

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 in the Village Hall Warton.

PRESENT: Councillors K Briggs (Chairman), Clough, Mrs J Cody, 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 Councillors Hilling and Mrs Simmonds, County Councillor Mrs Williamson and District Councillor Duggan.

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

21.159. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2021 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.

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

- i. The dog warden had been contacted with regard to reports of dog fouling in Potts Wood Picnic Site and had agreed to post warning notices and make regular visits to the site.
- ii. Complaints had been received from members of the public that the Waste Bin sited at the Hying Woods entrance needed replacing. Councillors agreed that the waste bin was supplied by Lancaster City Council and requested the clerk notify the City Council to request a replacement.
- iii. The period for public review of the audited AGAR had been completed with no access requests received from residents.
- iv. The electric supply control box at the Weir had been vandalised and would require replacement. Councillors authorised the purchase and fitting of new equipment for installation on the road side of the boundary wall.
- v. Payment for the Weir cattle grid was outstanding and would be followed up.
- vi. Mr Hoggarth – President of Warton Stock Car Club had made contact to emphasise the committee's sympathy for residents affected by the passage of heavy vehicles and spectator vehicles travelling to and from the stock car meetings. They were aware of the disruption caused by such traffic and were taking every opportunity to urge such traffic to arrive at the track via Carnforth and not through the village. Additional notices would be displayed when the new racing season started in Spring 2022.
- vii. The damage and nuisance to other roads caused by the parking of cars on the junction of Mill Lane and Grange View, Millhead had been reported to Lancashire Constabulary for action. A reply to the complaint had been received advising that Lancashire County Council Highways Dept should deal with the situation. Members expressed their surprise and frustration at this response and requested the clerk contact Lancashire County Council as suggested.
- viii. The update from Robin Horner RSPB concerning developments with the Warton Mines Project had been circulated to members. Councillors noted the information.
- ix. Other items had been reported to councillors 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

21.161. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON: County Councillor Mrs Williamson was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available although her monthly report had been received and circulated.

County Councillor Williamson was thanked for her continued support.

21.162. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A DUGGAN: District Councillor Duggan was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available.

District Councillor Duggan was thanked for his report and continued support.

21.163. STANDING ORDER 25: a) Members noted that no action had been taken since the last meeting under the provision of Standing Order 25.

21.164. PLANNING MATTERS: a) Details of the following planning application had been forwarded to members for their consideration and comments and were discussed at the meeting.

21/01215/FUL – Erection of an agricultural livestock building for Mr Matthew Allen, Hyning Barn, Borwick Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

21/01202/FUL – Erection of two storey extension and construction of replacement front porch for Matthew Crowe, Sundales, Chapel Walk, Warton – No objection raised but doubts about the age of the property detailed in the planning application should be raised with Development Control.

20/1349/FUL (AMENDED APPLICATION) – Erection of a detached dwelling (C3) and creation of a new vehicular access for Mr and Mrs P Goldsworthy, land north of 13 Main Street, Warton – Members agreed that the objections made to the original application be submitted again to Development Control.

21/0198/TPO – Various Trees (G1) – Fell for Rowena Singleton, 16 Warton Grange Close, Warton – No objection raised.

21/0180/TCA – The clerk reported that he had submitted member's recommendation to Development Control that in view of the prominent position of the tree to be felled a replacement, preferably an oak should be included as a condition of approval of the application.

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

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LRC/AW/W13196 – Reviewed 1st December 2020 meeting – 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
 21/00617/FUL – Reviewed 23rd June 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00552/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00857/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Permitted
 21/00800/VCN – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/00712/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Permitted
 21/00464/FUL – Reviewed 7th September 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/0170/TCA – Reviewed 5th October 2021 Meeting – Application Permitted
 21/01122/FUL – Reviewed 5th October 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 21/0180/TCA – Reviewed 5th October 2021 Meeting – awaiting Decision
 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

21.165.FINANCE: Members noted the financial summary for October 2021 as follows:

Opening Balances – All Accounts	Current Account	33010.96	
	Village Improvement Account	12460.04	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4527.17	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>247.50</u>	<u>58304.14</u>
Opening Balance – Current Account			33010.96
Receipts			NIL
Payments			
05.10.21	J W Ball- -Purchase of Wreath	17.00	
05.10.21	Steven Hurst Tarmac – Weir Resurfacing	1140.00	
05.10.21	Tom Oliver – Toilet Work September	135.00	
05.10.21	Warton Village Hall – Mon.Badmt.Club Covid 19 Donation	100.00	
05.10.21	PKF Littlejohn –2020/21 Agar Review	240.00	
05.10.21	Thomas Graham & Sons Ltd – Toilet Consumables	51.79	
05.10.21	Peter Doey – Parish Lengthsman	714.25	
05.10.21	C Peacock – Course Fees	38.93	
05.10.21	Carnforth Town Council – Wreath	20.00	
06.10.21	J W Ball – Salary	385.17	
07.10.21	Npower – Toilet Electricity	<u>26.92</u>	<u>2869.06</u>
			30141.90

