

WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 4th January 2016
At Lyppard Hub commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

R. Morris (V/Chairman), L. Morris, A. Taylor, N. Fielden, D. Merriman, V. Barrall, Y. Rydings.

Apologies:

D. Long (Chairman), County Councillor A. Roberts, Ward Councillor S. Hodgson, Police Sergeant Hallam.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Councillor Dispensations:

Y. Rydings – Planning application re land off Newtown Rd.

Item:	Minute Recorded:	Action by:
92.	<p>The Minutes of a meeting held 7th December 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed A. Taylor, seconded N. Fielden. All agreed. No matters arising.</p>	
93.	<p>Reports –</p> <p>Police – apologies had been received.</p> <p>County Councillor – as circulated. Ward Cllr L. Hodgson updated the PC re the increase in council tax by the County Council and the gap in Government funding. Also noted the £12M investment to be made in Highways particularly in 30mph and estate areas.</p> <p>Ward Councillors – as circulated.</p> <p>It was also noted that there is a County Council budget consultation taking place on 21st January at County Hall if Councillors wish to attend.</p>	
94.	<p>Planning & Rights of Way Matters -</p> <p>L. Morris updated re recent planning matters considered. A report had been circulated.</p> <p>A meeting had been held with Worcester City Officers re land off Newtown Rd. Comments appear to have been taken on board by Planners re access and pinch point concerns.</p>	

	<p>Comments had also been noted re land north of Nunnery Way including concerns raised re a crossing being in place and the access to site. The County Council don't require a crossing and are also unlikely to amend the access point to the site.</p> <p>A. Taylor – also asked the City Council about the GTech application and informed the PC of recent actions being undertaken re traffic flow modelling for future Highways consideration. Formal rebuttal by GTech of all objections raised is also expected.</p> <p>SWDP – closing date for comments re the modifications was 20th Nov. Now awaiting next steps. Worcester City meeting to be held 23rd February to approve SWDP. Other local authorities to meet at a similar time.</p> <p>D. Merriman raised concern about recent garage conversions which appear to be taking place without planning permission. L. Morris has forwarded comments to the City Council.</p>	
95.	<p>Play Areas –</p> <p>Report as circulated by R. Morris.</p>	
96.	<p>Environmental Matters –</p> <p>Report as circulated by D. Merriman.</p> <p>No City Council report had been received for the meeting.</p> <p>Parish Liaison task list as circulated.</p>	
97.	<p>Financial Matters –</p> <p>Financial statement as circulated by the Clerk.</p> <p>Precept – a report had been circulated by R. Morris for consideration.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been no increase to the precept in 2015/16 however there are currently a number of things that we need to react to i.e. the allotments extension (money reserved), play areas (£5K set aside), increased costs from the City Council for the Parish Warden, the anticipated cuts to the Council Tax Grant, increased environmental works required, re-modelling of the newsletter. All these plus normal costs would result in reduced balances below the NALC recommendation.</p> <p>It was also noted that the City Council had not yet</p>	<p>Clerk to notify Worcester City of the precept decision following confirmation of the Council Tax Grant being received.</p>

	<p>informed the PC of the exact Council Tax Grant to be awarded so we may need to respond to this accordingly.</p> <p>It was noted by A. Taylor that new decision may be taken to reduce website and newsletter costs but that this is unlikely to affect the 2016/17 budget spend.</p> <p>Following discussions, it was proposed by N. Fielden that the precept be increased by 6% (an increase of £1.30 per household for 2016/17). Seconded L. Morris. All agreed with the caveat that this should be reviewed if there was any unexpected change to the Council Tax Grant when notified by the City Council.</p>	
98.	<p>Allotments –</p> <p>Report as circulated by R. Morris.</p>	
99.	<p>Leisure & Community Affairs –</p> <p>A. Taylor circulated a sheet raising some initial questions re the website and newsletter which Councillors were asked to respond to in due course. It was also agreed that a working group be set up to take the matter forward. Group to be D. Merriman, V. Barrall, Y. Rydings & A. Taylor. Chairman, V/Chairman and Clerk to attend ex officio.</p> <p>Xmas competition winners had been notified and prizes awarded as agreed. Entries had been lower this year due to the timing of the newsletter.</p>	<p>Newsletter & website working group to arrange an initial meeting.</p>
100.	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies –</p> <p>Lyppard Hub Management Board – new Hub Manager starting 5th Jan.</p> <p>Worcester City Standards Board – next meeting to be held in March.</p> <p>CALC – as per updates circulated.</p>	
101.	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas</p> <p>VAS – report circulated by R. Morris.</p> <p>Website – R. Morris has updated the content and notes re this have been circulated.</p> <p>Next agenda – allotment fees to be reviewed – RM</p>	

102.	<p>Report of the Clerk –</p> <p>Accounts agreed for payment –</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>£406.07</td> <td>Clerk salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£270.71</td> <td>HMRC payment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£56.13</td> <td>BT broadband & phone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£793.15</td> <td>Lonsdale Print – newsletters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£10.80</td> <td>Postage stamps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£81.00</td> <td>Newsletter postage stamps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£117.96</td> <td>ST Water – allotments supply</td> </tr> </table> <p>An email had received from a resident re the Poowatch scheme which has been passed to the Parish Warden.</p>	£406.07	Clerk salary	£270.71	HMRC payment	£56.13	BT broadband & phone	£793.15	Lonsdale Print – newsletters	£10.80	Postage stamps	£81.00	Newsletter postage stamps	£117.96	ST Water – allotments supply	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
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	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.</p>															