

## WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Warmington Parish Council Full Council meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8.35pm, immediately following a public planning meeting.

In the Village Hall, Warmington.

- 1468. ATTENDANCE - PRESENT:** Cllr Philip Douglas, Nikki Howard, Cllr Nigel Rudd (chairman), Cllr Debbi Scotting, Cllr Joanna Simpson and Cllr David Strafford. Also present: The clerk and Steve Cheeseman as a consultant and member of the governance committee with specialist knowledge regarding planning matters, the impact of the Elton2 proposals and Warmington 2031. Apologies received from Cllr Chris Ellard due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Absent: David Short. The chairman advised that Gillian Beeby had resigned from the council – the chairman had expressed the council's gratitude for her significant contribution.
- 1469.** Declarations of interests:
- Cllr Nigel Rudd reaffirmed his standing personal interest, for which he has a dispensation to the end of the current parish council term of office, as he is related to someone who works for the planning inspectorate.
  - Cllr Nigel Rudd declared a pecuniary interest in the planning agenda item 6a (minute 1473d)
- 1470.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the full parish council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and note 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 land management committee minutes.
- 1471. MATTERS ARISING** from previous minutes focussed on the 19/00033/MINFUL, 19/00034/MINVOC, 19/00035/MINFUL: quarry application known as 'Elton2'. In response to the latest consultation on additional and revised documents submitted as part of the application process for quarrying activities, it was **RESOLVED** to delegate the council's response to the clerk in consultation with the chairman and Warmington2031 neighbourhood plan committee members, with the proposed submission to be circulated to members prior to submission, having regard to the meeting earlier in the evening and the public views expressed therein. The chairman thanked all of the members of council and community who had helped before during and after the public meeting which had been attended by approximately 90 people included 3 businesses / public organisations.
- 1472.** There were no questions or statements from members of the public.
- 1473. LICENCE, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS:**
- a) 20/00129/FUL | Single storey extension to rear elevation | 3 Buntings Lane Warmington. It was **RESOLVED** that Warmington Parish Council has no objections or further comment to make.
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the clerk in consultation with the chairman and Warmington2031 neighbourhood plan lead the council's response to the following planning consultations:
    - Draft householder extensions SPD<sup>i</sup>
    - ENC local plan part 2 – Land to the west of Rushden Lakes (450 houses/Employment/hotel/green infrastructure and Land between Newton Rd & Chelveston Rd Higham Ferrers – new secondary school 145 pupils with SENs
  - c) Update on previous planning applications of note:
    - 1410/PDU – Taylors Green application for certificate of lawful development had been withdrawn
    - 1495/FUL – land between 53 and 59 Church St (Spinney Close project). A meeting had taken place earlier in the day involving the owner, builder and architect along with the head of planning and a planning officer and Warmington Parish Council clerk and lead representative of the Warmington2031 Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk had immediately contacted the WPC chairman following the meeting to express disappointment at the way the meeting was conducted and the disdainful way in which the parish council and, in particular, the Warmington Neighbourhood Plan's design code were treated. The application will again be subject to discussion at East Northamptonshire Council Planning Management committee at which representatives of Warmington Parish Council and neighbours would be able to speak.
- Cllr Nigel Rudd left the meeting room for the duration of the next item which was chaired by Cllr Nikki Howard:*
- d) 20/00020/FUL | Two storey extension | 2 Orchard Close Warmington It was **RESOLVED** that Warmington Parish Council has no objections or further comment to make.
- 1474. LAND MANAGEMENT MATTERS:** LMC Chair to note budget spend at limit, so no further additional commitment by LMC
- a) Litter Pick and pancake day update: The event is on track to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> February as expected. The clerk apologised for the delay with the preparation of the posters which are now in the village. The entry forms are in the shop.

