information - Ellands Farm, Barnwell Road, Hemington – EN/06/00292/FUL – Installation of six turbine wind farm with switch house and connecting cables and associated works – Public Enquiry at East Northamptonshire Council 13th – 17th March 2007
- c) The Enforcement Officer at ENC has made a site visit to 37 Big Green. A licence has been granted by NCC Highways for the security fencing and portacabins and the Enforcement Officer is awaiting details of this licence. It was agreed that the Parish Council ask NCC Highways why they were not consulted before this licence was issued.
- d) It was agreed to remind Mr Moules about the plans for the new bus shelter on Church Street which will need to be submitted to ENC for approval.

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) May Election and Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Rowell, Mr Dixon, Mrs Hodges, Mr Short and Mr Reid indicated that they would like to stand for election in May. Mr Constant will not be standing and Mr Bosworth is yet to decide. It seems unlikely that Dr Jones will stand.

The Annual Parish Meeting was discussed. In the past this has been held at the same time as the Annual Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed to hold the two meetings separately this year. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th May. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting a couple of weeks later at a date to be confirmed at the next meeting.

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- b) Post – Consideration of most effective way to circulate post Councillors were given lists detailing the post that has gone missing. It was agreed that in future all Councillors will record the post that they have received and who they have passed it on to.
- c) Project to create mural on underpass – progress report. NCC have been contacted and written permission has been received. Mr Rowell has recruited Mr Ellard to assist. It is hoped to involve the village and the local schools. Cost is estimated to be between £1,000 - £2,000. Cultural Community Partnerships are keen to be involved and have e mailed grant application details. This would require matching funding by the Parish Council. Mr Rowell suggested asking Sir William Proby if the £1,000 given by Elton Estates for the footpath could now be put towards this project.
- d) Rainbow Health Walks – progress report Mr Reid reported that amendments have been made and proof reading undertaken. Mr Ellard is currently producing photographs and drawings. A draft will be ready for the Chairman's perusal by this weekend. After this grants will be looked into. The leaflet will be in the same format as the ROW leaflets for other villages. It has been decided to retain the original more lengthy explanatory text and produce this as an additional booklet to be delivered to all villagers with a copy of the leaflet.
- e) Bus shelters – progress report on replacement and upgrade. The money has now been received from Tesco's Insurers. The two new bus shelters on Chapel Street and Orchard Close are due to be installed on Thursday 1st March. The old shelter on Orchard Close will be relocated to the A605. Both shelters on the A605 will be reglazed during the week commencing 5th March
- f) Unsung Heroes Award – consideration of scheme for Warmington It was agreed that this was a good idea and will be considered in more detail at the next meeting. Mr Constant suggested that it should be kept very simple with perhaps a request for nominations appearing in the newsletter
- g) Village of the Year Award – consideration of entry. It was agreed not to enter the competition this year particularly with the state of the verges around the village. It was agreed to include this item in the next newsletter.
- h) Litter pick – Saturday 24th March. Mrs Hodges is coordinating this. It will begin at the Village Hall at 9.30 am. Mr Short asked that litter pickers do not go on private land. Mr Rowell asked that the Fun Field and Cemetery are included. Mrs Hodges is to source Easter Eggs for the children.
Mr Rowell pointed out that the litter bins at the Cemetery need to be put out on a regular basis. Mr Dixon to have a word with the dustmen.
- i) Grant from NCC for cricket facility. The conditions for this have been considered and steps are being taken to ensure that all is or will be in place – policies, cricket coaches, CRB checks, Child Protection training etc. The clerk will sign the contract and return it to NCC.
- j) Consideration of quotation to maintain the rose garden. Mr Short proposed and Mrs Hodges seconded that Mr Harbour maintain the rose bed for 2007 at a cost of £140. AIF

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The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

