

**MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Village Hall, Warton**

**PRESENT:** Councillors K Briggs (Chairman), D Clough, W Muckle, C Peacock and Mrs Simmonds.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J W Ball (Clerk to the Parish Council), County Councillor Mrs P Williamson, District Councillor Mrs S Sykes and 3 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hilling.

**18.188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor Peacock declared an interest in item 18.195 Planning Application 18/00619.

**18.189. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 having been circulated, be approved and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**18.190. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS:** The clerk reported that i) notification of a Chairmanship workshop to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 had been received from the LALC ii) the Village Hall Management Committee confirming Councillor Briggs as the Warton Parish Council representative on the committee iii) publicity for the Village Hall photographic competition had been posted on the parish council website and circulated to members iv) the hedge adjacent to the allotments had been cut back by the parish lengthsman as requested v) other items of interest had been circulated to members as received.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

**THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**18.191.** Mr and Mrs Reid raised complaints concerning the excessive speed of vehicles using roads though the village and in particular Borwick Lane. Members discussed the initiatives to reduce the speed of vehicles using the village roads and agreed that the operation of a Community Roadwatch Scheme should be given priority. The clerk was instructed to contact the Lancashire Road Safety partnership and discuss the necessary arrangements, including numbers of volunteers required to progress the scheme. A letter of complaint had also been received concerning the speed of vehicles using the village roads from Mr Richards.

A letter of complaint had been received from Mr Richards concerning the closure of an access path to the Three Brothers area on Warton Crag. The path had been closed by the Leighton Hall owners on the request of a tenant farmer worried about the safety of his stock. Preliminary enquiries had revealed that the path was not a public right of way but a permissive path only. The AONB officers were concerned about the closure and were investigating. Councillor Peacock had carried out preliminary research into the history of the path but had been unable to find mention of it being recognised as a public footpath. Councillor Peacock agreed to carry out further research to uncover any evidence of the path being used as an ancient access.

No other items were raised by members of the public.

**THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING.**

**18.192. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS WILLIAMSON:** County Councillor Mrs Williamson advised the meeting that she had no business to report.

**18.193. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS SYKES:** District Councillor Mrs Sykes advised the meeting that she had no business to report.

**18.194. STANDING ORDER 25:** Members noted that no action had been taken under the provision of Standing Order 25.

**18.195. PLANNING MATTERS:** a) Members reviewed planning applications received as follows:

18/00397/FUL – Erection of building to accommodate a fishery shop (A1) and fishery store (B8) for Mr Alex Mollart, Clear Water Fishery, Kellet Lane, Over Kellet – No objection raised.

18/00861/FUL – Construction of a dormer extension to the rear elevation for Mr & Mrs Pearcy, 32 Church Hill Avenue, Warton – No objection raised.

18/0096/TCA – Works to yew trees for Mr Kevin Bisset, St Oswalds Church, Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

18/0104/TCA – Proposed removal of 1 silver birch tree due to the fact that it is being smothered by vine and it shades part of the garden which makes it difficult to grow anything for Mr Stephen Jones, 3 Plum Tree Bank, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00791/FUL – Erection of extension to existing agricultural building, construction of silage clamps and re-siting of slurry tank for Mr Barker, Cotestones Farm, Sand Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00619/FUL – Erection of a replacement conservatory to the rear, construction of a canopy to the front for Mrs Claire Liversedge, 119A Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00766/FUL – Retrospective application of the change of use of land to domestic garden area and erection of a boundary fence for Mrs M Jackson, 1 Hazelmount Drive, Millhead, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00840/FUL – Creation of new substructure to raise level of holiday chalet by 0.5m, erection of extension to the front over existing decking and construction of external steps to the front and to the side for Mr David White, Lodge 55 Pine Lake Resort, Scotland Road, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00914/FUL – Erection of single storey side extension for Mrs L Holmes, 85 Croftlands, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00619/FUL – Erection of a replacement conservatory to the rear and construction of a canopy to the rear and infill of ground floor to create porch and construction of a canopy to the front for Mrs Claire Liversedge, 119A Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

18/00898/FUL – Erection of a temporary 1-storey detached building for agricultural vehicle sales/hire with associated parking and access for Mr Bryan Hoggarth, land adjacent Keer Bridge, A6 Scotland Road, Warton. Members expressed concern about vehicles turning onto site off the A6 road, run off from the site from parked vehicles, concern about the period of time designated as temporary and light pollution from strong lighting.

