

## **MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING AGM held at 8pm on 19 May 2016 in the Warnford Village Hall.**

**Chairman: Mark Rogers**

**Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson**

**1. Apologies:** Andrew Baynes, Derek Chapman, Tricia Chapman, Ann Hammant, Dennis Hammant, Caroline Lushington, Mac Millington, Pauline Millington, Kit Power, Penny Power, Wendy Rogers, Andrew Sellick, Candi Sellick.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2015:** proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Peter Short, these were approved and signed.

**3. Police report:** Serg. Stuart Gimour said that although this is a low crime area, there had been a number of thefts from gardens in the Meon Valley recently, a suspect has been arrested and various unidentified items found, these will be on display at an open morning at Wickham Community Centre shortly. He appreciated that the main concern is the noise and speeding by motor bikes on the A32, Cllr Ruffell confirmed that the new Police & Crime Commissioner had promised to continue funding for average speed cameras in this area. Various other options are being considered, although the Road Policing Unit is not committing as many resources to this problem as it did last year. Serg. Gilmour encouraged people to attend the PACT meeting in West Meon on 2 June 2016. There was a discussion on the reduction in Police Stations, the local Police still have an office in Bishop's Waltham but it is not open to the public.

**4. Chairman's report:** the Chairman apologised for not being very active over recent months, due to family bereavements, but was now back in harness. The defibrillator will remain at the pub until there is a secure box for it. There will shortly be another training evening, jointly with West Meon. He is keen to find things which bring the community together eg wildlife projects and asked everyone to think of what might be done. The Parish now has a new noticeboard, David Taylor was thanked for making it, as were Fair Oak Glass and Windows for donating the safety glass, the Meeting approved the payment of the former's costs (for materials) of £110. The website is working well, the Chairman thanked Andrew Baynes for his work on it and encouraged all to use it.

### **5. Financial**

**Accounts for the year to 31 March 2016:** The Clerk took the Meeting through them. Proposed by Peter Short and seconded Sarah Medd, these were approved.

**Internal Audit:** it was noted with appreciation that Jane Crawshaw continues to act as Internal Auditor and has signed off the accounts.

The following **annual payments** were approved for this year and for the future:

Information Commissioner: £35.00

Hampshire Association of Local Councils: £50.00

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£15.00

## 6. Election of Officers:

Proposed by Anne Corden and seconded by Peter Short, Mark Rogers was re-elected as Chairman.

Proposed by Ed Wilton and seconded by Clare Swinstead, Lucy Hutchinson was re-elected as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

**7. Winchester County Councillors: Amber Thacker and Laurence Ruffell:** We now have two WCC, they introduced themselves and confirmed that they would be happy to be contacted on matter of concern. They referred to HCC's consultation on Household Waste Recycling Centres and encouraged all to participate as there are proposals to close the Bishop's Waltham and the Petersfield centres.

**8. Touchet Trust:** Rev Lionel Stock, Chairman of the Trust, spoke about it, it gives approx. £20,000 in grants per year. In 2015 there were approx. 44 grants of which 11 went to people in Warnford. He will consult with the Touchet trustees and revert on Warnford's wish that Touchet be referred to on the village website so that all can be aware of it.

**9. Parish News:** Rev. Lionel Stock said that it would make a loss of approx. £1000 and asked WPM for a donation of £75. Whilst this was discussed, Rev. Stock absented himself; on his return the Chairman explained the Meeting's decision that as it has set its budget for 2016/7 and was already spending more than its income, it did not wish to spend more this year. Rev Stock may repeat his request at the November 2016 Meeting, when the budget for 2017/8 will be set. In the meantime, the Parish News might wish to reduce to 10 editions per year to avoid the expected loss.

## 10. Planning:

The Clerk took the Meeting through the **Schedule of pending etc . planning applications**. She encouraged everyone to sign up to the Planning Tracker on the village website.

In Derek Chapman's absence, the Chairman and Clerk took the Meeting through his report '**Warnford Parish-Planning**' , there was no enthusiasm for a Village Design Statement, but if anyone wishes to pursue this, they should contact the Chairman.

**11. Green Lanes:** In Derek Chapman's absence, the Clerk took the Meeting through his report on this, Serg. Gilmour said that one biker, who had been photographed, had been given a S.59 warning. Cllr. Huxstep has chased Richard Sykes at HCC and will do so again, he will ask if he and someone from Warnford can attend the proposed internal HCC meeting. Cllr. Ruffell offered to help in relation to a Protection of Public Space Order.

**12. Rights of Way:** In Derek Chapman's absence, the Clerk took the Meeting through his report. His work on this and on Green Lanes and Planning was appreciated. The Meeting

would like him to chase up his contact at HCC in relation to the drainage works on the A32 (ie have they been completed properly?), plus the recent flooding at the A32/Wheely Down Road junction and the broken drain opposite the Village Hall.

**13. Parish Lengthsman:** Peter Short reported that we continue to participate in this scheme, which is expanding. He would welcome suggestions of jobs for the Lengthsman.

**14. Watercress beds:** Peter Short's concern at the state of these was shared by the Meeting. The Chairman will pursue this, including the water management issues relating to the non-use of the beds.

**15. Cll Huxstep (HCC)'s report:** He spoke to this.

**16. A.O.B.**

**a) Broadband:** concern was expressed over the poor quality in parts of the village, the Chairman will pursue this, Cllr. Huxstep suggested he contact Glen Peacey at HCC, who liaises with Open Reach.

**b) The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations:** The Chairman said that all were welcome to join in the festivities at West Meon.

**c) Village Hall:** Jeremy Barber said that works are to be done in the kitchen soon. Next year is the Hall's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he has been on the Committee, latterly as Chairman, from the start. He will be stepping down in 2017. Anyone wishing to join the Hall's committee and/or run the 200 club should contact him.

**d) Poor quality of local roads:** David Corbett raised this, his concern was shared by the Meeting. Cllr Huxstep said there were insufficient staff to check the quality of work and encouraged all to report potholes and, if no action were taken, to report this to him so he can pursue particular problems. The Chairman will see if there can be a link on the village website to the HCC reporting potholes website.

**e) The Church Fete:** this is on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**f) Warnford Park:** this is open on 22 May, in aid of the Church.

**g) River Lane:** the Clerk said that verge had been badly damaged some months ago, HCC has been asked to rebuild it. Diana Hogg has kindly had part of it rebuilt and reseeded. The Meeting would like Derek Chapman to pursue HCC so that the verge is restored properly, the Meeting can then consider having posts put in to prevent further damage, although, as Cllr. Huxstep commented, it may be difficult to get HCC to do this.

**h) Percy Odell** suggested that meetings might start a little earlier.

**17. Date of next Meeting: 3 November 2016**

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm

