

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 8th September 2014

7.30pm

In the Village Hall, Warmington.

406. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES: Present: Tim Helstrip, Doug Jose, Ian Middleton, David Short (chairman) and Jo Simpson and Morag Wilson. Apologies received from Chris Ellard due to holiday. Absent Graham Reid. Also present - the clerk and one member of the public.

407. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS There were none.

408. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT. A report had been received by email from the police and was read to the meeting: Pleased to report only crime in Warmington [which] was a successful proactive warrant that resulted in 2 cannabis plants found at a residential address in central Warmington. **Community Meeting** - It's the quarterly community panel meeting, Tuesday 16th September Venue: Village Hall , Yarwell 7.30 start

409. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC The area of concern for those present was the grasscutting at the fun field

410. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of two meetings that had been held in July.

411. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: There had been no progress or contact made about the noticeboards. It was agreed that alternative sources would be investigated if the preferred supplier was not able to give an idea of price.

412. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING MATTERS

a. Footpath from Hautboy Lane to new housing estate on Stamford Lane – Update. Consider report of progress to date and agree next steps. (5) (This item may be preceded by resolution to exclude press and public if confidential information is to be discussed, in which case the council may consider it advantageous to move to the end of the meeting).

- Consider submission of costs for work – One submission had been received and circulated to members. A further submission had been received by a member and would be forwarded. Two members had met with Landtech (who had not been approached by Woods Hardwick in the first instance) and a quote is awaited. The costs will be compared in due course.

- It was **RESOLVED** to accept the terms and conditions from and instructions to Hedley Solicitors, including full searches, as circulated by email prior to the meeting. This had been signed and returned already under delegated powers.

- It was **RESOLVED** to authorise any interim payment of £200 on account to solicitors. This had been paid already under delegated powers.

- It was not possible to confirm footpath plan is accurate for conveyancing purposes because the parish council is unsure who owns the land in front of the shop. Searches are being carried out by the solicitors.

b. Update on green space S106 money from St Marys Lane development. The clerk advised that a request had arrived from East Northamptonshire Council asking that Warmington Parish Council submits a demand for payment of the £34,000 'In lieu of Open Space' S106 money and signs a document to say that the terms of the legal agreement would be adhered to. The clerk had replied to the district council that the parish council will not be signing the assurances until the terms of the S106 have been altered to allow 'improvement of' as well as 'provision of' open space.

c. The matter of the rebuilding of the wall at the churchyard was discussed. It was agreed that a decision cannot be made because not all of the facts are available. No work can go ahead until a faculty for the work has been obtained. A faculty cannot be obtained without a specification and plans. It was agreed to have an architect produce drawings of various options available with short notes by way of a specification and use these as the basis for the faculty application. Tim Helstrip undertook to discuss this with a village architect.

d. Extraction work between Warmington & Elton. Response from the planning authority had indicated that building of hides and construction of extra public access would not be possible until the extraction work has finished. The council felt that it was important to hold a site meeting with the company as soon as possible to ensure that the area was left in a good condition,

e. 14/01592/FUL | Installation of a biomass boiler and associated flue | 8 Spinney Close Warmington There were no objections proposals in the planning application but concerns have been raised about potential negative environmental impact on neighbouring properties, so the planning authority must be sure that the calculations to alleviate nuisance are appropriate.

413. FOOTPATHS / RIGHTS OF WAY: The bridleway to Ashton is now useable, but still has a closure order on for vehicles larger than cycles. Long Lane is very overgrown – investigations to be made as to who is responsible for cutting there.

414. PUBLIC LIABILITY:

- It was agreed that the works outlined as Priority 1 in the tree report received would be included in an invitation to tender and sent out in accordance with financial regulations.
- The play areas (Dexter Way Fun Field and Nene Pastures Play areas) had been inspected by Wicksteed. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the recommended repairs at the play area but not those at the Fun Field. The concern over the zip wire was noted and the tension would be monitored.

415. CEMETERY : This was dealt with under minute 417

416. HIGHWAYS – Parking at the western end of Chapel Street, near the triangle / junction with Hautboy Lane was discussed as a risk area for pedestrians due to the combined effects of an overgrown hedge encroaching onto the pavement and parked cars. It was claimed that in some cases, pedestrians are forced to walk in the road to get past the cars, which entails walking perilously close to the blind right hand corner. It was agreed that the clerk would bring this to the attention of the village PCSO.

417. GRASS CUTTING – A number of complaints had been received from residents and people linked with the cemetery. The council is not satisfied with how the grasscutting is being carried out. It does sympathise with the people who tend graves in the churchyard but also appreciates that it is not possible to cut the grass in such a way that removes the cuttings and that individual graves cannot be swept or blown following cutting due to time and cost constraints. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the contractor and some representatives of the parish council and one from the fun field to discuss the issues and concerns, find out what problems are leading to these and look at how to find a solution.

418. PUBLIC VERGES GOING FORWARD Complaints had been received from residents about the inconsistency of the cutting of highways verges. The highways department is concerned primarily with keeping grass cut to ensure highway safety – aesthetics is not the reason for the cutting. With cost cutting and budgetary constraints, the expectation is that cutting will occur 3 times per year. Some residents cut their front verges and weed in the kerbs but not all people do this. Suggestion has been made that the parish council considers taking over this function

from the highways authority and ‘topping up’ the frequency of cuts. This matter will be considered at a later date once the grasscutting of communal areas issue has been addressed

419. TRAINING / SEMINARS – It was **RESOLVED** to sanction the clerk’s attendance at a cemetery management training course in February and that these costs would be specific to Warmington, rather than shared with other councils for which she works in the usual way.

Other training courses coming up include a CPRE Roadshow on October 30th, a special training event in November on elections due in May 2015 and the NorthantsCALC AGM on 18th October.

420. CONSULTATIONS: Northamptonshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Surveys – it was agreed that this was best addressed by individuals as the needs of people are so various that it is not something that the parish council feels qualified to address.

421. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Payee	Goods / Service	Payt method	Nett	Gross
S Rodger (s/o)	Salary	S/o	735.26	735.26
Warmington Village Hall	Village Hall hire	Chq 300069	24.00	24.00
Anglian Water	Water at allotments	BankPayt	27.14	27.14
Conveyancing fee on account	Heldeys Solicitors	BankPayt	200.00	200.00
S Rodger	Office/clerk expenses	BankPayt	193.57	193.57
Anglian Water	Water at fun field	BankPayt	38.32	38.32
Wicksteed playgrounds	Playground inspections	BankPayt	90.00	108.00
Eon	Streetlighting maintenance	BankPayt	210.29	252.35
Eon	Electricity at fund field	BankPayt	12.39	12.39
Broker Direct	Insurance premium	BankPayt	1,114.16	1,114.16
ENC	Emptying dog bins	BankPayt	17.56	21.07
Eon	Streetlighting consumption	BankPayt		26.66

422. PARISH COUNCILLOR / COMMITTEE REPORTS: The fun field minutes will be circulated by the clerk. The village hall committee had met and there was a brief report. The bingo/fun raising night is on 27th September

423. CHAIRMAN’S / CLERKS UPDATE: There was nothing to add to any other points raised

424. RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE: There was nothing to add to any other points raised

425. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The budget will be on the next few agendas

426. FURTHER PUBLIC OBSERVATIONS: There was a brief discussion about the gateway from the play area into the social club car park which a member undertook to trim back.

427. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13th October 2014 at 7.30pm

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Approved by Warmington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date 13th October 2014