

MINUTES OF THE WARNFORD PARISH MEETING
held at 7.35pm on 28th November 2019
in the Warnford Village Hall

Chair: Mark Rogers

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Lucy Hutchinson

All the papers referred to were available on the Warnford Village website. Hard copies were distributed of the Agenda, Minutes of the 16th May 2019 AGM, Half yearly accounts, Budget, Planning schedule and the Rights of Way report. Additionally, hard copies were available of the grant applications made by the Village Hall, the Playground and the Parish News and of the reports of Cllr. Huxstep and Cllr. Lumby.

As explained by the Chair at the start of the Meeting, the order of items on the Agenda was varied to accommodate those who had to leave early.

1. Apologies: There were apologies from 10 people.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 16th May 2019: Proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Peter Short, these were approved and signed.

3. The Playground: Grant application: the Meeting voted to grant the £450 sought, it was noted that the Playground may have significant extra expenditure in future due to ash dieback affecting its trees.

VE Day, 8th May 2020: the Playground is happy to host a village event, anyone with any suggestions or wishing to volunteer should contact Alex Bennett or the Clerk.

4. Recycling scheme: Josh and Karen Cornelius gave a presentation on the recycling scheme Josh is running in the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, this was much appreciated by all. Recycling of plastic is a major issue, especially given the limitations on what WCC can recycle.

5. Cllr. Roger Huxstep (HCC): he spoke to his report and confirmed he would be able to contribute towards the cost of a bus shelter.

6. Cllr. Hugh Lumby (WCC): He spoke to his report. Anyone who has not received their recycling box for glass should contact him or WCC via its website.

7. Financial: Receipts and Payments accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2019: Proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Clare Swinstead, these were approved.

Budget: Proposed by Anne Corden and seconded by Ken Eaton, this was approved.

Clerk's expenses: £50: Proposed by Ed Wilton and seconded by Vera Short, these were approved.

Grants: in addition to the grant to the Playground approved early, the Meeting voted to grant the **Village Hall** £300 and the **Parish News** £200.

Precept: after some discussion the Meeting voted to increase it by £100.

8. Planning: The Chair said that there had been some recent criticism of how the Parish Meeting had responded to a planning application made some years ago. He stressed the importance of anyone with comments, either for or against an application, passing these to him if they wish the Parish Meeting's response to take them into account. He emails those on his distribution list with details of applications as they arise, and details are also on the website, so all have the opportunity to comment.

The Clerk went through the Planning schedule, the only item needing updating was Manor Farm Dairy, where Prior Approval had just been given. A question was raised about Beech Farm and whether there was planning permission for the existing mobile home.

9. Rights of Way: Derek Chapman spoke to his report. Any problems with rights of way should be reported to him. He also asked for any breaches of the TRO on the Green Lanes to be reported to him. It may be possible to get HCC to put up gates, but first it will require evidence of breaches.

10. Touchet Trust: Jeremy Barber, the Parish Meeting's rep. on the Trust, asked that anyone needing a form or information about the Trust should contact him.

11. Neighbourhood Watch: The Clerk, who has run NW for many years, said she would be happy for someone else to take it over. PS Stuart Gilmour has retired, he had been a great help and will be missed. His replacement, PS Richard Holland, was unable to come to this meeting but hopes to come to the May AGM.

12. Chair's report: Much had already been covered, he referred to the VE Day celebrations, and hoped the village would organise some; it appears that Hampshire Highways are happy for Warnford to have a bus shelter, it is a question of funding, work is being done on this although no major source has been found yet; the defibrillator is in place and there is some improvement in Broadband in the village.

13. A.O.B.

a) Andrew Sellick said that when he came to Warnford he planted around 20,000 trees on the Warnford estate. Many were ash trees and sadly many are affected by ash dieback. In view of this he is planning another tree planting project, with native hardwoods and perhaps some fruit trees. If anyone has any suggestions about this project, they should contact him.

b) Parish Lengthsman scheme: The Clerk had previously explained that the cluster Warnford had been in had closed and we were now in one run by Soberton PC. Peter Short had organised the PL's work in the village since the inception of the scheme. He was now stepping down; he was warmly thanked for all his work. Phil Chadder is taking over from him.

c) Litter picking: the Clerk said that there would probably be another litter picking day in the early spring, co-ordinating with West Meon.

14. The next meeting (the AGM) will be at 7.30pm on 21st May 2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm