

MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING AGM held at 7.35pm on 16th May 2019 in the Warnford Village Hall

Chair: Mark Rogers

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Lucy Hutchinson

1. Apologies: There were apologies from 13 people.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018: Proposed by Percy O'Dell and seconded by Amanda Dunn, these were approved, and signed by the Chair.

3. Police: PS Stuart Gilmour was pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Police Team is now back in Bishops Waltham, together with Countrywatch staff. Although he had lost staff since November, he was getting more, as part of the PCC's precept is being used to increase visible policing.

Crime: There were two burglaries in the area in April, one was forced entry, this type of burglary is being seen more, someone with a similar modus operandi has been arrested and it may be that he was responsible in this case. There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles and of registration plates, several have been attributed to an organised gang operating over 10 counties. Regrettably rural areas are being seen as soft targets.

Motorbike noise/speed: The Roads Policing Unit has made this a priority and is working with the Neighbourhood Police team. During the discussion on this he said that the Police do go to Loomies (which has been co-operative), however there is no one thing which will solve the problem, there are a number approaches being taken/considered as well as trying to educate those who cause the noise, such as changing the design of the roads and enforcement. PS Gilmour was thanked for his contribution, he then had to leave the meeting.

4. Playground: Alex Bennett said that due to ash die-back the Playground committee had had to remove the tyre, which all agreed was a shame. The ash trees are being monitored and will only be removed if necessary, that would, of course be expensive.

Reference was made to the spikes on top of the swings, which are there to deter pigeons. Notices may be put up to warn about the spikes.

5. Cllr. Roger Huxstep (HCC): his report was on the website and copies were available; in addition to items in it he referred to a Traffic Order Notification (40mph limit near Droxford) which he had just received, he will send the Clerk a copy, it may give Warnford some ideas about getting reduced speed limits. He then had to leave the meeting.

6. Chair's report: He covered various matters including:

-thanking those who do work for the Parish including Derek Chapman (Rights of Way etc.), Andrew Baynes (website) and the Clerk;

-litter collection

-he is keen to find more things where the Parish Meeting can help the community and is open to suggestions on this;

-broadband: it is hoped that fibre may be live in July;

-roadworks on the A32, the dates keep changing, it is hoped the road will not be closed completely but information on this varies, information should be available at www.roadworks.org (the link is on the website);

-the pothole in River Lane, reported in March, the Clerk will chase this up; and

-the defibrillator: this will soon be moved to the outside wall of the Village Hall, the move will be publicised. Pauline Swan and David Corbett agreed to be the "Guardians" of the defibrillator.

7. Receipts and Payments accounts for the year to 31st March 2019: Copies were available and were on the website. The Clerk said these had been approved by the Internal Auditor, Jane Crawshaw, who was thanked for her work. Proposed by Pauline Swan and seconded by Andrew Baynes, these accounts were approved.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Meeting now has to pay a £40 registration fee annually to the Information Commissioner, proposed by Derek Chapman and seconded by Andrew Baynes, payment of this for 2019 and for the future was approved.

8. Elections: As there were no other candidates, the Chair and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer were re-elected unopposed.

9. Parish Meeting's rep. on the Village Hall committee: as the Village Hall's constitution is not clear as to the length of the appointment, the Meeting confirmed that Karen Cornelius, who was appointed in May 2018, should be confirmed as its rep. for another year.

10. Grant application by the Parish News: the application was on the website and copies were available. Buffy Morris spoke in support of the application, the Meeting approved a grant of £150. In the discussion she said she would check if those from outside the area pay to have their articles included in the Parish News. She confirmed that West Meon PC will be asked to increase their grant.

11. Planning: The Planning schedule was on the website and copies were available, the Clerk spoke to it. The Chair encouraged people to send him comments, whether for or against applications, as that is the only way the Parish Meeting knows what views to consider when responding to the planners.

12. Rights of Way/Highways: Derek Chapman spoke to his report, which was on the website and copies were available. If people get the reg. numbers of vehicles on the Green Lanes, he asked them to give them to him. In relation to the possible long term changes identified in the report it was agreed that the following should be done:

1. Footpath 10 – possible conversion to bridleway – this needs further consideration as to the implications for cycling on other footpaths in the area.

2. Footpath 7: Derek Chapman to pursue this.

3. A footpath to the Church: Derek Chapman to pursue this.

4. A new footpath from Footpath 7 to link with Footpath 15: Derek Chapman will support West Meon on this.

13. The Touchet Trust: Jeremy Barber, who is the Parish Meeting's rep. on the Trust, outlined what the Trust does, anyone interested in knowing more should contact him.

14. Cllr. Lumby (WCC): his report was on the website and copies were available. He spoke to it and also explained, to the extent that he could given the impending European elections, how things might change now that WCC has a Lib Dem majority. In the discussion he said that WCC was planning to do more recycling, he will email the clerk the WCC link to the explanation of what can currently be recycled.

15. A O B

Bus shelter: There was a request to see to whether Warnford could have a bus shelter, there are a number of children who use the bus (it operates only on school days) and in bad weather there is no shelter from the rain etc. It was agreed that this should be pursued. Although the Parish Meeting will have to pay for it, grants should be available for at least some of the cost. The first step is to ask Highways if it is possible to have one, the Clerk will pursue this.

16. Next Meeting: 28 November 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.