

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th February 2023 in the Village Hall Warton.

PRESENT: Councillors K Briggs, D Clough, A Hilling, W Muckle, 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 Mrs J Cody and C Peacock and County Councillor Mrs P Williamson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest in relation to items covered by the agenda.

23.020. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2023 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.

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

- i. Reverend Figg had received members best wishes for his retirement.
- ii. Current applicants for funding from the E&R Wilson Trust had been advised that grants would not be available during the current year.
- iii. Mr Norris had been advised of Lancashire County Council Highways advice concerning his vehicle complaint.
- iv. Jane Ward – North Lancashire Organiser Poppy Appeal advised of members agreement to order wreaths for Remembrance Sunday through her.
- v. Coach Road highway fault had been reported.
- vi. Replenishment of salt in Washington Drive and Back Lane bins and requirement for an additional bin in Sand Lane had been reported.
- vii. Notification received that the title of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service had been changed to the King's Award for Voluntary Service.
- viii. 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 matters were raised by members of the public.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

23.022. 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.

23.023. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS S TYLDESLEY: District Councillor Mrs Tyldesley reported that i) the Lancaster City Council 2023/2024 Council Tax would be increased by a percentage within the national government authorised maximum level ii) it was hoped to deliver a balanced budget iii) financial losses currently being accrued by the Platforms facility could not be sustained and needed to be reduced iv) Tourist Information Centres were proving to be expensive to run in their present form and action was needed to be taken to reduce costs. V) Museums opening times were to be reduced vi) a freeze on staff recruitment was to be imposed vi) Use of renewable energy sources had led to a reduction in power costs vii) steps to improve play facilities at the Roods Play area were under consideration with the possibility of reconditioned play equipment being provided by Lancaster City Council. Roods residents were considering the preparation of applications for grant funding. Members expressed their views on the possible development of part of the Roods land for housing and provision with residents help of a wild flower meadow area.

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

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

23.025. PLANNING MATTERS: a) Planning applications received for review since the last meeting of the parish council were considered as follows:

23/0003/TCA – T1 Yew reduce by 30% and T2 apple tree reduce for Mr John Hallam, Lords Lot View, Back Lane, Warton – No objection received.

23/0005/TPO – T1 – Horse Chestnut – Fell and T2 – Horse Chestnut – Reduce for Gary Clarke, 15 Gardner Road, Warton.

The clerk reported that an objection to the felling of the Horse Chestnut tree had been submitted because of its importance together with several other trees by forming a boundary to the Weir play area. Correspondence had been received from the Lancaster City Council Tree Officer that unless there were grounds on safety or disease he would support our objection. Members suggested the tree could be made a subject to a tree preservation order.

23/00022/FUL – Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension for Mrs Maria Nelis, 41 Sand Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

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

20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2nd June 2020 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2nd March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/0115/TCA – Reviewed 6th September 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/01217/VCN – Reviewed 1st November 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted
 22/01333/PAM – Reviewed 1st November 2022 Meeting – Prior Approval Not Required
 22/00900/FUL – Reviewed 1st November 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted
 22/01247/OUT – Reviewed 6th December 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/0215/TPO – Reviewed 6th December 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted
 22/01436/LB – Reviewed 6th December 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/01459/FUL – Reviewed 6th December 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted
 22/01468/FUL – Reviewed 6th December 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision
 22/01511/FUL – Reviewed 3rd January 2023 Meeting – Application Refused

22/0228/TPO – Reviewed 3rd January 2023 Meeting – Application Permitted

c) Planning Application Updates:

i. 73 Sand Lane Warton – The clerk reported that Lancaster City Council Planning Control Officers had requested further information concerning the complaint received from neighbours on the size of the porch built to the front aspect of the property. Members were unable to give further information than already provided.

ii. 99-101 Main Street Warton – The clerk reported that he had provided a letter of support to the appeal against refusal of planning application 22/01511 FUL for the conversion of a former post office area to living accommodation.

Members agreed to consider an alternative site for the waste bin currently on the forecourt of the premises.

23.026. FINANCE: a) Members noted the financial summary for January 2023 as follows:

Opening Balances – All Accounts

Current Account	32022.62
Village Improvement Account	12462.09
Investment Account	8058.47
Playground Account	4531.70
E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>96.80</u> 57171.68

Opening Balance – Current Account 32022.62

Receipts

01.01.23	Compensating Entry – Cancelled Chq No 2161	<u>106.00</u>
		32128.22

Payments

03.01.23	George Washington – Toilet Water Charges	1194.06
03.01.23	Astarte Web Design – Web Hosting	135.00
06.01.23	J W Ball – Salary	385.17
07.01.23	Npower – Toilet Electricity	<u>28.22</u> 1742.45
		30385.77

Closing Balance Current Account 30385.77

Village Improvement Account

01.01.23	NS&I Interest Payment	19.10
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Closing Balances – All Accounts

Current Account	30385.77
Village Improvement Account	12481.19
Investment Account	8058.47
Playground Account	4531.70
E&R Wilson Fund Account	<u>96.80</u> 55553.93

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

Warton Village Hall – Room Rental Charges - £128.00 – 2289
Warton Village Hall – Replacement for Cancelled Cheque 2161 - £106.00 – 2290
Carter Jonas – Potts Wood Picnic Site Rental - £1.00 – 2291
CPRE – membership Renewal - £60.00 - 2292

c) Review of Internet Business Banking System

Members registration of email addresses was in progress. Anne Nichols of Astarte Web Design had agreed to offer assistance to members as required.

