

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held at Moss Brow Farm on Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Mark Priestner, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Bob Jones, Mrs Gaye Fletcher, Cllr Karen Barclay, Mr Tim Fairbairn, Ms Louise Kirkup

Apologies: Mrs Lucy Houghton

Neighbourhood Plan.

Louise Kirkup spoke on the next steps to develop the Warburton Neighbourhood Development Plan which had been put on hold because of the Redrow application. We were advised their services would be £11,880 which could be made up from grants available. Up to £10,000 would be the basic grant with a further additional grant of up to £8,000 for including design codes or allocating sites for housing. There is also the opportunity to apply for technical support if we meet the eligibility criteria. We would need to finalise our Vision Statement and Strategies document to include a draft vision and objectives for the NDP to have available for informal consultation in Summer 2021.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 18th May were duly approved by the Council. Also agreed were the minutes of our Annual Meeting on 18th May 2021.

Matters arising.

The PC has responded to the suggestion that, due to loss of income during the pandemic, we give a donation to the Parish Rooms. Cath Pearson had been e-mailed advising the PC would be willing to fund specific project/s instead of any ad hoc donations.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision Update

Following the discussion with Louise Kirkup, the PC voted in favour of proressing an application for grant funding to start the process. The next step is to draw up a document with the help of Louise which would set out our objectives until 2035. The Heritage Trail has been mapped out (which addressed the issue of the deer park) and footpaths would be lined up with historical buildings. BJ has devised a walks strategy. There are more unlisted buildings of importance to Warburton and Kate Spencer of Salford University is doing a Heritage List project. A request was made for all involved to identify more potential sites for listing. PB will circulate the current list. Cllr Barclay will take up the issue of rusty village signs with Trafford and hopefully be able to encourage them to replace with signs depicting Warburton as a Historic Village

Bus Service Cat 5A

Warrington's Own Buses, Transport for Greater Manchester and Trafford Council are looking to develop a new bus service. It was reported that the National Trust have also written to Trafford. BJ is to attend a meeting at The Vine regarding their petition and will report back.

LGO Complaint & Legal Advice

LGO complaint has been drafted but not submitted. It has not been submitted as it was agreed to obtain legal advice prior to submitting as this would be a one time attempt to resolve the situation. GF to look into costings from the various legal firms identified and to contact SLCC to see if they can advise. Stephen Adshead would be chased up regarding the Memorial Policy by KB.

Road Safety

Traffic Speed Review hotspots & official police vehicle parking have been identified as Parish Rooms, Junction Dunham Road/Paddock Lane/Warburton Lane, junction CarrGreen Lane & Dunham Road, Moss Lane and Werburgh Close. CG will speak to our PCSO. There had been another vehicle collision in Dunham Road and this would be entered in our VAL. Cllr Barclay will investigate the repair and maintenance of the electronic signs.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

The rest of the village will be circulated with details of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. BJ offered his help. A face to face meeting with coordinators would be beneficial though all will be able to communicate on the WhatsApp Neighbourhood Watch group.

Cross Base

Unfortunately the cross base is not insured so we will apply for grants to enable the repairs to go ahead. The Co-op Community Fund was suggested as another possible source.

Tree Planting Opportunities

Suitable areas need to be examined and communicated.

New Councillor

Mr Tim Fairbairn had been invited to the council meeting and after his introduction the council were in agreement at his co-option. It was proposed by MP that he should join the council and this was seconded by GF.

Finance

As we had not made any further payments, the bank had confirmed we still have £11,528.75 in the account. All necessary AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) forms had been internally audited and sent to Trafford by recorded delivery for inclusion on our website, a mandatory requirement. Unfortunately publication had not taken place and after investigation a second set of documents were sent. These too had not been published so a letter to Trafford's Head of Governance had been sent. Unfortunately, the named recipient had left his position and Cllr Barclay will take this up with Trafford.

Correspondence.

- Communication received from HS2 Ltd regarding Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament relating to private business require that the Bill and supporting documents are deposited with local authorities. It was decided we would ask for one hard copy pertaining to our area be sent together with an electronic version with the proviso that we may need more paper copies if we decided to hold a public meeting.
- An email had been sent advising the danger motorists face when exiting Gorse Lane into Dunham Road because of overgrown vegetation. Trafford were advised that their initial reply that work would be carried out on 4th July was not good enough and that urgent attention was needed. The overgrown pavement in Townfield Lane was also highlighted. It seems Trafford are waiting for their weed spraying contractor.
- We wrote to Trafford regarding concerns that the obsolete lighting columns were unsafe. A reply listed which columns still needed to be dealt with. The work would be carried out asap.
- There is still no reply to our request for a replacement litter bin by the bus shelter in Paddock Lane.
- A resident wrote of their concern still of speeding traffic in the village. He was advised that soon we would have speed guns in use.
- An e-mail received from our former chair confirming his resignation from the council.

Planning Applications.

Further information is needed regarding application 103511/FUL/21 at Yew Tree Farm. It was suggested LH would follow up all planning applications to final decision which could then be logged.

Points of Interest

Friends of Carrington Moss have met to discuss Trafford's plan to build homes and industrial units on the moss. Trafford suggest the moss is too far gone but Chat Moss have had great success in restoring theirs. Greater Manchester's Ecological Unit did the original survey in Coroner's Wood, confirming part of it is ancient woodland. They will repeat the survey next year and it is hoped this could now include the whole woodland. There has been a report of loud music being played at the memorial near Heathlands Farm and there is suspicion of drug dealing taking place there.

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 3rd August 2021, 7th September 2021.

Chairman's signature

dated