18/00972/FUL – Erection of porch to side for Mr and Mrs Anthony Bradshaw, 8 Borwick Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

18/01061/FUL – Erection of outbuilding for Mr Cook, 69 Sand Lane, Warton – No objection raised although adequate sound proofing should be required.

18/00978/EIO – Scoping opinion for creation of new wetland habitat on fields for Jame Birch, Warton Mires, Warton – No objection raised.

b) Members noted the current status of planning applications already reviewed as follows:

17/00736/OUT – Reviewed 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting – Awaiting decision  
 17/0178/TPO – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/0038/TPO – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/00141/REM – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/00349/FUL – Reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/0060/TCA – Reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/00627/FUL – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 meeting – Application permitted  
 18/00652/FUL – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Application permitted  
 18/00349/FUL – Reviewed 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/00692/FUL – Reviewed 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 meeting – Awaiting decision  
 18/0096/TCA – For review 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 meeting – Application permitted

**18.196 FINANCE:** a) Members noted the financial summary for July and August 2018:

Opening Balance	Current Account	18033.41	
	Village Improvement Account	12014.10	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4515.22	
	E & R Wilson Account	<u>3.10</u>	<u>42624.40</u>
Receipts			NIL <u>42624.30</u>
Payments			
03.07.18	D Bland – Audit Payment	100.00	
03.07.18	P Doey Parish Lengthsman Payment	307.99	
03.07.18	T Oliver - Toilet Cleaning	50.00	
03.07.18	T Oliver – Toilet Cleaning	16.00	
06.07.18	J W Ball - Salary	363.00	<u>836.99</u>

41787.31

Closing Balance	Current Account	17196.42	
	Village Improv Acc	12014.10	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4515.22	
	E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>3.10</u>	<u>41787.31</u>

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

Npower – Toilet Electricity - £69.90 – 1972  
Tom Oliver – Toilet Cleaning – July £60.00 – 1973  
Tom Oliver – Toilet Cleaning – August £84.00 – 1974  
Peter Doey – Parish Lengthsman - £470.00 - 1975

**18.197. PUBLIC TOILETS:** Councillor Clough reported the toilets were operational and had been opened and closed by Tom Oliver during the Pre-School holidays.

**18.198. SPARROW PARK:** Councillor Clough reported that he had received estimates of the likely cost of producing a sign for the park but prices quoted seemed very high. Councillor Mrs Simmonds agreed to approach a woodworking firm that had produced engraved wooden items for the school PTA at a much lower price and request an estimated cost of producing a sign in Oak, A4 size, inscribed Sparrow Park. Members discussed the possibility of purchasing the park from Lancaster City Council instead of its management only and instructed the clerk to contact Lancaster City Council to request their consideration of an offer to purchase.

**18.199. ELIZABETH AND RICHARD WILSON CHARITABLE FUND:** The clerk reported that the 2017/2018 payment of £1464.20 had been received from the fund trustees. £1467.30 was available for distribution. One new application enquiry had been received. Members considered the HMRC declaration required to be completed by the parish council as a recipient of funding from a charity and instructed the clerk to comply.

**18.1200. THE WEIR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:** Members discussed the objection from Lancashire County Council to the parish council's application to register all of the area designated as the Weir (including the access across it) with the Land Registry. Lancashire County Council claimed that the access was a bridle way and was hence owned by it. Members agreed to dispute the claim as it was shown on plans as a public footpath and therefore owned by the parish council. The clerk was instructed to raise the matter with Lancashire County Council solicitors to clarify the position. Members considered complaints concerning the exercising of dogs on the play area and instructed the clerk to take advice on the provision of notices informing members of the public that dogs must be kept on leads when on the play area. Members concerns that the order may need the passing of a bye law before notices could be erected to be investigated. Members agreed the purchase of wood chip for topping up the areas surrounding some of the play equipment. The wood chip to be purchased in bulk bags to ease spreading provided suitable storage could be found. Members considered and agreed to the purchase of additional lights and the provision of a suitable electricity supply to allow the mature trees facing the road to be lit over the Christmas period as an alternative to the purchase of a large christmas tree.

