

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st February 2022 in the Village Hall Warton.

PRESENT: Councillors K Briggs (Chairman), D Clough, Mrs J Cody, A Hilling, W Muckle, C Peacock and F Senior.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J W Ball – Clerk to Warton Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs L Simmonds, County Councillor Mrs P Williamson and District Councillor A. De La Mare.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were received from members in relation to items covered by this agenda.

22.019. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022 having been previously circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings at the meeting and be signed as such by the chairman.

22.020. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS NOT COVERED BY OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: The clerk reported that;

- i. Mr Bennett had been informed that Councillor Hilling would be Warton Parish Council representative on the Arms Houses Incorporated Body.
- ii. Lancaster City Council Planning Control had been informed of the objection to the Appeal against refusal of the construction of two houses in Crag Road and the request that any cladding incorporated in application 21/01414/FUL should be of limestone.
- iii. The 2022/2023 Precept Demand on Lancaster City Council for £20805 had been forwarded to Lancaster City Council.
- iv. Other items had been reported to members as received.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting and no items had been raised for discussion through the clerk or members.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

22.021. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON: County Councillor Mrs Williamson was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available.

County Councillor Williamson was thanked for her continued support.

22.022. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A De La Mare: District Councillor De La Mare was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available.

District Councillor De La Mare was thanked for his report and continued support.

22.023. STANDING ORDER 25: No actions under Standing Order 25 had taken place.

22.023. PLANNING MATTERS: a) No planning applications had been received for review by members since the last meeting of the parish council.

b) Members noted that current status of planning applications reviewed by members at previous meetings as follows:

19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 5th March 2019 meeting – Awaiting Decision
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed by Members 2nd June 2020 – Awaiting Decision
 20/0937/VLA – Reviewed by Members 17th September 2020 – Awaiting Decision
 20/01349/FUL – Reviewed 5th January 2021 meeting – Awaiting Decision
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2nd March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00181/CCC – Reviewed 2nd March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00552/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00800/VCN – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Application Permitted
 21/00464/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01122/FUL – Reviewed 5th October 2021 Meeting – Application Permitted
 21/01215/FUL – For Review 2nd November 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01202/FUL – For Review 2nd November 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 20/01349/FUL – For Review 2nd November 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01320/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted
 21/01301/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01545/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/00001/REF – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01144/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/00013/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/01202/FUL – Reviewed 18th January 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision

22.024.FINANCE: Members noted the financial summary for January 2022 as follows:

Opening Balances – All Accounts

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| Current Account | 27929.56 |
| Village Improvement Account | 12460.04 |
| Investment Account | 8058.47 |
| Playground Account | 4527.17 |
| E & R Wilson Fund Account | <u>746.80</u> 53722.04 |

Opening Balance – Current Account 27929.56

Receipts NIL

Payments

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| 06.01.22 J W Ball Salary | 385.17 |
| 08.01.22 Npower – Toilet Electricity | 28.38 |
| 18.01.22 Lancaster City Council – Grasscutting | <u>1228.80</u> 1642.35 |
| | 26287.21 |

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Receipts – 01.01.22 – NS&I Interest Payment 2.05

Closing Balance 12462.09

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b) Members authorised the signing of cheques for the following payments:-

CPRE – Membership Fee - £36.00- 2243
Tom Oliver – Toilet Work January - £152.50 – 2244

c) Provision of Internet Business Banking System.

The clerk reported that he was arranging for members to be allocated email addresses for their use on parish council business.

22.025: WELL LANE TREE: The clerk reported that the tree sited in Well Lane considered to be in a dangerous condition had been discussed with David Goode Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Manager. The owner of the land on which the tree was situated was not known resulting in nobody being responsible for its upkeep and if necessary safe disposal. Lancashire County Council was not prepared to accept responsibility for the tree in the absence of a designated owner even though the surrounding area of land was maintained by the authority. Mr Goode had suggested that funding allocated to the parish council for the upkeep of public footpaths and bridleways, may be suitable for use as a form of finance to cover the cost of any necessary attention to the tree. Members considered that the use of such funding would be acceptable if no other source was available and agreed that the responsibility for attending to the tree should not be left to the owner of a property in Westover Avenue, simply because if the tree was to fall it would seriously damage the property. The clerk was instructed to seek an accurate estimate of the cost of felling or pollarding from tree surgeons.

22.026: LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MAIN STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS: The clerk reported that he had notified Eddie Mills Operations Manager-Traffic of members' agreement in principle to the proposals together with their suggestions to extend the area subject to double yellow lines together with additional signage.

22.027. EVOLIS SPEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT: The clerk reported that a further site visit was to be arranged with Alan Cox, Lancashire County Council to confirm arrangements for the provision of 90mm poles for the Mill Lane, Borwick Lane and Sands Lane units and to discuss suitable sites for the Yealand Road Unit, a suitable distance from the illuminated junction sign already in position.

22.028. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: Members agreed that the parish council continue its membership of the society at a fee of £36.

22.029. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: i)Warton Crag Beacon – Members agreed that the clerk confirm agreement and appropriate cover for the event from the parish council insurers.
ii) Village Events – The chairman reported a Music Event in the Village Hall would be one of the planned events. Details of other possible events to follow.
iii) Commemorative Gifts – The clerk would seek suppliers of suitable gifts to mark the occasion.
iv) The Planting – Members agreed that the 7 trees would be planted on the Little Weir. The clerk to inform Bruno Peek that the parish council would be taking part in the national project.

22.030. WARTON MIRES PROJECT: Members agreed that further action was not required until instructions received from RSPB.

22.031. SMALL QUARRY BICYCLE RACK: The chairman agreed to liaise with Ren Wallbank to progress the construction and installation of the rack on the land to be cleared.

22.032. SMALL QUARRY DISPLAY BOARDS: The Chairman agreed to liaise with Belinda Barclay, Crag Warden to consider possible solutions.

22.033. VILLAGE HALL WEEK: Members agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee would take the necessary action and at present there was not a need for the parish council to be involved.

22.034. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: i) Councillor Senior reported that he had not yet been able to contact the owner of the property in Main Street where bushes growing in the garden were obstructing the footway ii) Councillor Peacock reported that Marion Geldart had now retired and had been replaced with two part time staff, one to cover training needs and the other the remaining duties, both working from home. As a result it had been possible to close the office with resultant significant cost savings.

There were no other items of information reported.

22.035. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the chairman thanked members for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 8.30pm. The next meeting of the parish council was arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st March 2022 in the Village Hall, Warton. Items for inclusion in that agenda to be notified to the clerk by Monday 21st February 2022.

Chairman _____ Date_____

Minutes subject to agreement at the 1st March 2022 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.