

WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd June 2019 at
Lyppard Hub commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT :

Cllrs D Carney, A Cross, L Hodgson, S Hodgson, D Merriman, R Norfolk, A Taylor.

Also present : 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr R Manser, Cllr A Roberts (County Council).

Introduction :

The new warden for the Parish, Trevor Walters, and Guy Powell from the City Council introduced themselves to those present. A meeting is to be arranged with Cllrs. Cross, Merriman and the Clerk at the City Council to discuss the way forward.

THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED AT THIS POINT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

One member of the public introduced the Walk for Life Group and explained that they and the group from Lyppard Hub would appreciate some vandal proof benches around their walking area in the Parish. Examples of these benches can be seen at Pitchcroft and Gheluvelt Park. The Council agreed to look at the possibility of doing this.

MINUTES RECORDED

114. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Taylor, Seconded: Cllr. D. Merriman, all agreed.

115. Reports

- Police – requested that they be put earlier on the agenda so they can leave the meeting and be on patrol. They reported that they are aware of anti-social driving on the A4440 and the fact that the motorcycles are back. A new officer, PC Waite, will be on duty for the next few weeks replacing PC Hart. They made a point of telling the Council that they all now carried mobile phones and can be called direct if the need arises.
- VAS – no report.
- Ward Councillors – report had been circulated. Members were urged to have a look at the new Planning Portal which has some useful features. Concern expressed about a van parking on verge on Millwood Drive, A Roberts will be alerted as it's County land. Community Engagement Consultation is due – Cllr. L. Hodgson to advise.
- County Councillor – reports via Clerk, the parking scheme for the Harleys looks like it will not be pursued due to lack of response. Nothing further to report.

116. Standing Orders Review.

This matter has been referred to the Finance Working Group.

117. Appointment of Clerk

The sub-committee is to meet on 11th June at 19.00hrs at Lyppard Hub.

118. To Receive Environmental reports from :

Cllr. Merriman – explained that she was following up on the matter of dog bins around Trotshill Lane as well as an ongoing tree issue. There would be further volunteer activities this month.

Urban Tree Challenge Fund – after considerable discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Merriman would continue to pursue this matter with the City Council. (As it is not the landowner, the Parish Council would be unable to take advantage of this initiative, unilaterally

Tree Survey – Cllr. Merriman updated members on the initiative to do a Tree Survey across the Parish. After discussion with the City Council it was recommended that we do this in small tranches rather than large areas which may turn up a huge amount of work to be done. She asked if the new council would like to continue this initiative. Members agreed that we should go ahead, Cllr Merriman to report at next meeting.

She also mentioned the appeal for volunteers to help with the Wildlife Survey.

Parish Warden – no report.

Village Gateways – no further information about County scheme yet.

119. Financial & Governance Matters :

The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 as a part of the AGAR which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was Proposed by Cllr.L Hodgson and Seconded by Cllr. Taylor that, the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

Statement of Accounts 2019 / 20. The Clerk had circulated the YTD figures.

GDPR – nothing new to report.

120. Annual Accounts 2018/19 :

These had been previously circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was noted that a £200.00 adjustment had been made which occurred due to a computer input error in 2017/18. It was Proposed by Cllr.L Hodgson and Seconded by Cllr. Taylor that, the Annual Accounting Statement for 2018/19 be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

121. Planning and Rights of Way :

Cllr. S Hodgson presented his report on recent applications and made reference to an application for an AHU by Worcester Hospital, this had been called in by local members. Mention was made of the status of the mobile mast application on the old golf course and that too had been called in with no decision until now.

Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. Taylor gave an overview of the future activity of the NP Steering Committee. He then Proposed that the Council agree, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee be permitted to spend up to £2500.00 to engage Brodie

Planning in completion of the Business Questionnaire and the Green Space Audit process. This was Seconded by Cllr. Merriman and agreed to all present.

122. Leisure & Community Affairs :

Cllr. Norfolk presented a report and referred to several matters. Members were requested to confirm that they wanted to go ahead with a stall at the Villages Fete on 14th July 2019. All present agreed that they wanted to continue with this.

It's intended to set up a table at St. Nicholas Church Fete to allow residents to ask questions and get to know their new parish councillors, any member who could attend would be appreciated.

Several of the display boards provided by the City Council were in poor condition and it was agreed that Cllr. Norfolk would report this to the City Council.

The Astroturf area is badly in need of repair. The City Council has the costs to do this work but are reluctant to go ahead because the land is not in their ownership. The price for the work is to be obtained from Warwick Neale (City Council) so that the Parish Council can consider paying some of the repair costs.

PCC Consultation – it was agreed that all members of the Council would complete the consultation paper and send it to the Clerk so that the Parish Council views could be consolidated and sent.

Smart Water Offer – at this time, it was decided to take no further action on this.

Allotments – one change of tenant is underway currently. The water installation has not been completed due to the contractor having some personal issues.

123. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Lyppard Hub – the last meeting had reminded everyone about the fete and the possibility to do some building changes which would increase room space.

Standards Committee no meeting. A meeting has been arranged for June and a report can be expected at the next meeting.

CALC Updates – nothing to report.

121. Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Cllr. S Hodgson reported that he thought a Working Party should be put together to discuss the matter of future reports to Council. All agreed. Working Party to be appointed at the next meeting.

There were no new items to be added to the next agenda.

122. Report of the Clerk.

The Clerk explained that the training sessions on 10th & 28th June were being well attended and an income of £450.00 was expected at this time from our visitors, this would offset much of the costs incurred.

At the July meeting, Interserve will attend at 7.00pm to give an update and overview of the Junction 6 work now taking place.

Approval of Accounts for payment :

Waterplus	Allotments supply	£21.24
Brodie	NP Costs	£318.60

Accounts were approved by all present.

Confirmation of Cash Received :

Allotments Fees /Deposits	£102.02
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Date of next meeting is 8th July at 7.30pm

(PLEASE NOTE A PRESENTATION ON JUNCTION 6 / M5 WILL BE GIVEN BY INTERSERVE AT 7.00PM !)