

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the 14th December 2015
7.30pm
In the Village Hall, Warmington.

661. ATTENDANCE: Present: Chris Ellard (chairman), Doug Jose, Ian Middleton, Nigel Rudd, David Short and Joanna Simpson and Morag Wilson Also present: The clerk and 1 member of the public and a local PCSO. Apologies received from Graham Reid due to family commitments and from Paul Schofield due to business commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

662. There were no declarations of interest.

663. It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 2nd 2015 as a true record of that meeting.

664. Statements from members of the public / Input from police if present: There was a report regarding a recent night-time break-in at Glebe Stores in Warmington, which is part of an ongoing investigation. Police patrols would be increased over the upcoming Christmas period.

665. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS: Consider the planning applications below plus any other planning applications advised by East Northamptonshire Council and available on its [website](#) between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains. (Such planning applications which arrive after the preparation of this agenda that are considered at the meeting, may be subject to review at a later stage) Click on underlined links to view:

15/01927/FUL Refurbishment of property including the erection of a two storey rear extension, insertion of windows to side elevations, loft conversion with dormer windows to front, canopy/porch to front and extension and new pitched roof to existing garage | 27 Big Green Warmington: It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections to the proposals in the planning applications nor further comment to make.

666. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

a. A draft parish council priority statement had been circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. This will be considered by the working party looking at meeting arrangements and the possibility of a committee structure and reported at a meeting in the New Year.

b. Asset Register: This is not yet finalised and will be re-tabled for discussion once ready.

c. Meeting management and structure would form part of the working party discussions as per 666a above between the chairman, the clerk and Cllr Nigel Rudd.

d. A meeting to discuss staffing issues would be held between the clerk and the working party following the meeting.

e. Public Liability: The issues concerning risk assessments in line with expectations from insurance company, monthly play ground checks and safeguarding of employees, members and volunteers remain unresolved and will be carried forward.

667. HIGHWAYS / FLOOD RESILIENCE:

a. Concerns were expressed regarding dead trees in hedges bordering the highway to the southwest of Broadgate Way, to the south of the junction with Church St. The clerk will investigate enforcement procedures allowable under 1976 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) legislation and will contact the landowners of the adjacent land as well. It was felt that the ditch itself was not overgrown enough to prevent drainage of water into it and that the vegetation would impede the velocity of water flowing into the adjacent culverts.

Concerns were also expressed over the parish council's involvement with individual landowners' and property owners' statutory riparian duties. It was agreed that matter would be re-visited in due course with a clearer view on the implications of this action.

b. A request had been received regarding speed indicator signage. It was felt that, in view of the speed data captured within the last few years, this was not a project that the parish council wished to pursue at the current time, but would monitor and re-assess if necessary.

668. FUN FIELD: A public village meeting had been held to inform/consult on open green space facilities and a proposal to celebrate the Queen's Birthday with a village party. A brief report and details of written feedback left by attendees had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Whilst there is support for a pavilion as a concept, the parish council's overriding concern is the long term viability and sustainability of such a large investment of funds on a project that will require long term revenue commitment for maintenance and repairs with no surety of income or community usage. The council's intention would be to use the S106 funds at its disposal for the recreational benefit of the maximum numbers of residents of Warmington.

The council is content to consider supporting the village school's use of the field and facilities, and will require a clear understanding of its needs and financial capabilities for support in order to put this into context of facilities at the fun field. *(NB Having looked at the lease for the FF, commercial income is prohibited and the field is for the recreational use of Warmington residents which somewhat stymies some of the speculative intentions aired to date)*

A date for another public meeting will be organised for January – the clerk will liaise with the village hall management.

669. CHURCHYARD: A person to look after the rose garden has been identified and a quote for carrying out the work is awaited.

670. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of the following:

| Payee | Goods / Service | Nett | Gross | Comment |
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| Village Hall | Village hall hire | 24.00 | 24.00 | Cheque |
| S Rodger | Salary Nov | 376.18 | | Paid s/o |
| R J Warren | Grasscutting October | 1,574.50 | 1,889.40 | BACS |
| R J Warren | FunField July | 363.76 | 436.51 | BACS |
| Eon | Electricity Consumption Oct | 301.61 | 361.93 | Paid dd |
| Plough Environmental | Churchyard & play area clearanc | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | BACS |
| NewFlame | Fire extinguishers | 58.69 | 70.43 | Paid Bacs |
| SLCC | Training | 29.00 | 29.00 | Paid Bacs |
| Eon | Streetlighting maintenance | 278.33 | 333.99 | Bacs |
| J Harrington | Retirees Xmas lunch | 65.00 | 65.00 | Paid Bacs |

b. Projected year end balances, capital & revenue/operating requirements for 2016/17, a proposed draft budget and the impact on tax payers had been circulated following the last meeting. It was decided to carry the budget forward to the next meeting.

c. It was **RESOLVED** to invest earmarked reserves which would not be required for revenue purposes in a Nationwide 6 month 1% instant access account.

d. It was **RESOLVED** to approve conditions of pre-paid debit card to assist with sundry cash purchase as circulated in advance of the meeting.

671. RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S / CLERK'S / COMMITTEE REPORT / UPDATE: The new noticeboard had been erected the previous weekend and was reported to be most pleasing.

672. CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE / FOR ACTION: It was noted that residents had started to receive housing needs surveys for completion. Northamptonshire County Council is carrying out a survey concerning the upcoming budget preparations for the county – members were encouraged to make their personal views known directly.

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| DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11TH JANUARY 2016 2012 7.30PM, WARMINGTON VILLAGE HALL | | |
| Approved by Warmington Parish Council: | | |
| Signature of Chairman of following meeting: | | Date 11th January 2016 |