

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 8th February 2016

7.31pm

In the Village Hall, Warmington.

695. ATTENDANCE: Present: Chris Ellard (chairman), Doug Jose, Ian Middleton, Graham Reid, Nigel Rudd, David Short and Joanna Simpson (from 7.36pm). Also present: The clerk and 2 members of the public and a local PCSO. Apologies received from Morag Wilson due to illness Paul Schofield due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies

696. 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.

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

698. There was brief input from the PCSO in attendance who reported that there had been an attempted burglary on Chapel Street, the police are identifying a number of insecure vehicles in the area and there have been some armed robberies on smaller shops targeting cigarettes.

699. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS:

a. 16/00087/FUL | Single storey rear extension | 6 School Lane Warmington – It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections to the proposals in the planning application nor further comment to make.

b. Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update - Draft Plan for Consultation. The local plan was noted. There were no comments to make, other than the observation that any notices must be displayed within the actual parish in which works are proposed. This is because there is some confusion about a notice in the neighbouring village of Fotheringhay which may have referred to the site near Eaglethorpe.

c. Feedback from concerns raised regarding reservoir north of Eaglethorpe: Applications to extend the time limit for operations (Ref. nos. 13/00073/MINVOC and 13/00074/MINVOC), which was eventually approved. Under those consents they have until 31st July 2018 to finish the development and restore the site. Mineral extraction has been completed at the permission site. The remaining stages of the development are to:

- import a sufficient amount of clay to complete the lining of the reservoir;
- drain the mineral working and install clay liner;
- undertake final shaping of the reservoir and adjoining land;
- let water levels rise in reservoir;
- install bird hide and undertake topsoiling, planting and seeding of margin habitats;
- monitor and manage the wildlife site interests for a period of 5 years (termed as 'ecological aftercare');

Northamptonshire County Council is in the process of agreeing the final restoration works sequence, ecological management plan and the ecological aftercare scheme which are required under planning conditions attached to the planning permissions. It is expected that the final scheme for approval will have been submitted by the end January. The final scheme will give dates for the completion of the above stages (all of which are required to be done by 31st July 2018).

It's envisaged that it will take the operator maybe 6 – 9 months or so this year to obtain and stockpile a sufficient amount of clay to undertake the lining works with the final landshaping and habitat creation works likely to take place Spring – Summer 2017.

700. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

a. The first monthly inspection of the play area had identified an array of issues. It was agreed that these would be collated into a proper report with an action plan and staged programme of necessary works, for circulation at the soonest opportunity and decision at the following meeting. Action: GR

b. Asset list: A list of items owned by the parish council had been collated. This will form the basis of an asset list, with details of costs, replacement values, locations and other details. This would be prepared as soon as possible.

c. The chairman will circulate a proposal for a committee structure for the council. This will be discussed along with the proposed parish council priority over the next months with a view to adoption at the annual meeting of the parish council in May.

d. A working party had met with the clerk to discuss working practices earlier in the year. The recommendations of that working party had formed the basis of a meeting to discuss the clerk's salary and working hours for the upcoming financial year and resolved in January. A summary of the working party's recommendations together with the clerk's comments will be forwarded to the working party for approval and then put on record as a summary of the agreements.

701. HIGHWAYS / FLOOD RESILIENCE: The clerk will respond to the customer satisfaction survey.

702. FUN FIELD:

a. A report prepared by Graham Yeatman on behalf of the Fun Field had been circulated in advance of the meeting to all council members. It is a fully comprehensive and widely encompassing report and presented in a very professional way. The chairman thanked Graham for all the work he had put in to prepare it, the amount being self-evident. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Elton Estates, from whom the council leases the land, outlining what the wider intentions are in terms of improving facilities at the fun field, with a request that if there is any intent for other uses of the area, the council is advised before it pursues the matter. A clarification of the limit on commercial activities would be sought at the same time. Action: clerk, with a draft approved first.

It was agreed that a working party would meet to discuss the report and consider recommendations to the next parish council meeting. The chairman will circulate information.

b. There was a discussion regarding the hedge at the funfield. The necessary work involves removing weeds and brambles and planting of whips to form the basis of a hedge. Some trees will be supplied by the Woodland trust but they will not be enough. It was agreed that the clerk will procure some additional whips, under guidance, in accordance with de-minimis devolved powers, subject to ratification at the next meeting.

703. PLAY AREA: It was **RESOLVED** to appoint a contractor to clean and treat safety matting at play area in accordance with the specification and price circulated in advance of the meeting.

704. CHURCHYARD: No quote had been forthcoming regarding the maintenance of the rose garden at the churchyard.

705. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY: There was a brief update from village meeting held the following week.

706. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The results of the Housing Needs Survey, if received, would form the basis of the Annual Parish Meeting, with the Queens Birthday party celebration weekend discussions as an important item for discussion too.

707. LITTER PICK: The litter pick has been organised for 19th March

708. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of accounts payable:

Payee	Goods / Service	Nett	Gross
Village Hall	Village hall hire	40.00	40.00
S Rodger	Salary Nov	376.18	
Anglian Water	Funfield water	50.37	50.37
Anglian Water	Allotments water	33.30	33.30

Eon	Fun field electric Oct bill	30.89	32.43
Eon	Fun field electric Jan bill	32.15	33.76
Eon	January Streetlighting	311.67	374.00
Eon	Repairs	105.24	114.29

b. It was **RESOLVED** that the council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit.

709. RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S / CLERK'S / COMMITTEE REPORT / UPDATE: Nobody from the council had attended the cluster meeting at East Northamptonshire Council on 2nd February.

710. CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE / FOR ACTION: Information had been received regarding the best kept village competition, but this was not something of interest at the current time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14TH MARCH 2016 7.30PM, WARMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Warmington Parish Council:	
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Signature of Chairman of following meeting:		Date 14th March 2016
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