

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Ms Clare Grace (CG), Mr Richard Clegg (RC), Mr Mark Priestner (MP), Mrs Lucy Houghton (LC), Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Mr Bob Jones (BJ), Mr Tim Fairbairn (TF), Mrs Gaye Fletcher (GF), Cllr Michael Whetton (MW).

Apologies: Cllr Dr Karen Barclay (KB), Cllr Mussadak Mirza (MM)

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 19th October were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Payment of £2592 to Kirkwells makes our balance £20,686.75. A refund of £278 VAT has been requested. Our accounts are still not updated on Trafford's website but they could be included on our own website.

Neighbourhood Plan

PB advised there had been real progress with the NP. Everyone had received a copy of the Vision Statement and Key Planning Issues Document for comment. Thanks were again given to PB, BJ, LH and MP for their input and recognition was afforded to Louise (LK) from Kirkwells for her help. It was highlighted that much emphasis was given to our farming businesses and although we need to protect what we have there must be an opportunity for growth and diversification. There should be more clarity on the comment boxes and as much input was from Kirkwells we will check this out with LK. The date of December 11th was chosen for a consultation with the residents with information laid out on tables identifying the different aspects of the NP. LK would be present as well. Tea, coffee, wine and mince pies would be offered. The event was advertised in the Parish Magazine, on the Church Website and e-mailed to residents which would also advise the website link. It was suggested the recently formed WhatsApp groups could also circulate the information. After feedback had been received from residents the draft NP would be modified before a further consultation event takes place.

Heritage List Project Update

More structures have been added but suggestions were requested for further inclusion.

Signage Plan

A suggestion was made that perhaps we could get Trafford to include new Warburton signs on their soon to be erected Clean Air signs, but more work was needed to identify appropriate sites first. Volunteers were requested

Warburton Toll Bridge

In their pre-consultation document Peel Ports had intimated they would undertake a formal consultation before sending in their request to parliament. However, this had not happened and it was noted that there had been no representation from Warburton Parish Council. We will instead now send in our comments to the Secretary of State for Transport. This would be further discussed at our meeting on 4th January prior to the deadline which is 18th January. LH would be contacting Cllr Gowland from Lymm PC to find out his views and we were all requested to send our thoughts to CG.

Road Safety

MW will investigate the missing electronic sign for which there is a budget from Trafford and also investigate the non-working sign at Moss Brow which could be beyond repair. CG will chase up our PCSO who has been doing some investigative work in Dunham and Warburton for road monitoring equipment. MW will check out installation of traffic monitoring tubes in Trafford. We were advised Trafford's Memorial Policy is final procedure.

Bus Service Update

TfGM are minded to hold a meeting with Trafford following complaints. MW urged residents to get in touch with our MP, Sir Graham Brady. Andy Burnham, Mayor of Gtr.Manchester is also involved.

There had been a major impact on Bowdon residents and everyone was urged to send their complaints to customer.relations@tfgm.com

PC Website

The website is coming along nicely and CG will send out a link to councillors for their review. There is more information to add and everyone was asked to e-mail CG with their biography for inclusion.

Correspondence

Much of the correspondence concerned items listed in the minutes though we did write to Trafford about blocked water surface drains in Dunham Road and our website has now been updated with a list of current councillors, together with agendas & minutes. and information has been sent to Trafford advising that Ian Corkhill has all the details relating to our 2020/2021 accounts.

Tree Planting

It was suggested that we should ask people's views on the proposed tree planting scheme at the NP meeting. Proposals are a large oak tree near the Jubilee Bench, Rowan and Lime trees along Paddock Lane and Rowan trees at Moss Brow. Space would need to be left in-between the hedges and the proposed new trees to accommodate the flailing of the hedges and Trafford would need to investigate underground cables and drainage. Is there a possibility to plant trees on land bordering the junction of Paddock Lane and Park Road? We could offer to plant a tree at one of the memorial sites

Planning Applications.

106115/HHA/21 The Bent. Work had started to improve the land surrounding the building but this had been stopped by Trafford's Heritage Officer until it was authorised. The Parish Council had no objections to the plans as they very much enriched the character of the building

106195/FUL/21 Edgefold Homes. Change of use of office space and overflow car parking provision. There was no objection from the Council.

103511/FUL/21 Yew Tree Farm. There was still no update from the owner.

106275/CPL/21 1, Wittenspithall Cottages. Application for two storey rear extension consisted of unnecessary roof height. The council had no objection in principle to the scheme itself though the roof height was thought to be too obtrusive for the area. PB would write to Trafford.

Points of Interest

MW advised of a Ward Boundary Review that the Parish Council knew nothing about. There had been two cases of Identity Theft with post boxes outside properties being rifled. Ultrafast Broadband had been introduced into the village which would roll out to Moss Brow and along Dunham Road eventually. There had been reports of badger baiting and hare coursing. People were asked to report signs of any such activities. Birch Farm would be applying for permission to fence off an area of 1.1/2 acres for dog exercising. A maximum of four dogs and two vehicles to be allowed at any one time. A power cut in Warburton Lane had affected street lights, Roughlands Cottage and Jack Hey Gate Farm. The historical dumping of domestic waste on Carrington Moss had caused heavy metal contamination.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th January 2022

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