- b) Several ideas had been considered by the working party putting together proposals for a VE Day celebration, which had been circulated prior to December's meeting, although no commitment was agreed upon at that stage. There had been varying degrees of support and interest from the community, but no volunteers to join the working party or organising committee and there is insufficient budget to cover the likely costs. There was consideration of a less ambitious street party on the old gated Peterborough Road, but time is short to organise a successful event given the council elections, other parish council commitments and the consequent lack of capacity. It was decided that the council will not organise a VE Day celebration event for the spring, but would carry forward a proposal to the new council for a celebration of peace to combine VE and VJ days and promote community cohesion during the summer. The clerk will cancel the bookings made by the working party and request deposits to be returned if possible.
- c) Dates for consideration for community celebration, including VJ Day/Christmas party/Fireworks would carry over to the new council following the elections in May
- d) The 'Manor Court' developer at the old working men's club site had taken on board representations following the December parish council meeting and Elton Estate's objections to removal of a tree and, as per discussions with a land management working group, agreed to preserve the trees at the boundary with the play area. The crown of the taller tree in the most northerly corner would be lifted with some of its lower stub branches being removed and the self-set trees along the boundary in a southerly direction would be tidied up and thinned out. The hedge itself would be brought to the height on the fencing surrounding the site and maintained as per the current amenity maintenance contract.
- e) Fireworks income: The amount of money left once all costs have been deducted from income was less than a quarter of the surplus of the preceding 5 years. Coupled with the low profit was the fact that the donations to good causes in 2018 exceeded the surplus income, which left a profit from 2019's event of £141. In the meantime, in all good faith, a pledge of £250 had been made to cover the cost of a good cause. It was **RESOLVED** that the sum of £141 would be paid from the 2019 event and the remainder would be considered for payment in the next financial year.
- f) Monthly play equipment checks on play park and recreation ground had been carried out by a member who has now resigned from the council. The LMC chairman will approach committee members with a view to the practice of monthly checks being sustained to ensure the safety of users and compliance with occupier's liability and insurance requirements.
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the clerk in consultation with the chairman of the land management committee the necessary culvert work at the cemetery if the quotes received were within the sum available in the flood alleviation budget.
- h) It was **RESOLVED** to instruct in accordance with the quote received for hedge-works, provided the budget proposals later in the meeting were approved.

**1475. VILLAGE AMENITY AND HIGHWAYS VERGES CONTRACT:** It was **RESOLVED** to extend the current contracts for a further 2 years, with some additional works possibly included as well. These would include the verge from 30limit to 30limit along Peterborough Road and Buntings Lane, the wildflower areas and the areas within the new speed limit once that has moved to its new location.

**1476. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

- a) Highways items
  - Wild verge management could be carried out by the highways and amenities contractor – a quote to have the maintenance included in the annual contract has been requested.
  - Various road triangles and verges around the village have been damaged by heavy plant and groundworks during infrastructure works by Gigaclear and building construction companies and their contractors.. Once the weather improves and constructions works are finished, the various contractors will be reminded of their statutory obligations to make good the areas that have been spoiled.
  - Correspondence regarding parking at Nene Pastures had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that this would not be a matter that could be sorted out during a meeting as there are so many conflicting contributory factors. The matter would be considered and explored on a working party basis going forward and the clerk will contact the highways team for advice.
- b) Community Speedwatch: The training date is 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in Northampton. A concentrated effort would be made to recruit new volunteers. Philip Douglas has joined the group as a volunteer.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to submit a grant funding application to fund for moveable SID<sup>ii</sup> from the PCC<sup>iii</sup> safer roads fund.
- d) Proposed speed limit change – It was **RESOLVED** to delegate Cllr Philip Douglas to attend the panel hearing in Northampton. The chairman and clerk will brief him accordingly.

- e) Grit bins update – it was agreed at a previous meeting that Cllr David Short would regularly inspect the bin levels and advise the clerk accordingly, who will procure the provisions or advise NCC<sup>iv</sup> that its bins require replenishment.
- f) It was clarified that the litter / dogs bins are available for both purposes. The placement of new bins was agreed some time ago. It was agreed to bring the prices to the next meeting at which a budget will be identified.

**1477. STREET LIGHTING:** Information regarding problems with the lighting at Nene Pastures had been circulated by email prior to the meeting. The council is aware that the replacement of street lighting is very important but remains a capacity issue at the current time. It will be prioritised in the new financial year once capacity demands have eased in other areas.

