

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Warmington Parish Council meeting
11th June 2020 by electronic communication in a virtual setting at 7.00pm

In accordance with provision laid down by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, (covid council legislation) during a period of generally held social distancing measures during a viral pandemic, this meeting was held by means of internet video and telephone communication in a virtual setting (Zoom). All members were able to hear proceedings at all times and members of the public had been given opportunity to attend.

1530. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Sophie Crisp, Cllr Philip Douglas, Cllr Jean Fisher, Cllr Nigel Rudd (chairman), Cllr Debbi Scotting, Cllr David Short and Cllr David Strafford. **Officer present:** The clerk and Steve Cheeseman as Warmington 2031 WNPⁱ consultant advisor and project manager of the Greenway. 4 members of the public, including ENCⁱⁱ ward councillor David Brackenbury and, from 7.43pm, NCCⁱⁱⁱ ward councillor Wendy Brackenbury.

1531. 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 David Short declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to matter to do with Warmington quarry application.
- Cllr David Short noted an interest in the planning discussions surrounding the implementation of WNP policy W10.
- Cllr Debbi Scotting declared a personal interest in the Warmington quarry application.
- Cllr Nigel Rudd and the clerk declared a pecuniary interest in any discussion regarding the church gate as he has business dealings with the potential contractor.
- Cllr David Short declared a personal interest nonpecuniary in item relating to the churchyard gates.
- Cllr Debbi Scotting declared that her husband has had business dealings with one of the planning applicants in the past
- A dispensation was agreed for all members who have reserved cemetery exclusive rights of burial .

1532. MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the council meetings held on 14th May 2020 as a true record of that meeting. The chairman will hand signed minutes to the clerk at a future stage once restrictions on social distancing are eased and it is safe for them both.

1533. WELCOME TO NEWLY CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The chairman formally welcomed the new members of the parish council to the meeting and to the council. Both had signed their declarations of interest in the presence of their 'buddy councillor' and had furnished the clerk with an electronic copy thereof.

1534. RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were none.

1535. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) The Warmington Parish Council's [submission of objection](#) to 20/00416/FUL | Conversion of two residential outbuildings at 3 Spinney Close, to form two residential dwelling houses | 3 Spinney Close Warmington had been circulated to members for final approval prior to submission. It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the motion that the parish council objects as detailed and fully endorses the submission.
- b) The Warmington Parish Council's submission of objection 20/00419/OUT | Outline application for two serviced residential plots (self/custom-build) with access as a matter for consideration | 3 Spinney Close Warmington had been circulated to members for final approval prior to submission. It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the motion that the parish council objects as detailed and fully endorses the submission.

There was some discussion as to possible planning enforcement sanctions if the applicant is found to be in breach of planning laws at any of the various building sites at the 3 Spinney Close plot.
- c) WNPⁱ Destination Warmington Economic Development – implementation of WNPⁱ Section 10. The chairman explained the contextual circumstances that gave rise to the production of the [map](#) creating a pictorial interpretation of section 10 of the WNPⁱ, underpinning policies W10 and W11 and supporting Parish Aspiration 16. The economic and tourist opportunities to the west of the A605 were explained at some length, with the map key to the various zones expounded upon. This document will be a key document in supporting implementation of the WNPⁱ going forward.

- d) Planning enforcement matters: This was an opportunity to consider matters that need to be formally brought to the attention of planning authorities:
- e) Some members of the public have reported to the parish council alleged breaches of planning permissions at the 3 Spinney Close building plots, which are being dealt with by ENCⁱⁱ.
- f) Planning conditions for the Elton agricultural reservoir expire at the end of July, which will trigger further obligations as part of the planning conditions. Furthermore, some planning obligations should have been actioned and completed some time ago, as conditions state 'within 6 months of completion of extraction' which is recorded as being in 2015. After 31st July 2020, the final conditions should take place, which will include the removal of the temporary road central reservation barrier on the A605. Enforcement issues surrounding the agricultural reservoir project, highlighted at the two public meetings relating to the new quarry proposal, should be lodged officially during this process as well, in order to be on record as NCCⁱⁱⁱ as planning authority disappears and the new NNUA^{iv} emerges

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the collation of any planning enforcement matters or breaches, for submission to the relevant planning authority, to the clerk. A list will be circulated for comment and approval prior to submission.

