



WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting
Held on Tuesday 9th February 2012
At 7.30pm
In the Village Hall, Warmington.

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr David Short (Chairman)

Mrs Jennifer Anderson

Mr Chris Ellard

Mr Doug Jose

Mr Ian Middleton

Mrs Morag Wilson

Plus the clerk and 4 members of the public

2. APOLOGIES Dr Tim Helstrip (PC dispensation), Mrs Jo Simpson (prior commitment) and Mr Graham Reid (holiday) – apologies all accepted

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None

4. PARISHIONERS' STATEMENTS RE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

One member of the public asked that the meeting be opened to allow public input during item 7 – discussions on Big Green.

A question was raised asking why the parish council is discussing the Section 106 community input before the planning permission is granted, It was explained that Section 106 is the reference made to the legal part of a planning permission and which forms part of the whole planning application process. If the parish council does not engage with the planning authority at this stage on this matter, in the event that the proposal were to go ahead, there would be no community funding at all for the parish council.

5. CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND WHERE OFF-SITE CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE SPENT, with reference to proposal for development of 21 dwellings on Stamford Lane, Warmington. At the annual meeting of the fun field committee, this matter had been discussed. That meeting concluded that the fun field is in need of 2 new portacabins to replace the existing one on site, which is almost at the end of its usefulness. It is not possible to replace the existing portacabin with a more permanent type of pavilion building because the land is not owned by the parish council. There was a protracted discussion regarding the planning proposal in general, with particular emphasis on the possibility of a footpath, which will be re-addressed at the appropriate time. The point was made there were other possibilities for community funding in the village, but these had not been put forward at the meeting in December so had not been considered for this evenings meeting.

The parish council reiterated the point in the strongest possible terms that it is complying with the planning authority's request to clarify the requirements for funding to improve existing community facilities in the village in order that the community can benefit if the development does go ahead. This is no way to be seen as a persuasive strategy to encourage the parish council to change its views on the proposals. The parish council's view on the planning proposal has not changed and the council will not be changing its stance in light of the potential of community funding.

It was proposed by Mr Ellard and seconded by Mr Jose, with all in favour and therefore resolved that the parish council would advise the planning authority that it requires 2 portacabins, possibly adjoining, at the fun field. One of the portacabins would be fitted out with changing and showering facilities, for 2 teams and an official. The other portacabin would be for meetings and leisure use. The other community project that will be put forward is improvements to the existing

community hall. The total budget for these two projects will be £85,000.

6. RAINBOW BRIDGE PROJECT Sir William Proby had been in touch with the parish council to explain that he found his position with regard to the granting of a permissive path untenable at the present time due to the wording of parts of the Localism Act 2011. As a result, the bridge cannot be put over the brook in the field through which the permissive path would have passed. It was proposed by Mr Chris Ellard and seconded by Mrs Jennifer Anderson and **RESOLVED** with all in favour, that the council resolves to request from Sir William a conditional circumstance under which he would allow a permissive footpath in order that the bridge can be installed over the brook in question.

7. BIG GREEN Update on the latest position with regard to highway repairs at Big Green. The feeling was generally that the proposal has moved somewhat from that originally agreed in 2011, but there was an general acceptance that the revised plan would be a more permanent solution to the ongoing problem and whilst in essence the road was being widened, this would in reality be to incorporate the worn away grass verges into the highway. Instead of incorporating grasscrete paving onto the verges, a process known as haunching is going to be employed to strengthen the edges of the road so that, in theory, they are able to withstand vehicle movement better. Grasscrete is not the ideal solution on a road with the camber that Big Green has and to avoid water run off, the houses on the north of the road will have raised kerbing to avoid water runoff. Some of the accesses to houses will be resurfaced too. There is a substantial additional cost to the project, but this will be covered by the highways department. It was proposed by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mrs Anderson and **RESOLVED** by an additional 4 votes that the parish council confirms that it is happy to support this project.

8. PLANNING (click on link to view)

a) 12/00079/FUL - 2 Chapel Street Warmington -Two storey extension to front of house Replace modern windows on front and rear elevations with new timber double glazed windows; Insert insulated flexible liners into two chimneys; remove modern garage and lean-to conservatory at rear; remove concrete hard standing at rear; Dryline utility and cloakroom; remove modern ceiling in kitchen and insert two rooflights; Lay timber floor over existing concrete floor in sitting room; lay quarry tiles on existing concrete floor in utility and cloakroom; replace modern fully glazed back door with part-glazed timber door. There was a short discussion and It was proposed by Mr Ellard, seconded by Mrs Wilson and **RESOLVED** by all in favour that the council raises no objection or makes further comment.

9. CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CLERK'S TRAINING COURSE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS for submitting CiLCA portfolio. It was proposed by Mrs Wilson seconded by Mr Ellard and **RESOLVED** by all in favour that the council would contribute towards the clerk's training course which will be £300, plus expenses and the cost of the portfolio registration is £150. This is to be split over 4 councils and exact costs to be confirmed but it is likely to be around £150

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5TH MARCH 2012 7.30PM, WARMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Warmington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following full meeting:**

Date: 5th March 2012