

## Warnford Parish Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 in

### Warnford Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Chair: Mark Rogers**

**Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson**

The papers referred to were on the website, some hard copies were available at the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** Billy Bennet, Fi Beresford, Sarah Medd, Caroline Notcutt, Peter Short, Stephen Short, Vera Short, Pauline Swan and Cllr. Lumby.

**2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** Proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Phil Chadder, these were approved.

**3. Chair's report:** He noted the sad loss of Ken Eaton, the previous Parish Chair, who died in the summer. He thanked those who help with Parish matters, Andrew Baynes (website), Derek Chapman (Rights of Way and other matters), Phil Chadder (Parish Lengthsman), Pauline Swan and David Corbett (defibrillator), the Clerk and Warnford's HCC and WCC Councillors. The state of the River Meon is a matter of concern, it is very low and not clean looking, he is in touch with a number of groups about this.

**4. Financial: a) the half year accounts:** the Clerk referred to these, including explaining the increase in the insurance premium, which had been paid in the summer and had been fixed for three years; proposed by Andrew Baynes and seconded by Gerry Corden, the level of premium and the three year agreement were ratified.

**b) Budget, Precept and Grants for 2023/4:** It was agreed that the Parish Meeting would pay the Village Hall a hire fee of £10 per meeting. The Meeting approved a grant of £450 to the **Playground**. Derek Chapman spoke for the **Village Hall**, explaining that the income is only about half of running costs and he encouraged all to use the Hall for meetings/functions etc. The committee is looking for someone who could help with marketing, especially using social media. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who might be should contact Derek. The grant of £300 was approved. **The Parish News** applied for £200 for the current year and £200 for 2023/4, Kit Power spoke for the applications and also asked for suggestions on improving/adding to the Parish News. Both grants (a total of £400) were approved. **The Clerk's expenses** of £50 were approved.

The Meeting voted to hold the **Precept** at £1500.

Proposed by Pam Eastwood and seconded by Julie Normandale, the **Budget** was approved.

**c) Other expenditure: Speed Indicator Device**, it had not been possible to download data from the SID after the summer sessions, which was unfortunate as we had hoped to use the data when trying to persuade Highways to reduce the speed limit on the A32. It was agreed that we should spend £200 on SID next year, and try to ensure that the data is available, asking for further sessions if the data is not available.

**The Coronation:** the Meeting agreed that up to £200 could be spent on celebrations.

**5. The Police:** the Chair welcome PCSO Owen Reeves, he was our local PCSO some years ago, and now has a large area, including Warnford. He is based in Bishop's Waltham. He ran through the various ways of reporting matters/contacting the Police (999, 101, the Police website and the Action fraud website) and mentioned some of the crimes in the area eg thefts from sheds and vehicles.

**6. Manor Farm Dairy:** Andrew Sellick gave an update, the site is outside the rural housing area (Warnford is a 'settlement without boundaries'), commercial use should be possible but he thought it probably too large to be only commercial use. He understood that solar farms are not permitted in the South Downs National Park. He ran through the results of the questionnaire he had circulated, copies of which, together with the results were available. He confirmed that people could still complete and return the questionnaire to him. Various possible uses other than residential were mentioned in the discussion, including indoor sports, storage etc. On traffic issues, he said that the sightlines had been improved on Hayden Lane. However concern was expressed about traffic, particularly at the junction of Hayden Lane and the A32. He confirmed that the site had been put forward to SDNP in its recent request for suitable residential sites.

**7. Watercress beds:** the Chair has been in touch with Vitacress, which has no plans to reopen the beds (it only looks two years ahead). The Clerk is looking at whether one could get some protection for the beds by having them designated as Local Green Spaces in the SDNP. Concern was raised that the beds were a source of mosquitoes, even though it seems the water is not entirely stagnant. The Chair agreed to look into this.

**8. Planning:** the Clerk went through the pending applications listed on the Planning Schedule. Concern was raised about the lighting at The George & Falcon, which may not comply with the SDNP Dark Skies policy. The Clerk said that if details were emailed to her, she could raise these with the Planners. Those from Beech Tree Farm confirmed that Planning Enforcement had visited and that the unlawful mobile home had now been removed. Those from North Lodge need to know more of the history of their house and asked if anyone could help them with that.

The Chair consults all on Planning applications before submitting the Parish response, he consults by email (anyone not on his Parish distribution list and who would like to join it should contact the Clerk) and all can register for Alerts on the website so they are made aware of planning applications and can give any comments to the Chair.

**9. Touchet Trust:** Jeremy Barber explained what it is, anyone with questions about it or wishing to seek a grant should contact him.

**10. Councillors' reports:** Cllr Bolton spoke to his and Cllr Lumby's reports. Cllr Bolton will send through his monthly reports so these can go onto the village website.

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

**a)Parish Lengthsman:** please give any suggestions for work the PL can do to Phil Chadder;

**b) Dog fouling:** the Clerk said a complaint had been received about this and asked dog owners to clear up after their dogs on rights of way and roads;

**c) Neighbourhood Watch:** the Clerk has been running this for many years, and would like someone else to take over, or it could be shut down, she will ask those who are signed up to it what they would like to happen;

**d) Meon Valley Community Bus:** the new timetable is on the website;

**e) the Noticeboard:** the cost of a larger one is beyond the Parish Meeting, it was suggested that people only use A5 size posters etc., and that posters etc. are not left up for too long so that the noticeboard does not become overcrowded;

**f) Garden Club talk on 10<sup>th</sup> November in Warnford:** people were encouraged to come to this:

**g) Bus service:** in response to a suggestion that the reduction in service be investigated, it was reported that the Transport Forum had made it clear that regrettably rural services would have to suffer due to financial constraints; and

**h) Village fire drill:** the Chair agreed to investigate if one could be arranged.

**12. Date of next meeting (the AGM): 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm**

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.