- g) 19/00033/MINFUL Elton Quarry, Peterborough Old Road, Eaglethorpe, Warmington: Phased mineral extraction, construction of a bailey bridge to cross a branch of the River Nene, importation of reclamation material including ancillary activities, with restoration to agricultural pasture and wet woodland. The submission had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Attention was drawn to the fact that the application for the quarry had been disentangled from the conflation of the three planning applications submitted at the same time. The manner of submission had led to widespread erroneous complaisance of the new quarry being an extension of an existing operation when it is not. The deliberate separation of the applications and issues seeks to avoid the confusion and doubts that have arisen as a result.

The inclusion of a statement of community concern in the submission to the planning application was also highlighted to the meeting. This highlights that the inclusion of the brand new quarry at Warmington being referred to as an extension of a non-existent quarry known as Elton quarry was doubtless intrinsic in the second quarry being included in the MWLP^v after initially having been disqualified for inclusion. The parish council has concluded that to take the matter to a judicial review would expose the parish council to too much risk, so has disassociated itself from the plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the motion that the parish council objects as detailed and fully endorses the submission.

It was agreed that the parish council would make the executive summary contained within the planning objection readily available via the village website so that members of the public can access, with the clerk and governance committee working on social media promotion.

The council agreed to put on record formal thanks to Karen Denny, Philip Brashaw, Steve Cheeseman and Sarah Rodger, as well as the chairman, for the extraordinary amount of work that has been input into putting together the objection submission.

- h) 19/00034/MINVOC Elton Quarry, Peterborough Old Road, Eaglethorpe, Warmington: Section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 3, 7 & 26 of planning permission 18/00032/MINVOC to enable a new replacement low profile processing plant to be erected as well as to import reclamation material, a proportion of which will need to be treated to make it suitable for restoration and an extension of the completion date to 31 July 2030.

It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the motion that the parish council objects as detailed and fully endorses the submission.

- i) 19/00035/MINFUL Elton Quarry, Peterborough Old Road, Eaglethorpe, Warmington: Retrospective mineral application for an extension to the existing plant and ancillary works site in order to provide additional operational space for material treatment, stockpiling and temporary storage with restoration to agricultural land

It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the motion that the parish council objects as detailed and fully endorses the submission.

- j) ENC conservation area update. The parish council is keen for a consultation process to commence with a view to a conservation area within the parish being established. As the process would be wholly an East Northamptonshire Council planning policy department led one, there is little the parish council is able to do to assist, but it is keen that the proposal is not abandoned once the new NNUA^{iv} is established.

1536. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: UPDATE

The new North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority shadow council is now up and running, with all members of both the current district and county councils being members. There is a shadow executive committee and a number of task groups setting up the various functions and roles within the council. With the postponement of the elections, and the big impact caused by the covid lockdown, the transformation work has been setback. Some services may not be moved over on day one. However, the council will become Safe and Legal from day one, meaning that all services can be carried forward, with as many transformations already in place. Adult social services are working very closely with the various health sector stakeholders as part of the covid situation which is positive going forward.

1537. LAND MANAGEMENT MATTERS:

- a) CPRE^{vi}, which promotes litter picking campaigns, decided that in lieu of competition prizes this year they would distribute small grants of £75 to be used in the facilitation or promotion of a litter pick once easing of current restrictions. Warmington Parish Council has been awarded one of the grants on the basis of community inclusion.
- b) The RoSPA is proceeding in June and the inspector will prepare a bespoke checklist for the monthly checks of the parish council's play equipment at the recreation area and the play area. It was agreed that the clerk will try to arrange an appointment with the inspector to make the inspection an accompanied one and the councillor(s) who will be carrying out the risk assessments will attend the inspections.
- c) It was agreed that the risk assessments of the various sites for which the parish council can proceed. The clerk will distribute the list of the areas that require H&S inspections along with the documentation.
- d) The clerk will forward the quotation from the sign company for the all-weather proof logo roundels to be affixed to the parish council's play equipment and benches etc. These are as recommended by the sign company, based on experience of supplying the same for outdoor use for many years to an outdoor play equipment supplier.

1538. PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKBOOK DETAILING PROGRESS TO DATE HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED WITH THE AGENDA.

