

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.50pm

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

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 29th March 2022 were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Our balance stands at £18,692.42 after receipt from Trafford of the 1st half of our grant (£4,075). There were invoices from SLCC of £55 for membership and £60 for the hire of the Parish Rooms. Our accounts will be forwarded to our internal auditor.

Tree Planting

The oak tree planted near the Diamond Jubilee bench has not recovered from hibernation though it is still alive. It will be replaced if it doesn't survive. There will be more trees donated by Trafford. The plaque to be ordered will read "To commemorate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 1952-2022".

Neighbourhood Plan

There will be a consultation meeting next Thursday 19th May with AECOM to forge ahead with the Master Plan and Design Codes. PB had spoken with LK from Kirkwells and we need to make sure enough people in the village have seen it. We will need to hold one or two Open Meetings to involve enough local people, then have a vote to show a reasonable percentage of residents are in favour. Heat Pump Systems could be included in the NP though this would increase house prices by between £10-£12k. We will ask Mike Nevell to liaise with LK.

Village Greens

More areas for registration were suggested, such as the land at the back of the Saracen's Head which was used for recreation in the past. The pinfold at the Beeches, where deer had been kept hundreds of years ago, was another area worthy of protection though the situation would have to be handled delicately. We don't want to antagonise residents.

Cat 5 and 280 Bus Services

The new service is being well used and we are sure the connection to Sale will develop in time.

Correspondence

We have still not received any replies to our enquiries on road safety issues, via e-mail and telephone, from Sue Whitehead. (see below Road Safety) We have received a letter of thanks from Warburton Village Committee thanking us for the £350 donation. Enquiries will be made with other councils regarding repairs to Cheshire fences.

HS2

Although we have had assurances from Sir Graham Brady that the bill will be changed at the second reading to remove the Golborne Link from the plans, Wigan Council and HS2 Limited have put in objections to this proposed action. RC has received no further notifications from HS2

Road Safety

Cllr Whetton suggested getting in touch with Chris Morris at Trafford regarding the lack of action from Sue Whitehead. PB produced two government leaflets identifying maximum speed limits in villages and these would be referred to in our letter to him. With the proposed new housing in Carrington & Partington this also will impact on vehicle numbers. We will ask for a Road Safety/Traffic Management Officer to visit Warburton. The electronic speed warning signs are still not working and we will chase up our PCSO regarding speed gun training.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Arrangements for both events are going well. Bunting will be put up in the Parish Rooms and invitations will be sent out to our Senior Citizens for the afternoon tea. Bunting will be put up round the green in Egerton Avenue and residents of Egerton Avenue will be asked not to park there on the Sunday. We are still awaiting a reply from Trafford regarding the road closure request and it is only then the committee can decide where Frank Lythgoe’s steam engine and fairground organ will be positioned. Peter O’Connor has offered to help with the road closure signs. Unfortunately it is too late to order a portable flagpole in time for the Jubilee celebrations

Defibrillator

CG will again ask the Saracen’s Head if they would consider having a defibrillator placed on their premises. There has been a change of ownership.

Points of Interest

There has been no date offered about the Warburton Toll Bridge hearing though two councillors have registered their interest in speaking. BJ was thanked for his presentation on the pedestrian access and safety review of Dunham Road. This identifies that although the pavement clearing undertaken by Trafford Council allowed pedestrians to once again use the pavement along Dunham Road,(though in some places with careful navigation) the subsequent regrowth of vegetation had rendered the pavement unpassable and pedestrians have had to stop using it. We will now look to ask residents if they can help.

Further BJ told us Andrew Hague had got the presentation on signage for the village wherein a request was made for better boundary signs though it seems Trafford Highways Authority have no budget or even a maintenance programme for them. Enquiries had been made for the cost of signs within the Trafford boundary which could highlight our need for signs stating Historic Village and link with the heritage trail. We could ask for sponsorship from businesses in Warburton or use some of the CIL money. There is still flooding at Lane End Lane on Moss Lane although some remedial work has been carried out. Work on the Trans Pennine Trail has still not been actioned and we will alert Trafford to both situations.

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