23.027. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MAIN STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS: The clerk reported that as a result of the notices placed on the parish council notice boards and website 13 emails and letters had been received concerning the proposals. All had been forwarded to Eddie Mills at Lancashire County Council Highways and further instructions were awaited from him. Members discussed the comments received from residents and agreed that the main complaints concerned the proposals for double yellow lines on both sides of the road around the bend close to the Shovel Public House. Members agreed that a possible solution to the problem was to introduce the double yellow lines on one side of the bend only as was proposed for the bulk of Main Street or possibly notification of the parking facility limitations to designated times during the day. Members also agreed that if possible additional passing places be introduced at intervals along Main Street by the introduction of short lengths of double yellow lines on both sides of the road. The clerk was instructed to inform Eddie Mills of the suggestion made by members.

23.028. EVOLIS SPEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT: The clerk reported that the recent strong winds had blown the Mill Lane unit from the pole damaging the outer case. At present it was not known if the unit could be repaired or required replacement. Clearance had been received from Lancashire County Council Highways for the proposed sites in Borwich Land and Sand Lane. The installation of poles to carry the new units could now be arranged through Lancashire County Council. The proposed site for the Main Street Unit had been deemed as unsuitable because of the presence of street services in the area. An alternative site for the unit on the grass verge at the junction of Main Street and the Roods had been proposed and had been submitted to Lancashire County Council Highways for clearance.

23.029. REPLACEMENT PICNIC TABLES AND SEATS: Members agreed that 2 picnic tables at £230.00 each and 1 bench at £384.00 all plus VAT and delivery charges be purchased from Marmax Limited for erection in the Potts Wood Picnic Site and the Weir Playground.

23.030. PARTICIPATION IN THE MORECAMBE AND TOWN COUNCIL FORUM: Members agreed to defer the item for consideration at the 7th March 2023 meeting of the parish council.

23.031. WARTON MIRES PROJECT: The clerk reported that the first meeting of the Warton Mires Sub-Group had been held on 6th February 2023. Mr Mike Cooper – Vice Chairman of the Gardner Road Flood Action Group was elected as Chairman of the group. Members of the group agreed that the remit of the sub-group would be to work with other project stakeholders in the development and delivery of the Warton Mires Project with particular responsibility for the flood prevention aspects of the project. Sub-group members discussed the need for pump technical information to be supplied to the parish council insurers, the

need for urgent attention to the clearance of the blocked catch pit and pipe and the current status of the work necessary to prepare and submit a planning application for the project together with flood risk assessment. The next meeting of the sub-group was arranged for 6th March 2023 at 2.30 pm.

23.032. SMALL QUARRY DISPLAY BOARDS: Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that she was liaising with others to collect the information needed to prepare the boards.

23.033. COMMEMORATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III ON 6TH MAY 2023: Members agreed that the parish council purchase commemorative medals for children of the parish and fund the hire of tables and chairs required for the 'Right Royal Knees Up' event planned for Monday 8th May 2023. Councillor Mrs Simmonds agreed to liaise with other village organisers and relay any other requests for help from the parish council. Councillor Mrs Simmonds advised that the Carnforth Town Council celebrations would take place on Sunday 7th May 2023.

23.034. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE: The clerk reported that concerns had been raised that the 4 defibrillators provided for use in Warton and Millhead were not registered with the Circuit mapping service and were therefore not operational. Councillor Clough assured members that this was not the case and that the parish council defibrillators were registered with the North West Ambulance Service and were operational. Members agreed to confirm registration and give assurance to those raising concerns.

23.035. DR SHERLOCK TRUST: Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that the Trust was a charity offering help for the poor and elderly living in the Yealands and Warton. Currently the services on offer from the Trust were not well publicised and needed to be developed. Members agreed that Councillor Mrs Simmonds join the organising committee of the Trust as a representative of Warton Parish Council.

23.036. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS:

- i. Councillor Clough requested members receive a demonstration of the operation of the village defibrillators and publicise the event.
- ii. Councillor Senior reported builders rubble and a Camper Van parked on the Shovel Car Park were visually detrimental to the conservation area.
- iii. Councillor Simmonds will arrange for the Playground Safety Report and Emergency Plan to be reviewed and actioned.
- iv. Councillor Briggs reported that drain covers in Croftlands and Main Street by St Oswalds Church and Vicarage had become displaced and were dangerous.
- v. Councillor Briggs reported that the highway between the catholic church and New Inn, Yealand Conyers was in need of repair.
- vi. Councillor Briggs reported that the hedge on the north side of Borwick Lane near to Warton Cricket Club needed cutting back.
- vii. Councillor Briggs reported that the lane between Main Street and Chapel Walk was obstructed by builders rubble and was a danger to walkers using the lane.

23.037. 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 9.05pm. The next meeting of Warton Parish Council proceeded by a demonstration of Defibrillator operation was agreed for Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Warton

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

Minutes subject to agreement at 7th March 2023 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.