- a) Lighting replacement project: The 'outcome based' invitation to tender had been distributed with the agenda. It will be updated with a specification and changes to some of the integral dates and distributed to potential suppliers for a decision to be made at the October meeting.
- b) Greenway: Phase 1 and 2 of Greenway on the east of the A605 have been mostly completed, and requires a final fine layer to be overlaid and rolled in. Phase 3 across the parkland is still to be completed and requires further discussions with Elton Estates as to date a mutually satisfactory conclusion cannot be reached. The bridge remains potentially problematic as it is not easy to manoeuvre bicycles over the bridge. The span of the bridge is not sufficient to allow easy passage in wet conditions. Steve Cheeseman is working on these matters with the relevant authorities.
- c) Red Kite / Green Men trail: The background to the project by way of the previous grant application and inclusion in the Warmington2031 consultation process was included with the agenda, for members unfamiliar with progress to date. The heritage sites, branding, routing, and signage need to be considered going forward along with securing further funding for the project.
- d) Housing Needs Survey: It is to be decided how best to proceed with a housing needs survey. The chairman, clerk, Warmington2031 lead and governance committee member will proceed as a working party to investigate the process and options to bring to a future meeting for further consideration.

1539. HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

- a) Taylors Green wildflower verge management was discussed in some detail. It was agreed that the parish council would allow the NCC highways team the opportunity to manage the area in the autumn months by way of a hay-cut and removal of the arisings, as it has the area detailed in its cutting schedule. It was noted that NCC financial constraints had prevented it happening for the past two years. The parish councillor who had offered to carry out the work at a very reasonable rate was thanked very much for his generous offer, but it was felt the contractors should be held to account.
- b) It was noted that recent guidance is that in general, verges should be cut minimally to encourage ecological benefits. The council will take this into account when arranging cutting.
- c) Flood alleviation correspondence is in hand. The landowner responsible for the ditch causing back up on Broadgate Way will receive a letter imminently and all other riparian owners will receive reminders of their responsibilities.
- d) The road traffic order to move the 30mph limits to the northeast along Peterborough Road is in hand too.
- e) The four waste bins at the filling station on the old A605 are the responsibility of East Northamptonshire Council and scheduled to be collected on Mondays and Thursdays. Some members of the public have self-nominated to keep

an eye on the bins, and all members will report anything they see amiss at the site too. Reports will be routed through the clerk.

1540. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Jean Fisher as the parish council representative to village hall board of trustees.
- b) A training session is booked for 24th June at 1.30pm by Zoom. All members booked – details to follow.

1541. ACCOUNTS MATTERS:

- a) Accounts to date had been circulated in advance of the meeting. At the July meeting, for end of the first quarter, full reports will be forthcoming. The RFO will endeavour to find reports within the software, which is still relatively new for the council, which satisfy the requirements of all readers of the accounts. If one does not exist, the data will be exported and made into a user-friendly format that explains everything very simply.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment:

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross
Grass cutting	CGM	831.50	997.80
Churchyard Gates	JH Roofing		435.00
Repair to street light	Eon	23.47	28.16
Water at cabin	Wave		55.41
Purchase of Orchard pocket park plus fees	Vincent Sykes	6,604.50	6,917.40

1542. CLERKS REPORT:

There was an agreement to increase the budget to cover the cleaning costs for the village. The clerk will instruct the contractor accordingly.

1543. MATTERS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD:

The parking of lorries blocking the road on the slip road near the filling station will be carried forward to the next meeting.

The recently launched consultation into cycling and walking in the parish will be publicised as much as possible.

NALC has launched a consultation into standards which the clerk will liaise with the chairman of the governance committee over.

Two solar PIR lights at the recreation ground cabin have been damaged beyond repair.

1544. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

9th July 2020. Date of future meetings available online: [COUNCIL MEETING DATES](#)

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00

Approved: Signature of chairman		Date
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ⁱ WNP = [Warmington Neighbourhood Plan](#)

ⁱⁱ ENC = East Northamptonshire Council

ⁱⁱⁱ NCC = Northamptonshire County Council

^{iv} NNUA = North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority

^v MWLP = Minerals and Waste Local Plan

^{vi} [CPRE](#) = Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – “The Countryside Charity”