

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.55pm

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

Apologies: Mr Bob Jones (BJ),

Present: Mrs Joanne Fogarty (JF)

JF updated the council on their Planning Applications 109838/HHA/22 and 109839/LBC/22. There had been 2 surveys done on land bordering Heathlands Farm and there is a new Planning Officer in Trafford.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 11th April 2023 were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

PB has been chasing up AECOM for their updated details before the analysis of earlier information. Louise Kirkup (LK) from Kirkwells has sent Version 6 of the Master Plan and Mike Nevell is to check historical data. LK has told us she will be reviewing her fees. We will check if the Master Plan is compatible with Greater Manchester's Archaeological website. Heritage assets can be included in local listings. We need a survey of the Parish Rooms car park, to replace the surface and replace the current fence adjacent to the road. We also need an updated quotation from Alan Lane for the cross base together with a survey. All agreed this was necessary.

Finance

Our balance stands at £45,033.38 and cheques for SLCC for £65 and G Fletcher for £100 were approved. this makes the balance £44,868.38. CG proposed we should hold a reserve fund of £15,000 for anticipated legal fees to challenge developers. All agreed.

Boundary Signs & Heritage Trail Signs

£750 had been quoted for the Heritage Village signs and it was agreed we should go ahead.

Road Safety

On 22nd May a Teams meeting had been set up with a Traffic Consultancy firm with whom we were able to share the troublesome hotspots. Not only do we have current traffic levels but it is anticipated 30% of the traffic from New Carrington will come through Warburton. We were all impressed with their knowledge of the local area but we will wait further replies before selecting. There had been balloons placed on the memorial site at Moss Brow and these would be removed as they are a distraction to drivers.

Road Safety Sub-Committee

A reply had not yet been sent to Trafford as we were waiting recommendations from a Traffic Consultancy firm.

Planning Applications

None.

Correspondence

- E-mail sent to TfGM requesting a bus shelter
- Letter sent to Warburton Park Farm offering help after the fire with a reply from them thanking us.

Defibrillator

As the parish is so large, it was decided we should purchase two defibrillators; one to be stationed at Birch Farm in Moss Lane and the other, it is hoped, will be at Overtown Farm in Paddock Lane. The British Heart Foundation will be contacted for advice.

Community Assets

Again the Saracen’s Head was suggested as a Community Asset, which if it closed would be a devastating blow to the village. We would not want to see it snapped up by developers. The Parish Rooms and Parish Church were also suggested to be worthy of consideration.

Trees – Warburton Community Arboretum Management Plan

The suggestion at the last PC meeting for a management plan is gaining momentum. It was suggested an application be made for a TPO on the oak tree near Brook House on Warburton Lane. GF offered to keep a spreadsheet similar to the Traffic Incident Log. This would also include a TEMPO which is a way of determining a tree or group of tree’s value. Many of Warburton’s trees are under threat of development.

P4E

Under the plans, Greater Manchester will authorise the building of 5,000 new dwellings at New Carrington. They need to prioritise brownfield sites and they will be introducing energy reduction targets. This is vital if they are to achieve their biodiversity duty. The Woodland Trust is to ban any work that contravenes the government’s target to halt climate change.

Commemorative Bench and Daffodil Planting

GF has researched where we got the Jubilee Bench to no avail. She would check the bench for any sign of a manufacturer. Daffodil bulbs can be obtained from Naylor’s in the autumn.

Points of Interest

- Cadent have carried out a badger survey at Peterhouse Farm
- There had been a fire at Pasture View in Paddock Lane. No one was injured.
- The council was asked whether we should buy another minute book
- We learnt MW would be stepping down after 12 months. This news was met with sadness as Michael’s efforts on behalf of Warburton have been very much appreciated.

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