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Closing - Balances – All Accounts	Current Account	30141.90	
	Village Improvt. Acc	12460.04	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4527.17	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>247.50</u>	<u>55435.08</u>

b) Members authorised payments and agreed that cheques be signed covering the following payments:

J W Ball – Expenses 9th April 2021 to 30th October 2021 - £530.47 – 2230
Tom Oliver – Toilet Work October - £152.50 – 2231
Peter Doey – Christmas Lights Reimbursement - £485.00 - 2232
J W Ball – VAT Guide Reimbursement - £39.74 – 2233

c) Consideration of Internet Business Banking System.

The clerk reported that as instructed at the October meeting of the parish council he had researched systems used by Unity Trust Bank and Virgin Money. Monthly charges would be £6.00 per month for Unity Trust Bank and £6.50 per month for Virgin Money. No local presence would be available by Unity Trust Bank with paying in or withdrawal of cash carried out at branches of NatWest Bank or the Post Office with a Corporate Multi Pay Debit Card available in partnership with Lloyds Bank and Mastercard. Local presence for internet banking would be available with Virgin Money, our current provider of banking services.

Members discussed internet banking in general with particular attention to security issues and agreed that the existing use of personal email addresses would not be acceptable and steps should be taken to allocate secure email addresses though the parish council prior to further action to switch to internet banking. The clerk was instructed to investigate possible secure email access for members and update progress at the December meeting.

21.166. ALLOCATION OF DONATIONS TO VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS: The clerk reported that cheques for the Millhead Playing Fields Association, Millhead Football Club and Millhead Bowling Club had been forwarded to Gail Escombe for distribution. Councillor Muckle had been able to get confirmation that Millhead Bowling Club was still in existence supported by Millhead Playing Fields Association.

21.167. PROVISION OF THE WEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY: The clerk reported that lighting systems for the trees fronting Main Street at the Weir had been purchased and would be erected for display over the Christmas period. Peter Doey had been responsible for the work involving the purchase. Members thanked Peter for his efforts.

21.168. EVOLIS SPEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT: The clerk reported that he had received confirmation from Alan Cox, Road Safety Officer, Lancashire County Council that continued support for the use of the speed recording equipment had been agreed, although further investigation was required concerning the suitability of the proposed installation in Main Street (Yelland Road). Final clearance for the installation of the speed recording equipment was awaited from Eddie Mills, Highway Engineer-Lancashire County Council. The clerk expressed concern that the discounted purchase price for the new units was available until November 2021 only and it was unlikely that final clearance would be received from Lancashire County Council by the end of the month. Members agreed that the clerk discuss a further extension of the November deadline with the unit supplier but if this was not possible the units would have to be purchased at the current past November price.

21.170. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON EVENT: Members agreed that the Warton Crag Beacon would be lit to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022. The clerk was instructed to notify Bruno Peek Pageantmaster accordingly and to enquire through Belinda Barclay if the AONB volunteers would be able to help with scrub clearance and other preparatory work.

21.171. PICNIC IN THE PARK EVENT: Members agreed to defer discussion to the December meeting of the parish council.

21.172. SMALL QUARRY CYCLE RACK: Members discussed the provision of a cycle rack in the Small Quarry but agreed to take no further action as it was felt that the demand for such a facility was not sufficient to justify the likely expenditure and possible damage to the quarry environment.

21.173. WARTON CRAG HISTORY DISPLAY BOARDS: Members agreed that the chairman would liaise with Belinda Barclay to discuss ideas for the display boards prior to taking further action.

21.174. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: i) Councillor Senior reported that he had continued to observe dog walkers near Potts Wood Picnic Site but to date he had no certain ideas concerning those responsible for allowing their dogs to foul the ,however he had suspicions.

ii) Councillor Senior reported that the owner of 27A Coach Road had recently died prior to completion of landscaping work at the property.

iii) Councillor Peacock reported that representatives of a related project to the Eden Project would be meeting with him shortly to update him on developments.

iv) Councillor Peacock reported that he had attended the virtual levelling of the Environment Biodiversity Net Gain event and would circulate details to members when received.

21.175. 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 8.50pm. The next meeting of the parish council was arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021 in the Village Hall, Warton. Items for inclusion in that agenda to be notified to the clerk by Monday 6th December 2021.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minutes subject to agreement at the 14th December 2021 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.