

## **MINUTES OF THE WARNFORD PARISH MEETING AGM held at 8pm on 21 May 2015 in the Warnford Village Hall.**

**Chairman: Mark Rogers**

**Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson**

**1. Apologies:** Jeremy Barber, Amie Boyes, Fi Beardell, Stuart Forsyth, Richard McConochie, Kit and Penny Power, Stephen Short, Maria and Ed Wilton.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2014:** Proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Clare Swinstead, these were approved and signed.

**3. Police/Neighbourhood Watch:** The Chairman introduced Serg. Stuart Gilmour (our Local Neighbourhood Sergeant), and thanked him for all his work on the motorbikes issue. Serg. Gilmour explained the recent changes, which mean he now has 5 PCs and 7 PCSOs based at Bishop's Waltham. There had been 26 reported incidents in the Warnford area in the last 6 months (this includes traffic offences), including a conviction for poaching. Motorcycles remain the main issue for PACT meetings: action is being taken- there had been 55 speeding offences, 1 careless driving, 24 construction/use and 28 other motorbike offences in the year to date. The Police are fully aware of the noise issue and, where possible fixed penalties are imposed or courses may sometimes be offered to offenders. The Advanced Motor Cyclists group is putting together a leaflet to try and educate the inconsiderate riders.

The Clerk said that anyone who wishes to join Neighbourhood Watch should contact her. She encouraged all members to sign up for the email Police Alerts.

**4. Chairman's Report:** He spoke to his powerpoint slides, including:

Warnford had allowed the West Meon & Warnford Cricket Club to use £2,830.30 from Warnford's Open Space (Sports) Fund for an allweather cricket net surface at the sports ground in West Meon. The Meeting was pleased that Warnford had been able to help in this way and, proposed by Sarah Medd and seconded by Clare Swinstead, this action was ratified by the Meeting;

In relation to the bottle bank (which we have lost), he invited suggestions as to where one could be positioned. He will also see if East Hants. would be able to collect bottles in the regular rubbish collections;

A new noticeboard is needed, at £750. Cllr. Huxstep said he could help with a grant after 1 June; and

The British Heart Foundation has offered a grant towards a defibrillator, but a further £400 is needed.

Percy Odell's request that the issue of mud on the roads in the village (which he considers is getting worse) should be raised under Parish Concerns was noted.

## **5. Financial:**

**Accounts for the year to 31 March 2015:** copies had been circulated by email and hard copies were available. The Clerk took the Meeting through them. Proposed by Anne Corden and seconded by Peter Short, 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.

**Annual fee to Information Commissioner:** proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Peter Short, the payment of the £35 fee was approved.

## **6. Election of Officers;**

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

Proposed by Vera Short and seconded by Andrew Baynes, Lucy Hutchinson was re-elected Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

## **7. Planning:**

**Applications etc.** The Clerk took the Meeting through the schedule, which had been circulated in advance, hard copies were available. The Chairman confirmed that applications will be put on the website and be included in his monthly reports, so that parishoners can comment etc. on them.

**Neighbourhood Planning:** Derek Chapman's note had been circulated in advance and hard copies were available. He spoke to his powerpoint slides. After some discussion it was agreed that a separate meeting should be held, with someone from South Downs National Park's planning dept. present to discuss whether Warnford should pursue a Neighbourhood Plan. Derek Chapman was thanked for his presentation and work on this subject.

**8. Parish Website:** Andrew Baynes explained what is proposed, using the Hugo Fox system, which is free. He suggested parishoners could look at the Droxford website, which uses this system. He will run the website but will need to be

given information for it. He will send out an email shortly about the website. He was thanked for his presentation.

**9. Parish Lengthsman:** Peter Short spoke about this. It was agreed that we should continue to participate if we can continue to do so at no cost, by covering the insurance costs by reducing the days allocated to the village.

**10. Meon Valley Community Minibus:** Andrew Baynes explained that the timetable is under review and we have the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. He will do an email explaining the position and asking for comments and he may put an article in the Parish News.

**11. Cllr. Bodtger's Report (WCC):** Her initial report had been circulated in advance and hard copies were available. She had a new report, which she spoke to, she will email it to the Clerk for circulation. She has just been re-elected, for one year. She will not be standing next year, when the boundaries change. She suggested that an application be made to the Small Grants fund for the defibrillator, see 4 above.

**12. Cllr. Huxstep's report (HCC):** he will email his report to the Clerk for circulation and parishoners may email him with any queries etc. He spoke to it, including mentioning gulleys-many are being cleared and blocked ones should be reported (eg those on the A32) via the HCC website or by telephone.

On Green Lanes,he read out an email from Stuart Jarvis, Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, HCC rejecting criticism in the briefing note by Derek Chapman. It was clear that there were areas of disagreement as to HCC's approach. Cllr.Huxstep said thatTim Lawton, HCC Head of Highways was happy to come and discuss the issues.

**13. The Touchet Trust:** Candi Sellick, the Warnford rep., was unable to attend, she was thanked for her report, copies of which were available and which the Clerk read out.

#### **14. Rights of Way:**

**Footpaths:** The Chairman reported -that Richard McConnochie has stepped down as Footpaths rep. and that Derek Chapman is taking over this role.

**Green Lanes:** Derek Chapman's note had been circulated in advance and hard copies were available. He spoke to his powerpoint slides. He will email HCC with the complaints already made to it. Proposed by Vera Short and seconded

by Amanda Dunn, it was agreed that the Parish Meeting should join GLEAM at an annual cost of £15.

He asked that any illegal use of Green Lanes be reported to the Police, otherwise anyone adversely affected by their use or those against their closure to motor vehicles should contact him or the Chairman. He was thanked for his presentation.

**15. A. O. B.**

a) In response to concern that attachments to his monthly reports could not always be opened, the Chairman confirmed that this problem had been resolved; and

b) Gerry Corden thanked the Chairman and those others who had made presentations for all their hard work.

**16. The next meeting will be on 19 November 2015, at 8pm in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.