

## MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING

held at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 in the Warnford Village Hall

**Chair:** Mark Rogers

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:** Lucy Hutchinson

**1. Apologies:** There were apologies from 10 people.

**2. Minutes of the AGM held on 10th May 2018:** Proposed by Peter Short and seconded by Vera Short, these were approved, and signed by the Chair.

**3. Chair's report:** He covered various matters including:

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

-the bringing of fibre into the village to improve broadband;

-the work being done by CANS in relation to the problems caused by motor cycles on the A32 and A272:

-the River Meon, eg the introduction of water voles and the small oil leak in the summer, which is not causing any damage, the EA is not concerned about it, the relevant works should begin soon and will not affect the village;

-a parishoner had suggested that wild flowers be planted on the verge where Lippen Lane meets the A32 (on the right hand side), it was agreed that this should be pursued, the Clerk will see if HCC can assist; and

-Derek Chapman will chase Highways about clearing the footpath along the A32 from Lippen Lane to the pub.

**4. Police:** PCSO Owen Reeves reported on crime in the area over recent months, including thefts of car number plates, the recent anti-poaching operation carried out with local gamekeepers and he confirmed that the Police are working with CANS.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The Clerk said that few police reports were circulated as she only sends round those which relate to Warnford or nearby. She is looking for someone to assist by sending NW emails round if she cannot, anyone wishing to do this should speak to her outside the meeting.

**5. Financial:** The relevant documents had been posted on the village website in advance and some copies were available at the meeting.

**Receipts and Payments accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2018:** The Clerk spoke to these, proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Peter Short they were approved.

**Budget for 2019/20:** The Clerk spoke to this, proposed by Amanda Dunn and seconded by Tim Dunn, the Clerk's expenses were approved. The other anticipated expenses were noted, they have been approved by previous Meetings. Proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Sarah Medd, the Budget was approved.

### **Grant Applications:**

**The Playground:** As the Playground had got out of kilter with its applications, two were considered and approved, one of £450 for 2018/19 and another of £450 for 2019/20.

**The Village Hall:** The £300 grant sought was approved. The defibrillator should be fitted to the outside wall of the Hall by the main entrance very shortly.

**Parish News:** The Clerk reported that no application was before this Meeting but the Parish News may well ask for a grant at the AGM.

**Precept:** The Chair said that increasing the precept by £100 would cost £1 per Council Tax payer, he suggested increasing the precept by £200. Cllr. Huxstep advised increasing it now as much as possible given that a cap of 2 or 3% may be introduced soon. After some discussion on this the Meeting voted to increase the precept by £200.

**6. Planning:** The Clerk spoke to the planning schedule (which was on the website and copies were available at the Meeting).

**7. Cllr. Roger Huxstep (HCC):** He went through his report (which was posted on the village website after the meeting). He was asked about potholes, ones in Lippen Lane repaired last year had reappeared. He asked people to continue to report potholes, and to tell him if ones repaired using the new Dragon system recurred or if reported potholes were not repaired.

**8. Cllr Hugh Lumby (WCC):** He went through his report (which was posted on the village website subsequently).

**9. Rights of Way:** Derek Chapman spoke to his report, which had been posted on the village website and copies were available at the Meeting, he particularly asked people to consider what improvements might be sought, as per point 5 of his report.

**10. The Touchet Trust:** Warnford's rep. on the Trust, Jeremy Barber, spoke briefly about its work, anyone seeking further information should contact him.

**11. A.O.B:**

**a)** Derek Chapman gave an update on **the replacement fuel pipeline**, details are on the website;

**b)** a plea was made for **cushions for the Village Hall chairs**, this is a matter for the Hall; and

**c)** the camber on parts of the A32 by bridges is increasing, presumably due to heavy lorries, and becoming dangerous, Cllr. Huxstep will pursue this.

**12. The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.**