**18.201. PARISH LENGTHSMAN:** Pete Doey had agreed in principle to undertake grass cutting duties during the 2019 season provided an adequate mower was made available. Members discussed the purchase of a mower but agreed that prior to proceeding an approach be made to St Oswalds church with a view to buying or hiring one of their machines.

**18.202. SPEED DETECTION DEVICE:** Councillor Clough reported that the Evolis Radar Speed Sign had been positioned in Borwick Lane and seemed to be having some affect. Members discussed the effectiveness of the new sign and agreed a second Evolis Radar Speed Sign be purchased to be sited on Mill Lane on the approach to Millhead.

**18.203. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN:** Councillor Clough reported that the plan was ready for use in an emergency.

**18.204. REGISTRATION OF WARTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY:** The clerk reported that the registration of the Weir with the Land Registry was on hold pending the outcome of negotiations with Lancashire County Council over ownership of the access. Members agreed that the registration of Senset Well go ahead but for the well area only, as they accepted that the approach to the well was a bridleway and not therefore owned by the parish council.

**18.205. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The clerk reported that input of parish council data had continued.

**18.206. WARTON AND MILLHEAD COMMUNITY ROADWATCH SCHEME:** The clerk reported that two additional volunteers had agreed to join the scheme and the clerk was instructed to liaise with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership with a view to making progress.

**18.207. MILL LANE FOOTPATH:** County Councillor Mrs Williamson reported that she had continued to discuss the footpath problem with Lancashire County Council officers.

**18.208. KEERBRIDGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** Members considered the contents of a letter received from Roy Drinkall of Ratcliffe and Bibby cautioning signing of the Option to Purchase agreement proposed by the solicitor acting for the developers as our signing of the agreement would be binding on the parish council with no such guarantee of purchase from the developer. Members agreed take the advice of our solicitor and refuse to sign but advising that we were still interested in the sale of the land.

**18.209. REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY & END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD WAR CENTENARY:** Members discussed the proposal to mark the centenary of the ending of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and agreed that the necessary arrangements and safeguarding involved in the provision and lighting of a gas beacon on the Weir were such that it was no longer feasible for the parish council to participate. Members felt that the parish council should provide a fitting contribution to the 100 year remembrance and agreed that a Silent Soldier figure be purchased from the British Legion Poppy appeal organisation at a cost of £250, the figure to be erected on Sparrow Park. Members agreed that the clerk arrange for the purchase of a wreath to be laid at the St Oswald Church Remembrance Service.

**18.210. WARTON BOWLING CLUB DONATION:** The clerk reported that copies of the latest accounts and confirmation of the need for a ramp were awaited.

**18.211. SALT MARSH TRUST:** County Councillor Mrs Williamson agreed to arrange for a copy of the £3,000 donation document to be forwarded to the clerk for action.

**18.212. ARCHBISHOP HUTTON'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BARN:** Councillor Peacock reported that it was still not clear which organisation owned the barn. It had been suggested that Blackburn Diocese Board of Education owned the building but he doubted this, with the Archbishop Huttons Trust being the more likely owner. Investigations continued and until ownership was established little progress could be made. Doubts on the safety of the building structure now made it more urgent for a solution to be reached.

**18.213. GRIT BIN ALLOCATION:** The clerk reported he continued to complete a list of the bins and their position.

**18.214. TOURING CINEMA PROJECT:** Members discussed the project and agreed they no longer wished to take part. The clerk was instructed to notify Carnforth Town Council accordingly.

**18.215: ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS:** i) Councillor Clough reported that the hedges in Borwick Lane required cutting back. Members advised that cutting the hedges was the responsibility of the landowner ii) Councillor Clough reported that the stop sign at the junction of Borwick Lane and the A6 was obscured iii) Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that the lintel over the public footpath archway at 74 Main Street was cracked and reassurance on its safety was required iv) Councillor Briggs reported that the road markings in Croftlands after resurfacing needed to be replaced v) Councillor Briggs reported that the railings at the Borwick Lane/A6 junction were being used for the display of illegal business advertisements.

**18.216. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** There being no further business the chairman thanked members, County Councillor Mrs Williamson and District Councillor Mrs Sykes for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm arranging the next meeting for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Warton.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda to be notified to the clerk by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes subject to agreement at the next meeting of the Warton Parish Council.