

**MINUTES OF THE WARNFORD PARISH MEETING AGM
held on 19th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Warnford Village Hall.**

Chair: Lucy Hutchinson, standing in for Mark Rogers

Clerk: Clare Swinstead, standing in for Lucy Hutchinson

Papers relating to the meeting had been posted on the website in advance, some copies were available at the meeting.

1. Apologies: Alex and Billy Bennett, Rev. P Good, Jane and Richard McConochie, Sarah and Peter Mosse, Julie and Charles Normandale, Penny and Kit Power, Carol and Kim Rowlatt, Mark Rogers, Vera Short, Marja and Ed Wilton.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021: proposed by Stephen Short and seconded by Derek Chapman, these were approved and signed.

3. Chair's report: In Mark Rogers' absence, the Chair said he would wish to thank those who do so much for the village, including Derek Chapman (rights of way, highways), Andrew Baynes (website), Phil Chadder (Parish Lengthsman) and Pauline Swan and David Corbett (defibrillator).

4. Financial

Accounts for the year to 31.03.22: proposed by Tricia Chapman and seconded by Stephen Short, these were approved.

AGAR: the Chair took the meeting through these papers.

The Certificate of Exemption, proposed by David Corbett and seconded by Sarah Medd, was approved.

The meeting received and noted the Internal Audit Report.

The Annual Governance Statement, proposed by David Corbett and seconded by Stephen Short, was approved.

The Accounting Statements 2021/22, proposed by David Corbett and seconded by Stephen Short, were approved.

The Chair confirmed that the date for the exercise of public rights is 13 June 2022.

Parish News: The Chair said that the Parish News had wanted to apply for a grant but had not submitted a suitable application and so had been told that it could apply in November for the current as well as the next financial year.

5. Election of Officers: Mark Rogers (Chair) and Lucy Hutchinson (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) were re-elected unopposed.

Karen Cornelius was reappointed unopposed as the WPM rep. on the Village Hall committee.

6. Planning: The Chair took the meeting through the schedule and added that Planning Enforcement is in contact with Beech Tree Farm about breaches/apparent breaches. Andrew Sellick said there was no news since the November meeting in relation to Manor Farm Dairy.

7. Rights of Way/Highways: Derek Chapman reported on these.

a) Rights of Way:

- i) remedial work on Sheepbridge had been completed in March and he expressed his thanks to those who had helped for their hard work in very unfavourable conditions.
- ii) The ESSO pipeline replacement was in progress; updates are posted on the village website.
- iii) Two complaints had been received recently about the difficulty of using certain stiles which require installing a further step.

b) Highways:

Two SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) had been set up on the A32 in March and April (northbound towards Alton and southbound towards Fareham), each for two week sessions. Another two are planned for July and August. Derek spoke to his report, which is on the website. His suggestion that the report go to Hampshire Highways (HH) with a request to reduce the speed limit on the A32 through the village to 30mph was agreed, Cllr. Lumby promised to do this, he will also give the report to the Police.

8. Cllr. Lumby (HCC&WCC):

Rather than go through all of his report, Cllr. Lumby praised the SID report and focussed on traffic issues. He referred to the average speed cameras which are to be installed around the A272/A32 junction, acoustic cameras, which are being tested in parts of the country, and the incoherent changes in speed limit on the A32 and the A272.

In the discussion on speed limits (as noted above, he will pass the SID report to HH and the Police) he said that although it may appear paradoxical, police information suggests that if motorists exceed a speed limit by driving very much faster, they will also ignore a lower limit. If, however, they drive above but not hugely above a speed limit, they are more likely to respect a lower one. The SID report should help on this.

HCC is looking at whether to have 20mph limits in residential areas, which it seems to consider are urban not rural areas though, as he said, residents in the latter category should obviously feel safe and protected when using local roads. It was agreed that it was unrealistic to have 20mph on the A32, but it might be viable on the village lanes.

The approach of Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan 4 "putting people and places at the heart of our decisions", considers a road to be a shared space, not just a means of getting from A to B. He thus appreciated concerns expressed by two Lippen Lane residents who did not feel safe when walking their dogs and who felt intimidated by heavy vehicles on their way to the Meon View construction site in West Meon and delivery vehicles exceeding the speed limit. He promised to give HCC a list drawn up of heavy vehicles using Lippen Lane from 14 February to 10 April 2022.

It was pointed out that one or more signs preventing Meon View construction traffic using Lippen Lane had disappeared, possibly following Storm Eunice. The Chair agreed to ask the planners to ensure these signs are restored.

9. The Touchet Trust: The Chair reminded the meeting that Jeremy Barber is WPM's rep.

10. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations: The Chair outlined these and encouraged all to attend. Proposed by Amie Boyes and seconded by Andrew Sellick, the meeting agreed to expenditure of up to £200 on the celebrations. The meeting agreed that, citing the Queen's Green Canopy, it would be good to plant a 'Jubilee' tree in the Playground. Stephen Short has an oak tree, donated by a local scout group, which could be planted. If anyone has other suggestions for the tree, they should give them to him or to Lucy Hutchinson by the end of May. Planting would not be done until much later in the year. A plaque will be needed, the cost can be considered at the November meeting. A suggestion was made that the stump of a tree affected by ash dieback be sculpted with, for example, a royal crown.

11. A O B

a) The Chair said there would be a cycling event through the village on 1st October, that would be posted on the website nearer the time.

b) The possibility of a Nitrogen mitigation site in the village was mentioned, to the extent that it is a public matter, there is information on the relevant local authority's website about this.

c) Amie Boyes reported that the Church fete would be held on 17 September and that Wifi access was now possible in the Village Hall.

d) Stephen Short warned everyone to be careful of ticks that are currently in abundance and that can transmit potentially lethal diseases.

e) On behalf of the Village Hall, Derek Chapman announced the appointment of Billy Bennet as Chairman, following the retirement of Jeremy Barber. He wished to thank Jeremy for his years as a devoted chairman, dating back to pre-Village Hall days. Derek also asked everybody to spread the word about Wi-fi access in the hall.

f) Amie Boyes reported that the Village Hall is now on Instagram.

- g) She also informed the meeting that the Eatons were leaving the village. Their donation of two prints now hanging in the hall were much appreciated and the committee had written them a letter of thanks with photos of the prints in situ.
- h) Thanks were expressed to those organising the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

12. Date of next meeting: In November, date tbc.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm