

# WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
at Lyppard Hub commencing at 7.30pm

## **PRESENT:**

R. Morris (Chairman), D. Long, A. Taylor, D. Merriman, V. Barrall, L. Morris  
Also present: County Cllr A. Roberts, Ward Councillors L & S Hodgson, A. Booth (Parish Warden)

## **APOLOGIES:**

N. Fielden, R. Harris, Ward Cllr A. Feeney, Police Sgt Hallam

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS**

None

**GUEST SPEAKER:** The meeting was attended by Jonathan Eastwood, Worcs CC Liaison Engineer who answered questions based on the following –

- **Trotshill Lane** - Toucan Crossing over the A4440 to the pedestrian footbridge over the motorway.
- **A4440 Nunnery Way** - Toucan crossing at St. Modwen Development & plans to extend 40mph.
- **Newtown Road** - Request for details concerning the intended crossing over Newtown Road (east of the hospital) & Hospital Parking. Cllr Roberts also very disappointed that no data is as yet possible via Worcs CC.
- **Hastings Drive** - Delineated cycleway and pedestrian zone.
- **Plantation Drive** - Potential road islands as a speed deterrent.
- **Junction 6, M5** - Request for more information and review plans
- **Highways-related land ownership in the Parish** - Highways-related land ownerships in the parish (arising from the 1988 S52 Agreement) & about the **programme of works** (carriageway resurfacing and surface dressing)
- **Questions about traffic congestion** – in consideration of development along the A4440, why the Council does not raise objections to large scale developments which would contribute towards traffic congestion? Are the Council concerned at the risk of being held liable for costs if a refusal goes to appeal or public inquiry?
- **South Worcestershire Development Plan for West Worcester** - why the Council come forward with plans to complete the orbital route around Worcester.

**ACTION:** J. Eastwood agreed to investigate questions further and offered to bring someone to a future meeting from the Highways Planning Team.

(The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council)

Twelve members of the public attended the meeting regarding –

A. The development around the bypass. The following points were raised –

- Need to take a holistic approach to infrastructure in city development
- The bypass is being ‘demolished’ for lack of strategic planning / SWDP being ignored
- 20-30 year development plan needed
- Maybe a unitary authority is better?
- Droitwich relief road suffering the same problems and concerns
- A distribution warehouse should not be approved if not in SWDP- use Warndon 6 instead

The Chair summarised the PC position and acknowledged that public feeling is running very high. The planning decision has been referred to the National Planning Case Unit which is a requirement of Planners in this instance. No details currently as to who will occupy the new unit – the PC will continue to investigate the whole matter following professional advice.

ACTION: J. Eastwood was asked to investigate developer funding re the Highways works.

B. Worcester City Football Club – update requested which the Chair responded to following a recent meeting with the MD of Worcester City Council.

C. Pedestrian / cycle / dog zones – noted that it is a really confusing situation currently re delineated space.

ACTION: J. Eastwood agreed to look at specific requests from this meeting.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
55.	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of a meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> - The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by A.Taylor, seconded by V. Barrall. All agreed. No matters arising.</p>	
56.	<p><b>Reports:</b> Police – apologies noted. VAS – machine failure so RM currently doing checks. County Councillor – no further updates. Ward Councillor – as per emailed report.</p>	
57.	<p><b>Parsonage Way developments / ACV:</b> See suspended session for public comments. ACV – agreed a separate discussion required.</p>	ACV – next agenda.
58.	<p><b>Speeding – Plantation Drive:</b> Cllr A. Roberts has asked Worcs CC to look at this matter as a growing local and PC concern. Highways to look at crossing options. A hospital crossing planned for summer 2018.</p>	

59.	<p><b>Environmental Matters:</b>  D. Merriman circulated a report by email.  Hedge cutting continuing.  Grass cutting completed.  Collating winter works via walkabouts – tree team involved from the City.  Tree surgery meeting to be held with the contractor to confirm works and costs. Likely to be 50% underspend in the budget. Land ownership issues with some tree works.  Two walkabouts held and Friends work agreed.  Archaeological dig event held successfully with some interesting finds – a feedback event is planned.  Parish warden report circulated via email.</p>	
60.	<p><b>Planning &amp; Rights of Way Matters:</b>  Planning report as circulated by L. Morris.  Comments noted.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning updates as circulated by A. Taylor. New Volunteer highlighted and permission requested from the PC to co-opt N. Wright to the Steering Committee based on local knowledge and previous work experience. All agreed to the co-option subject to completion of paperwork to the Clerk.</p> <p>Conservation Area appraisals delayed – more work to be done by the City team. Deferred to a future planning meeting.</p>	A. Taylor to confirm co-option of N. Wright and complete paperwork as required.
61.	<p><b>Leisure &amp; Community Affairs:</b>  V. Barrall reported on the Xmas competition at Lyppard Hub being underway.</p> <p>R. Morris reported on allotments. Planning application now approved for the extension with completion of works possibly in February. 26 people now on the waiting list.</p> <p>R. Morris updated re the parish defibrillators – third one to be installed once some outstanding issues are resolved.</p>	
62.	<p><b>Financial &amp; Governance Matters:</b>  Statement of accounts to be circulated after the meeting. External audit completed.</p> <p>Precept to be agreed at the next meeting for 2018/19. All asked to let the Clerk and Chair know forecasted spend within the next week.</p>	<p>Clerk to circ. accounts.</p> <p>All to forward 2018/19 forecasted spend as agreed.</p>

	Data protection (GDPR) – requirements for compliance by May 2018 noted. Clerl awaiting further guidance from CALC following recent AGM attendance. Next steps to be confirmed asap.	Clerk to advise re GDPR compliance asap.
63.	<b>Reports from Outside Bodies:</b> Lyppard Hub – no report Worcester City Standards Board – no report CALC – as circulated by email	
64.	<b>Councillor Reports &amp; Items for Future Agendas:</b> None.	
65.	<b>Report of the Clerk:</b> Accounts approved for payment – £406.07 Clerk's salary £4056.00 Worcester City Council – dog bin emptying Paid from previous meeting as approved - £70.00 Pantomime tickets  Apologies noted for next meeting – D. Long and possibly N. Fielden and L. Morris.	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm</b>	