**1478. COMMUNITY / COUNCIL MATTERS:**

- a) The chairman thanked Cllr Chris Ellard for all his design input on the design for the parish council's new logo. It was **RESOLVED** to continue to use the new green hand drawn logo with the web address at the base on logo for use on all parish council assets, equipment, stationery and branding.
- b) A parish council newsletter would be prepared for distribution in March. Items for inclusion would be elections / candidates, highways matters, dog bins, supporting local businesses, a calendar, the precept increase, and any matter advised to the clerk for inclusion.
- c) Members will continue to consider ways of supporting businesses, home working and other aspects of the Warmington micro-economy. The Greenway signage will highlight the whereabouts of the facilities in the village whilst at the same time, the use of facilities to ensure their continuation must be highlighted to residents as a way to ensure Warmington continues to be a vital place to live.
- d) There was an update from Cllr Scotting on transformational healthcare arrangement presentation which she had attended on behalf of the council. An important aspect of the presentation had been the causes of social admissions to hospital brought about by the inability of a main carer to continue in the short-term as they themselves are incapacitated. Thought is to be given to helping to market the importance of a 'what if' plan to carers and those in need.
- e) The availability of a community calendar was agreed to be an important matter and thought would be given as to how to market it and make people aware that it is online.
- f) The suggestion of ways in which students could use Warmington as a basis for data gathering/dissertation information gathering / business support or other functions, especially those that in turn could help the parish council was supported as a concept.
- g) Report from monthly councillor surgery: There was nothing to report. It was agreed that better publicity, including an A frame board and more posters, is important.
- h) Police crime reporting: Cllr Howard reported on a theft from a car.
- i) Orchard Pocket Park procurement update expressed frustration that the seller's solicitor was only just meeting with their client to finalise the terms of the conveyance.
- j) Flood plan update: The flood plan is complete, but landowners are still to be contacted regarding riparian duties. There had been no major flood incidents in recent extreme heavy rainfalls.
- k) 'Dark hole' – resident's concern regarding vermin was noted. The land belongs to a third party which means the parish council is stymied in what action it is able to take.

**1479. GREENWAY UPDATE:** It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the removal of some trees that had fallen in recent high winds. It was further **RESOLVED** to continue with agreed plans with the contractor for phases 1 and 2 and continue discussions with the landowner regarding phase 3.

**1480. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

- a) The chairman urged all members to read the latest edition of "[eUpdate](#)" from NorthantsCALC as it contains critical information. Printed copies were available to those who requested them.
- b) The details and timings of parish council elections in May are: Latest date for submission of [nomination papers](#): 4pm 8<sup>th</sup> April. The election is on May 8<sup>th</sup>, with the count taking place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, if the election is contested (has more nominees than seats). The first meeting of the new council will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Consider publicity for new members to stand at the elections.
- c) Local Government Reorganisation: Elections for a shadow unitary council will be taking place in May at the same time as the parish council elections. The new unitary comes into force in May 2021.
- d) Oundle local council cluster meeting focussed on the failure of the Oundle Neighbourhood Development Plan as acceptable to the independent examiner. It is likely that Oundle will not proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.

- e) The annual village meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- f) Negotiations for the lease of the play area are in hand with Elton Estates. The lease will be a minimum of 30 years, possibly longer. It is almost certain that the land will not be sold to the parish council.
- g) The matter of the S106 community benefit funds from Brampton Valley Homes development will be deferred to a later meeting. Members will give thought to the various uses for the money. The clerk will clarify the sum involved.

**1481. CLERKS REPORT:** The details of [decisions](#) made under delegated powers. *For information only* had been circulated with the agenda and were noted.

**1482. ACCOUNTS MATTERS:**

- a) Receipts & payments and accounts to end January had been circulated with the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts as an accurate summary of the financial position of the council at the end of January.
- b) It was further **RESOLVED** to approve recommended virement between budgets as circulated with the agenda
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve accounts paid under delegated powers and approve:

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross
Rose garden	Hughgardens		80.00
Leaf clearance	CGM	95.00	114.00

**1483.** It was **RESOLVED** to defer reports from members on outside bodies.

**1484.** There were no exceptional notices or correspondence to note that had not already been circulated by email.

**1485.** Report regarding Elton2 will be included in Five-All

**1486.** Matters to be carried forward to a future agenda would include Risk Assessments

<b>Approved by Warmington Parish Council:</b>		
<b>Signature of Chairman of following meeting:</b>		<b>Date</b>

<sup>i</sup> Supplementary Planning Document.

<sup>ii</sup> SID = Speed Indicator Device.

<sup>iii</sup> PCC = Police & Crime Commissioner.

<sup>iv</sup> NCC = Northamptonshire County Council.