

WARNFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the remote meeting held at 7.30pm on 12 November 2020

The meeting was held via 'TEAMS' under the control of the Chair.

The documents referred to had been posted on the Warnford Village website and were shown on the screen at times during the meeting.

Chair: Mark Rogers

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Lucy Hutchinson

1. The Chair explained the procedures for the remote meeting.
2. **Apologies:** There were apologies from 9 parishioners.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2019:** Proposed by Justine Lago and seconded by Clare Swinstead, these were approved and signed.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2020:** Proposed by Tricia Chapman and seconded by Derek Chapman, these were approved and signed.
5. **Chair's report (oral):** It had been a busy year and the Chair thanked in particular Cllr. Lumby, Derek Chapman, Andrew Sellick, Justine Lago and the Clerk for their help.

Proposed wetland/nitrates set-off scheme at Whitewool Farm: He confirmed that the expert report obtained (at no cost to WPM) had shown that there should be no adverse effect on the River Meon at and below Warnford.

Memorial to those killed in the glider crash in World War 2: This is at a very early stage, he is looking at establishing a small working party to look further into this, the previous day he had heard that the memorial would cost £10,000, if pursued the money would come from grants etc., not from WPM.

6. **Financial: Receipts & Payments accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2020:** The Clerk explained that WPM had had to pay its insurance premium of £218, previously this had always been paid via the

Parish Lengthsman Scheme. Regrettably, this year the parish which runs the PL cluster had changed its mind about allowing this to continue. She noted that since the inception of the scheme, the WPM precept has increased from £950 to £1400. The meeting was asked specifically to approve the payment of the insurance premium and also the payment of £20.45 for VE fliers, it did so and also approved the accounts.

Precept: The meeting voted to leave it at £1400.

Budget: This was approved.

Clerk's expenses (£50): these were approved.

Grant applications: the meeting voted to grant the **Village Hall** £300 and the **Playground** £450.

7. **Planning:** the Clerk went through the 'pending' ones on the schedule, noting that there are no papers posted on the Planners' website yet in relation to Beech Tree Farm SDNP/20/04773/FUL. A Pre-application Advice application relating to The Old Calf Shed had been notified by the Planners that afternoon, and so was not on the schedule, again no papers are available online as yet.

8. **Cllr. Hugh Lumby (WCC):** he spoke to his report.

9. **Cllr. Roger Huxstep (HCC):** he spoke to his report.

10. **Broadband/FTTP (Fibre To The Property):** Justine Lago gave an update on the Hampshire initiative. With the help of HCC, if a minimum of 160 people in Warnford and West Meon sign up and take a 12 month FTTP contract, there should be no cost as regards installing the fibre but it would increase an individual's monthly broadband costs by £26-30. Cllr. Lumby confirmed that Openreach's approach is a geographical rather than parish one, so anyone outside the proposal will need to look elsewhere, eg Bramdean and anyone concerned about being excluded should contact Flick Drummond MP and Glen Peachey at HCC. The Chairman offered to assist in this. The Chair thanked Justine for her work on this, and said that the next step would be to canvass views to see if 160 people wanted to pursue this.

11. The Playground/parking issues: The Chair said that he had spoken with the Playground about the abuse of the Playground and the problems caused by non-residents parking on the village verges. The Playground Committee did not feel that it could insist that the Playground was only for residents but would put up good quality signage stating clearly that the Playground had been given to and for the benefit of the village. It was suggested that it make it clear on the website that there are no toilet facilities nor parking available. During the discussion differing views were expressed as to the 'use/abuse' and cause of the parking problems. During the summer The George & Falcon had allowed people to Playground to use its carpark and toilets.

12.A.O.B.

a) Rights of Way: Derek Chapman said that ancient monument on the track from the railway down to Sheepbridge had been turned into bike track, he is touch with English Heritage with a view to getting some notices explaining about the ancient monument.

He had been asked by some local landowners to remind people not to stray from the paths etc.

His report giving an update on the rights of way in Warnford will be posted on the website shortly.

b) Village website: the Chair encouraged all to look at it, it contains much history of the area and many photos, and he thanked Andrew Baynes for his work on it.

c) Cllr. Roger Huxstep said he would be happy to accept a grant application from the Playground for the bark chippings it needs.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.