

MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING held at 8pm on 19 November 2015 in the Warnford Village Hall.

Chairman: Mark Rogers

Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson

1. Apologies: Anne Corden, Helen Hiscox, Sarah Medd, Penny Power, Rev. Stock and Marja Wilton.

2. The Clerk gave the Meeting the sad news that Ray Stone of West Meon had died.

3. The Clerk confirmed that papers for the Meeting had been put on the village website, as mentioned in emails she had circulated. She encouraged all to ensure they were on the Parish Meeting email distribution list (please contact her outside the meeting in this regard) and also accessed the papers online. Some paper copies of the papers were also available at the meeting.

4. Minutes of the AGM held on 21 May 2015: proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Andrew Baynes, these were approved and signed.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 June 2015: proposed by Peter Short and seconded by Clare Swinstead, these were approved and signed.

5. Chairman's report: He spoke to his slides.

6. Police/Neighbourhood Watch: Serg. Stuart Gilmour reported on **crime affecting the Warnford area** in the last 6 months; of the 20 reported incidents 9 were road traffic ones, there were some crop damage incidents plus the theft of a horse and of agricultural machinery, one item had been found in Poland. He stressed that although this is a low crime area, we should be aware that there is organised crime in rural areas. **Motorcycles:** His team has worked with the Road Traffic Unit but the large amount of time spent on this issue cannot be maintained so the RTU is looking at getting static cameras on the A32. The PCC is focussing on this issue, the Chairman said there was a meeting with him soon and he would be pressed on the noise problem. He thanked Serg. Gilmour for working hard for us on this. Serg. Gilmour said it was important for people to put pressure on the relevant people, there is a meeting with some MPs shortly. On various occasions empty police cars had been parked on the A32 and that had had a positive effect. **Cycling events:** An event in the summer involving approx. 1000 cyclists coming down Hayden Lane had caused concern, there is no legislation on such (non race) events, but risk assessments are required and he will keep tabs on this for the future. **Green Lanes:** as expected, autumn has seen the return of irresponsible use of these, the Police are looking at using cameras in the lanes behind Bere Farm: **Community engagement:** Serg. Gilmour asked how we would like to see the Police being visible in the area, the Chairman said that we would get back to him on this.

7. West Meon Village Shop: Catherine Younger explained that the shop was a community one but is making a loss, in particular suffering from competition from NISA. The shop is trying to boost sales as well as cutting costs. Following the recent survey, the shop will

ensure it improves and does not run out of everyday essentials. She asked that any suggestions be given to the shop, with name and contact number. Cllr. Bodtger will meet with Catherine and Pauline Collins to see if any grants can be given. Catherine was thanked for her presentation.

8. The Role of a Community First Responder: Karen Ward gave a presentation, she will liaise with Andrew Baynes and put something on the village website. She was thanked for her presentation.

9. Financial:

Accounts for the 6 months to 30 Sept.2015: The Clerk spoke to these. Proposed by Rob Athawes and seconded by Peter Short, these were approved.

The Clerk asked the Meeting to approve payment of hire fees to the Village Hall of £28 (£1 each for the May and the November meetings and the usual Hall rates for the June planning meeting and the October defibrillator training evening). She also asked the Meeting to approve payments for the future of £1 for each of the two normal meetings and the Hall's usual charges for any other meetings. The Meeting approved all of these payments.

Budget 2016-17: The Clerk spoke to this, she had explained (in item 8) that the Parish Meeting had expected a grant of £400 from WCC for the defibrillator but only £320 had been given. The Meeting approved the payment of the missing £80 from its own funds should Cllr. Bodtger not be able to persuade WCC to pay this £80. If the Parish Meeting pays the £80, the amount available from income for donations as per the Budget would reduce to approx.. £770. The Budget was approved.

Precept: Proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Andrew Baynes, it was agreed that this be increased from £950 to £1000. The Clerk reminded the Meeting that this had not been done in the past as precepts of £1000 and over incurred an audit fee, she will double check that this is no longer the position.

Clerk's expenses: Proposed by Vera Short and seconded by Clare Swinstead, these were approved at £50pa.

Donations: The Chairman reported that Rev. Stock had asked for £75 for the **Parish News**. The Meeting was concerned to know more about the financial position of the Parish News and so deferred this until the next meeting when Rev. Stock should be able to provide the necessary information.

The Playground: Stephen Short said that the Playground did not have a natural source of income. It needs to have funds for capital expenditure eg the mower will need replacing at some point as will the play equipment, plus the Playground has ongoing maintenance costs. Cllr. Huxstep said he might be able to help using his devolved budget towards capital items.

The Village Hall : Jeremy Barber reported on what the Hall needed to spend money, including the car park works, the floor, guttering, and an overhead extractor.

After some discussion, proposed by Ann Hammant and seconded by Diana Hogg, it was agreed that £300 should be donated to the Village Hall and £450 to the Playground in 2016-17.

10. Planning: Derek Chapman spoke to his slides, including referring to the separate Planning schedule detailing applications etc. since the May AGM; the main issue identified is whether the Parish should pursue a Village Design Statement and /or a Local Landscape Character Assessment, consideration will be given to holding a meeting with SDNP/HCC on this. He was thanked for all his work on this .

During the meeting Percy O'Dell questioned how applications are dealt with and responded to by the Parish Meeting, the Chairman explained the procedure.

11. Footpaths and Green Lanes: Derek Chapman spoke to his report. Any suggestions for improving the rights of way network should go to him.

12. Cllr. Bodtger's report: She explained that the new boundaries meant that the Upper Meon Valley would have 2 rather than 3 councillors in future. This was her last Warnford Parish Meeting, she expressed her thanks to the PM and was thanked for her contributions and help over the years.

13. Cllr. Huxstep's report: There had been little progress on the Green Lanes issue, he suggested looking at a Public Space Protection Order(a District Council matter). It was then agreed that Derek Chapman would approach the Highways Engineer and involve Cllr. Huxstep to see if a Seasonal Traffic Regulation Order could be placed on Dark Lane. Cllr. Huxstep said there was no final decision yet on devolution for Hampshire. He asked that applications for grants from his devolved budget be made by 1 February 2016, the Meeting may seek one for a new noticeboard.

13. Parish Website: Andrew Baynes spoke to his slides. He was thanked for his work.

14. Parish Lengthsman: Peter Short said this scheme was continuing as before, ie with the cost of insurance being met by reducing by one our number of days' work. Any suggestions for work to be given to him.

15.Meon Valley Archaeology and Heritage Group: Gerry Corden reported on this.

16. Equality & Diversity Policy: proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Andrew Baynes, this was approved.

17. A.O.B. Defibrillator:The Chairman and the Village Hall are discussing where to attach it (it should not be locked but may need to be a box) and are looking at insurance.

Vodafone outage: Percy O'Dell raised this, he will liaise with Andrew Baynes and put something on the website. The Chairman will contact Vodafone to stress the importance of avoiding outages.

18. Next Meeting: 8pm on 19 May 2016 in the Village Hall.