

## WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

7.30pm

In the Village Hall, Warmington.

**711. ATTENDANCE:** Present: Chris Ellard (chairman), Doug Jose (from 7.40), Graham Reid, Nigel Rudd, David Short and Joanna Simpson (from 7.40pm). Also present: The clerk. Apologies received from Ian Middleton due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Absent: Paul Schofield and Morag Wilson who had both been ill recently.

**712. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of pecuniary interest. There was a personal interest declared from Nigel Rudd who is related to someone who works for the planning inspectorate.

**713.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the minutes of the two meetings held in February 2016 as a true record of the meetings.

**714. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** There was a brief discussion regarding a recent crime that had been reported to the police.

### **715. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS:**

a. 16/00368/FUL | Single storey extension to front of bungalow and single storey extension to side | 5 Broadgate Way Warmington – It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections to the proposals in the planning application nor further comment to make.

b. Housing Needs Survey report – There was a discussion regarding the report, especially noting the fact that it had been commissioned by Spire Homes which the parish council wasn't entirely aware of during the initial presentation of the proposal. However, the contents are useful and will inform planning applications and development proposals in the parish.

The Housing Association and Spire Homes will be attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting and East Northamptonshire Council housing strategy possibly as well.

c. The outcome of planning appeals against Enforcement Notices at The Riverside Bluebell Lakes Fotheringhay Road Tansor Northamptonshire had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the contents noted

*Jo  
Simpson  
and  
Doug Jose  
arrived  
during  
this item*

### **716. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

a. Proposals for a new committee system and meeting schedule going forward from April 1<sup>st</sup> had been circulated in advance of the meeting by the chairman. It was agreed that this way of working would allow the way the council works with other community members to become more formalised and in keeping with what is expected from council committees statutorily and would allow a deeper involvement of the council with matters for which it has legal responsibilities.

Members would consider their views and of which committees they would like to become members prior to the April meeting. The clerk will draft terms of reference for each committee.

b. It was agreed to sign off the clerk's appraisal, which had been carried out earlier in the year. The document detailing the comments would be circulated with the minutes.

c. Prior to the meeting copies of a Financial Risk Assessment, Internal Control Document and Internal Audit Review had been circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt these.

**717. HIGHWAYS / FLOOD RESILIENCE:** There was no update on previous matters, but there had been a discussion regarding the extremely heavy rain the previous week. There had been widespread flooding throughout much of north east Northamptonshire, with rivers bursting their banks as well as some surface floods caused by runoff. The meeting was pleased to note that the culverts that had been recently cleaned had been running freely. Church Street, at the 'old ford' outside of the village had been impassable for some hours due to flood water which it was surmised was caused by the fact that the mill pond on the River Nene was very full and caused by backing up and perhaps sluice gates had not been fully opened.

**718. FUN FIELD:** Notes of the working party meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February had been circulated.

The clerk was instructed to buy some canes to accompany the whips and protective spirals for the perimeter hedge planting.

**719. PLAY AREA:**

a. It was **RESOLVED** to procure two cradle swings for the infant swing bay at play area at a maximum cost of £119.00 each plus fitting, not to exceed £160.

b. The cleaning at play area has been commissioned and is currently in progress.

**720. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Matters to be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting would include the Housing Needs Survey, The Queen’s Birthday celebration weekend, the new pavilion at the playing field and the Benefice Room. Members of the public are able to raise any matter for discussion as well.

**721. QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PARTY:** A brief update of the planned events was reiterated. An additional meeting would be held for interested parties on 12th April.

**722. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND ITEMS TO NOTE:** The faculty for the churchyard wall had been extended to the end of May. The builders are planning to carry out the repairs to the wall in May.

**723. LITTER PICK:** The council had been awarded a ‘Litter Heroes’ prize of £150 from CPRE for the 2015 litter pick to be spent on community asset. It was **RESOLVED** that this would be used to purchase flowering bulbs. The 2016 litter pick would be taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**724. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts:

Payee	Goods / Service	Nett	Gross
Village Hall	Village hall hire	24.00	24.00
S Rodger	Salary	376.18	
HMRC	PAYE		291.00
Eon	March Streetlighting	291.57	349.88
Getmapping	Parish Online	28.00	33.60
Church PCC	Hire of benefice room	5.00	5.00
Horticultural Society	Fees collected with allotment rents	54.00	54.00
S Rodger	2nd half office costs & expenses		189.84
East Northants Council	Election Costs	1,071.72	1,071.72
S Rodger	Hedge whip spirals & canes	73.06	73.06
Choiceshops/Hedge Nursery	Hedge Whips	100.99	121.19
Glenn Goodall	Plumbing repairs at Fun Field	80.00	80.00

b. It was confirmed that the council is in agreement with the fact that Nigel Rudd was included as an additional signatory to Unity Trust bank account in the application.

c. The application for Alto prepaid debit card was signed.

d. It was **RESOLVED** to transfer £40,000 to the newly opened 6 month account with Nationwide.

e. It was agreed that the new standing for salary would be updated to take into account new salary levels and PAYE deductions.

**725. RECEIVE CHAIRMAN’S / CLERK’S / COMMITTEE REPORT / UPDATE:** The clerk would be attending a funding fair at East Northamptonshire Council on March 18<sup>th</sup>

**726. CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE / FOR ACTION:**

- It was decided not to take up ACRE membership for the forthcoming year.

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 2012 7.30PM, WARMINGTON VILLAGE HALL</b>
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<b>Approved by Warmington Parish Council:</b>
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<b>Signature of Chairman of following meeting:</b>		<b>Date 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
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