

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March 2024 in the Village Hall Warton.

PRESENT: Councillors K Barkley, Mrs J Cody, F Senior and Mrs L Simmonds.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J W Ball – Clerk to Warton Parish Council and District Councillor Mrs S Tyldesley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Briggs and A Hilling.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Councillor K Briggs, Councillor Mrs L Simmonds was appointed chairman for the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Mrs Simmonds declared an interest in item 24.031 financial contribution to the provision of the Warton Outstanding Wingding.

24.019. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2024, 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.

24.020. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS NOT COVERED BY OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: The clerk reported that: i. The cheque for £40.78 as proceeds from the parish council involvement in the St Oswalds Church Christmas Tree Festival had been forwarded to the Unique Kidz Charity.

ii. Notification had been received that a framed portrait of HM King Charles would be supplied free of charge on application by 28th March 2024. Members agreed that an application be made.

iii. A request for the clearance of vegetation from the pathway adjacent to the allotments had been forwarded to the Parish Lengthsman for his action.

iv. The example Welcome Pack for consideration by members had been received.

v. Documents concerning the funding application for compensation against an injury sustained by Master J Reid when accessing the Weir Playground on 16th September 2018 had been received from solicitors representing the family. Zurich Municipal had been informed and the necessary action would be investigated.

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

1. Councillor Hilling reported that he had received a complaint from a resident concerning incidents of traffic using Main Street as an access to the Warton Stock Car Circuit. Members noted the complaint but agreed that the Stock Car Meeting Organisers had posted notices advising against the use of Main Street.

2. Councillor Hilling reported that he had received a complaint from a resident concerning an incident of obstruction of the highway by a vehicle. The incident had been reported to Lancashire Constabulary officers and an incident number had been issued with an assurance that police action would be taken. In view of the incident already being reported to

the police, Councillor Hilling had advised that he felt the appropriate action had already been taken and the parish council should note the complaint but take no further action.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

24.021. 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 Mrs Williamson was thanked for her continued support.

24.022. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S TYLDESLEY: District Councillor Mrs Tyldesley reported that Lancaster City Council had been able to set a balanced budget for the 2024/2025 financial year with fees, charges and parking fees being increased by 10% together with other expenditure reductions. A new local plan without the Southern Village proposals was being prepared. The AONB Plan was not affected and would continue in use without amendment. Biodiversity net gain opportunities were to be identified, Silverdale Parish Council was to review the operation of Stagecoach Service 51 following the receipt of several complaints from residents. A bid for funding to cover the purchase of an electric mini bus to service Silverdale village was under consideration.

District Councillor Mrs Tyldesley was thanked for her report and continued support.

24.023 STANDING ORDER 25: The clerk reported that no action under Standing Order 25 had been necessary since the last meeting of the parish council.

24.024. PLANNING MATTERS: a) The following applications had been received for review and comment by members.

23/01290/FUL – Retrospective application for change of use of micro-brewery and associated cold store building (sui generis) to drinking establishment with expanded food provision (sui generis) and extension to the southern and west side providing external seating and storage area for Mr Ren Wallbank, Old School Brewery, The Barn, Holly Bank, Warton.

District Councillor Mrs Tyldesley reported that Lancaster City Council Environmental Health officers had expressed concern at the standard of noise testing carried out in relation to the application and were continuing to consider action required.

Members discussed the statement provided by the applicant in respect of being the sole owner of all the land to which the application related and had been so for more than 21 days and agreed that the clerk provide details of the registration of ownership of land by Warton Parish Council for discussion at their next meeting.

24/00132/FUL – Construction of a dormer extension to the front and rear elevation for Miss Laura Walker, 34 Hazelmount Drive, Warton – No objection raised.

