

## Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom (teleconferencing) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr Richard Nicholls, Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Mark Priestner, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Bob Jones, Mrs Gaye Fletcher.

**Apologies:** Cllr Dr Karen Barclay, Cllr Sean Anstee, Cllr Claire Churchill, Richard Abbott.

### **Minutes.**

Minutes of meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February were duly approved by the Council.

### **Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

### **Bus Service**

It was very disappointing to learn that Trafford Council have not yet replaced the signs for the under-bridge which would allow Warrington's Own Buses to travel along Woodhouse Lane and thus maintain bus services to Dunham. This is a huge blow to the National Trust at Dunham Massey. If there is no movement on this within a week we will put out a press release about it.

### **Oldfield Road Closure**

Nothing more to add.

### **Barns Lane Development**

Following a meeting with Chadkirk Consulting and the architect on the above development we are pleased that our concerns have been addressed and we learn 20 conditions have been imposed by Trafford though non refer to our request that a condition should be placed on the developers to maintain good sight lines when exiting Barns Lane into Sawpit Street. This though would be dealt with when either the office block is sold/rented or there is more development on the site..

### **Pavement in Dunham Road**

It is pleasing to note that Trafford have started work on clearing the footway in Dunham Road though the two areas cleared so far are not joined up. One is the pavement between Moss Brow Bungalow and the Old School House and the other from Whittenspittal Cottages to Carr Green Lane. We will write to Trafford complementing their work and asking for a programme to be written up to clear the remainder. It was noted that the surface of the pavement is still in good condition bearing in mind the length of time it has been buried.

### **Bus Stop and General Maintenance**

Unfortunately KB had sent her apologies so no further update.

### **Vehicle Accident Log and Road Safety Analysis**

We have still not found out relevant information to complete the VAL. The police's Freedom of Information website is proving very difficult to use, concentrating more on personal information and domestic violence. Even when trying to phone (many times), no one answered. We will write to the Police Inspector to ask for his help.

### **Traffic Speed Review**

Our PCSO is compiling locations in order to carry out traffic speed tests. We will contact him again.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

A leaflet advising the startup of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will be distributed to all properties. Our PCSO has also highlighted how residents can keep their property safe. The leaflet also identifies the areas into which the village will be divided.

### **Local Plan**

The draft of Trafford's Local Plan is out for consultation and responses required by the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> March. So far Trafford have not consulted with Parish Councils about it. It would appear green belt is not up for discussion though we are hoping to get the protected open land in Warburton back into the Green Belt. The Local Plan will be a stand alone document alongside the GMSF but will

eventually feed into it. Everyone was encouraged to respond personally as well as issuing a response from WPC. We will leaflet people in the village about it.

### **Finance**

Our Bank Balance stands at £7,483.35. We have been advised that Virgin Money and Yorkshire Bank have merged. There are no changes to our banking arrangements.

### **Memorial Planter**

We have submitted a formal complaint to Trafford Council and will consult with the Chief Officer of ChALC for advice. The lights on both memorial sites are a cause for concern and we will write to our Ward Councillor about these.

### **Correspondence.**

- Resident's letter about litter and fly tipping
- Report to Trafford about a missing plate on a lamppost leaving wires on view
- Following our report of the result of the Redrow appeal to those residents who had donated we had received letters of thanks
- Update from Manchester Airport on changes necessary in view of the pandemic
- Information from HS2 who are recruiting

### **Cross Base**

Information for grant subsidies has been researched but we have been approached by loss adjusters Sedgwick, commissioned by our insurers, and they will visit Warburton to inspect the Cross Base on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Friends of Carrington Moss**

Friends of Carrington Moss are very concerned about plans to build on peat land which goes against the Government's plan to reduce carbon emissions. They have sent us a copy of their response to Trafford asking us to comment on them before 8<sup>th</sup> March to give them time to respond to Trafford.

### **Planning Applications.**

No 103552/CPL/21. The Coach House in Carr Green Lane have applied to build garaging and a gym. The proposed building would be as big as the house and not in keeping with it. We have grave concerns as to its suitability which will be reflected when writing to Trafford.

### **Cheshire Wildlife Trust Report**

An excellent report which highlights the need for increased biodiversity and the wildlife corridors which could be adopted in the Neighbourhood Plan. Their invoice will be received shortly.

### **Potential re-instatement of footpath across Park Farm/Warburton Park**

The footpath across Warburton Park has long since been disused but enquiries with the land owner has shown no interest in its reinstatement. Consideration to crops and grazing sheep would have to be given if a replacement footpath further north could be made.

### **Heritage Trail**

Following the above, a circular walk could be created by using the footpath along Red Brook from the Partington side, crossing over the footbridge and joining up with the footpath along the Manchester Ship Canal. This though would need some work to make the crossing over the bridge more safe.

### **Points of Interest**

Concern was raised about the removal of lamp posts and we will write to Trafford chasing up the replacement of those removed since their structural safety survey. At the next meeting of Dunham Massey PC they will discuss the suggestion of sharing PC meetings between the two parishes in principle. The leaflet to be sent out to properties will also let residents know the outcome of the Redrow Appeal.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (also Annual Meeting)

Chairman's signature

dated