

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Land Management Committee Meeting

24th June 2019 7.30pm In the Village Hall, Warmington.

1349. ATTENDANCE - PRESENT: Cllr Gillian Beeby, Philip Brashaw, Cllr Chris Ellard, Roger Litawski, Derek Rowell, Cllr David Strafford (chairman), and Cllr David Short. The clerk and the administration officer. Also present: One member of the public. Apologies received from John Atkinson due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

1350. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

- Cllr David Short declared a pecuniary interest in planning item relating to Elton2 mineral extraction as he has business dealings with the landowner.
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve a blanket dispensation to allow all members who are allotment holders to remain in meetings and take part in discussions regarding all matters pertaining to allotments, except for those directly concerning individual financial matters (e.g. Setting rents) in which case the normal rules regarding pecuniary interests, in accordance with standing orders, will be followed.

1351. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the land management committee held in January 2019.

1352. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There was an observation regarding a planning enforcement matter.

1353. RECEIVE PRESENTATION REGARDING PUMP TRACK – two members of the public who would like the parish council to consider a proposal to utilise an area of the recreation ground to provide a cycle track facility put forward the brief for the proposal by means of a [presentation](#). It was agreed to take this forward to the next parish council meeting for further consideration.

1354. CEMETERY: It was **RESOLVED** to approve maintenance and improvement works at the cemetery with a budget of 2 x 2man days plus materials £450. The current notices in the cemetery lynch gate would be removed, replacing them if necessary. The chairman will renovate the existing wall cabinet at no cost to the council other than possibly some new Perspex.

1355. POCKET PARKS:

- a) Update on forest school activities: It has been a great success to date with activities linking directly back to the curriculum whilst allowing the children an exciting opportunity to learn in a new environment.
- b) Update on recent works at pocket parks: A [report](#) on recent works had been received from Paul Stamper. The chairman thanked the volunteers for their hard work.
- c) Willow house in Big Green Pocket Park: There was a discussion regarding planting of willows some time ago that had been intended to create a 'den' type feature, but the current state of the project does not lend itself to this use. It was agreed that the pocket park working group leaders should investigate.

1356. RECREATION GROUND:

- a) A draft [licence](#) terms for use of bouncy castle at recreation ground had been circulated in advance of the meeting. As the parish council's insurance precludes use of bouncy castles, users must make their own arrangements for such cover ensuring that such cover indemnifies the parish council. The terms of the licence was agreed in principle for format of future similar events and the person requesting to use the recreation ground at the end of June could proceed.
- b) A request from Freedom Leisure to use the recreation ground for 'Stay and Play' activity in summer holidays had been received. That organisation would be subject to the same form of licence as per the above item.
- c) There was a discussion regarding recent incidents of damage at the recreation ground and potential security measures. The cost of repairs to damage to a canopy which had become detached from the changing cabin was approved and would be made under clerk's delegated power. Members would investigate the use of security measures, possibly including cameras and bring ideas to the parish council meeting on July 11th.
- d) There was a discussion regarding notices regarding bird spikes so that people understand that they are to deter birds from accessing equipment, rather than people. It was agreed to proceed with this – the chairman undertook to prepare some signs and to replace some of the bird spikes as well. The clerk will alert the local policing team to the areas of the village where anti-social behaviour is taking place.

- e) There was a discussion regarding a header signage for the recreation ground noticeboard. Details will be costed and a funding source and carried forward for agreement.
- f) There was a discussion regarding disabled access at the playing field. It was agreed that the clerk will clarify what the laws regarding DDA and equality demand of the parish council in terms of access and the matter carried forward to a future meeting.

1357. ALLOTMENTS: There was an update from the allotment co-ordinator regarding recent improvement works on taps, water butts and surfacing improvements with slabs. A recently renovated rotavator has been donated for use by the allotment holders. The school garden has been a huge success with every child at the school having visited it at least once. The area will be covered during school holidays to avoid weeds and/or other allotment holders having to carry out works. Upcoming projects include repainting the shed, the annual skip hire and some works to the communal shed.

1358. EVENTS:

- a) The gazebo will be in use the following Friday at the garden party. During the exceptional winds during the pancake races, the gazebo was damaged. It will be inspected whilst up on Friday and a view taken as to its repair.
- b) At the meeting of the full council a fortnight ago, it had been agreed to form a working party to identify un-met community needs to report to future parish council meeting for consideration. It was agreed that this working party would also look at village events and bring to meetings as necessary for further discussion. These will include: Warmington feast day; Summer fête, Sports Day, New Year's Eve event, with beacon, VE Day celebrations. and litter pick / pancake races 2020.

It was noted that Cllr Beeby had led on this year's litter pick / pancake races and submitted an entry to the CPRE competition. The chairman congratulated Cllr Beeby on the parish council being awarded first prize of £450.

1359. HIGHWAYS: There was a discussion regarding overhanging vegetation at a particular residence. The clerk explained that this matter had been addressed in the past and that the impression given was that the area in question had been addressed. However, she would approach the landowner and reiterate the committee's concerns.

1360. PROTOCOL / GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Gillian Beeby as vice chairman of the governance committee meetings.
- b) The fact that meetings will be moving from Mondays at 7.30pm to Thursdays at 7pm was noted.
- c) Declarations of interest forms were handed to members who have not yet lodged them with the monitoring officer at East Northamptonshire Council. The administration officer undertook to collate complete forms and post to East Northamptonshire Council.
- d) A number of items of community benefit should the Elton2 gravel extraction project obtain permission and licences were suggested including the pump track addressed at the start of this meeting or the removal of the existing materials known as the BMX track via extraction site, a new village hall, a village sign, procurement of land behind the current village hall, planters, a MUGA and a bridge at the NE boundary of The Greenway. Every member was asked to provide these to the clerk in time for preparation of the next agenda for the meeting on July 11th (i.e. July 5th)
- e) Accounts to date had been circulated with the minutes. There was some confusion around the spending and carry forward of the grants received in 2018/19. It was agreed that the clerk will send the [summary](#) as part of the minutes.

1361. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a) Bulb planting would be carried forward to September's meeting.
- b) A discussion regarding the remains of a person believed to have been buried in the bronze age was discussed. The matter would be carried forward to September and members would discuss with local historians in the meantime.

1362. REPORTS AND MATTERS FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- The clerk was asked to contact the contractor who deals with the rose garden at the churchyard raising some concerns about rubbish, bags, weeding and poppy growth.

1363. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD:

- Fireworks party
- Barbecue at recreation ground from CPRE prize

- Cameras at the recreation ground
- Church gate
- Accounts
- Broadgate Way branches
- DDA (September)
- Bronze age man (September)

1364. CLOSURE OF MEETING: There being no further business to discuss, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 12th September 2019.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019 7.30PM, WARMINGTON VILLAGE HALL		
Approved by Warmington Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman of following meeting:		Date