24/00177/LB – Listed building application for removal of paint from the stone surrounds to the front elevation windows and door surrounds to reveal stone for Mr Alan Lupton, 105 Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

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

23/00326/LB - Reviewed 5th September 2023 Meeting – Application permitted

23/00326/LB Amended – Received 5th September 2023 – Application permitted

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23/00959/VCN – Reviewed 5th September 2023 Meeting – Application permitted

24.025. FINANCE: a) Members noted the financial summary for February 2024 as follows:

Opening Balances – All Accounts

Current Account	33561.84	
Village Improvement Account	12481.19	
Investment Account	8058.47	
Playground Account	4536.23	
E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>96.80</u>	<u>58897.99</u>

Opening Balance – Current Account 33561.84

Receipts NIL

Payments

06.02.24 J W Ball – Salary	385.17	
06.02.24 Tom Oliver – Toilet Work January	137.50	
07.02.24 Npower – Toilet Electricity	47.42	<u>570.09</u>

32991.75

Closing Balance Current Account 32991.75

Closing Balances – All Accounts

Current Account	32991.75	
Village Improvement Account	12640.11	
Investment Account	8058.47	
Playground Account	4540.77	
E&R Wilson Fund Account	<u>96.80</u>	<u>58327.90</u>

b) Members authorised and signed cheques for the following payments:-

Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator Pads - £68.34 - 2334

Thomas Oliver – Toilet Work February - £132.50 – 2335

J W Ball – 2023/204 Salary Award - £416.00 - 2336

24.026. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MAIN STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS:

Nothing further to report – formal consultation awaited.

24.027. EVOLIS SPEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT: Arrangements for the installation of street poles in process, prior to purchase of 3 units.

24.028. SPEEDING TRAFFIC: Confirmation of police action awaited. 7 incidents involving speeding traffic had been reported by residents to the Village Website.

24.029. HAGS CAROUSEL INSTALLATION: The clerk reported that £4540 was available from the Playground Account towards the cost of the purchase and installation of the carousel. Members considered the quotation received from Hags of:

Supply of 1 Pedal Cycle Roundabout (after discount)	£3887.65
Plus carriage	£ 717.72
Post installation inspection	<u>£ 422.00</u>
Total	£5022.37 & VAT

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In addition the cost of the security fencing and wet pour would need to be considered. Councillor Lee agreed to source quotations for the work with final costs to be notified to members by email for a decision to proceed.

24.030. ROODS PLAY AREA: Members considered proposals from the Roods Play Area Support Group and agreed that a donation be made to the project to assist development. Members authorised the purchase of 2 - picnic benches @£576.00 plus vat and 1-traditional 3 seat bench @ £345.00 plus vat. Delivery to be arranged.

24.031. WARTON OUTSTANDING WINGDING EVENT: Members considered a request for a donation to the event and agreed that the cost of hire of tables and chairs be covered at £645 (VAT inclusive).

24.032. WARTON EMERGENCY PLAN: Members discussed the required update of the existing emergency plan and agreed that a new plan be drafted by Councillor Barkley with updates to sections as required with Village Hall Management Committee involvement. Members agreed that the cost of an emergency electrical system be paid by the parish council. Agreed that efforts should be made to identify a second centre for emergency use in addition to the Village Hall.

24.033. 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY CELEBRATIONS: Members agreed that the Crag Beacon be lit on 6th June 2024 as part of the planned celebrations. The clerk was instructed to contact the National Organisers of the event to inform of our involvement and to seek clearance from Zurich Municipal.

24.034. HIS MAJESTY THE KING OFFICIAL PORTRAIT: Members agreed that a portrait be requested.

24.035. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: i. Councillor Senior reported that a large shed had been erected in Moss Bank Place and wondered if planning regulations applied.

ii. Councillor Senior requested further consideration be given to the request for help with disability parking facilities for Mr Gladwin.

iii. Councillor Briggs reported a pothole outside the Methodist Church.

iv. Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that the footpath to Millhead was in a poor condition because of livestock problems.

24.036. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members and District Councillor Mrs Tyldesley for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 9.30pm. Members agreed that the next meeting of Warton Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th April 2024 in the Village Hall. Items for inclusion in the meeting agenda should be notified to the clerk by Monday 1st April 2024.

Chairman..... Date.....

Minutes subject to agreement at the 9th April 2024 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.