

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of **Warboys Parish Council** held on 13th November 2017 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs M P Bucknell, Chairman.

Councillors Mrs J M Cole, B L Correll, R J Dykstra, D W England, Ms L A Gifford, Mrs M H Harlock, G B Joseph, P S Potts, Mrs J A Tavener, G C M Willis, Dr S C Withams and Mrs A R Wyatt.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor T V Rogers
District Councillor P L E Bucknell.

APOLOGIES

An apology were for absence was received on behalf of Councillor R A Payne.

122/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked all those involved in the arrangements for the well-attended Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial on 12th November 2017.

The Chairman also reminded Members that the Christmas Lighting Switch On in Warboys would take place on 25th November and that Christmas bazaars would be held on 2nd December at the Parish Centre and Underfives Playgroup.

(District Councillor Bucknell arrived at the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

123/17 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Mrs Harlock and seconded by Councillor Dykstra, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th October 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

124/17 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared by Members in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

125/17 MATTERS ARISING

The Council considered the following matters arising from the meeting held on 9th October 2017:-

(a) Chairman's Training

Arising from Minute No. 109/17(c), the Clerk reported that the Chairman of Broughton Parish Council would also be attending the training for Chairmen to be held on 27th November.

(b) Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036

Further to Minute No. 109/17(c), District Councillor Bucknell reported that the latest version of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 was likely to be submitted for approval at a meeting of the District Council in December prior to submission to the Secretary of State for endorsement.

(c) Play Equipment Repairs

Further to Minute No. 113/17 and Minute No 12/17(a) of the Leisure Areas Committee, the Clerk reported that an order had been replaced for the repairs and replacement of play equipment. It was anticipated that the commencement date for the installation work was 24th January 2018.

(d) Honours Boards

Arising from Minute No. 114/17, the Chairman proposed that an additional notice board be installed in the vicinity of the Station Road area in view of the development taking place in that part of the village. As the Finance and General Purposes Committee would be considering the budget for 2018/19 at its meeting to be held on 20th November, consideration of the proposal was deferred to that meeting.

(e) Shared Ownership – Development at Station Road

Further to Minute No. 116/17, the Clerk reported that he had yet to receive a reply from the District Council with regard to the future treatment of shared ownership properties on new developments in the village.

126/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9th October 2017 be received.

127/17 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Clerk referred to Minute No. 06/17 of the meeting of the Allotments Committee and reported that it had been decided in consultation with the Chairman to try to resolve the problem of rats at the Hallgate Allotments by the use of cages to trap the pests as opposed to the use of poison.

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee held on 30th October 2017 be received.

(Councillor Dr Withams arrived at the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

128/17 LESIURE AREAS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Cole reported on the action taken on 7th November to electrofish The Weir and relocate the majority of the large carp in the pond. Members were informed of the number and weight of fish caught and the variety of other fish identified during the course of the exercise.

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure Areas Committee held on 30th October 2017 be received.

129/17 APPOINTMENTS PANEL

The Clerk reported that the Appointments Panel had interviewed three candidates for the position of Timebank Co-ordinator on 10th November 2017 and that an appointment had been made, subject to the receipt of satisfactory references. The minutes of the meeting would be submitted for information in due course.

130/17 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website had been updated as a result of which it appeared that the local crime statistics were now being listed on the basis of policing areas rather than district ward boundaries. As Warboys was situated in the St Ives and Ramsey policing area, the statistics were of little value for local use.

However Sergeant Street had supplied information on the crime statistics for Warboys for the period from 9th September which the Clerk had circulated to Members by e-mail. Sergeant Street had also intimated that he would attend the next meeting of the Council in December.

131/17 HIGH STREET FOOTWAY

Councillor Correll drew attention to the uneven condition of the footway on the north side of the High Street throughout its length from Ramsey Road to Station Road, one of the causes of the problem being tree roots. He suggested that this posed a hazard for pedestrians and the disabled and that the highway authority had a duty to maintain the highway at public expense.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council had bid successfully for funding in the current year for improvements to the stretch of footway in the High Street between

the Clock Tower and School Road, although it was not known when the work would take place. County Councillor Rogers suggested that members of the public be encouraged to report any problem areas individually which might result in further repairs being undertaken by the County Council and Councillor Correll undertook to publicise this fact.

132/17 BUS SERVICES

Arising from the announcement by Stagecoach that they would no longer be providing bus services 30 and 35 as from January 2018, the Clerk reported that he had been liaising with the County Council's Passenger Transport section on the action that they proposed to take. Members were informed that the section had asked Stagecoach for information on passenger numbers and then would reviewing the situation with a view to inviting other bus companies to bid for the franchise.

The Clerk also reported that St Ives Town Council had written to the County Council expressing concern about proposed changes to bus services in the town and its environs and had enquired whether neighbouring parish councils wished to be represented at a meeting if one could be arranged. The Clerk had advised the Town Clerk of the Parish Council's interest in attending a meeting but no further information had been received to date.

133/17 PURCHASE OF SPEED INDICATING DEVICE

Further to Minute No. 109/17(d), the Clerk reported that there had been protracted liaison with Community Roadwatch (UK) (CRW) over the proposed purchase of a speed indicating device (SID) with the assistance of a grant from Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund Ltd. As CRW had indicated that they were unable to meet the cost of the VAT element of the equipment cost which would not be grant funded, the Parish Council had agreed to purchase the equipment with the aid of the grant and then loan it to CRW.

However CRW had been unable to comply with the terms of a loan agreement drafted by the Clerk in respect of insurance, after advice had been obtained from the Council's insurers. As a result CRW had concluded that they would fund the VAT element themselves and had purchased the SID with the assistance of the grant. The Clerk advised Members that there would therefore be no cost to the Council in terms of the purchase of the equipment.

134/17 WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION

Members were reminded that the Council had agreed to take part in the national beacon lighting commemoration of the ending of the First World War and as this was now only one year away, it was

RESOLVED

that a working party comprising Councillors Mrs Cole, Joseph and Mrs Wyatt be established to discuss the proposal and report back to a future meeting.

135/17 INVITATIONS TO EVENTS, ETC.

(a) Mayor of March Civic Carol Service

RESOLVED

that the Council be represented at the Mayor of March's Civic Carol Service at March on 15th December by Councillor Dr Withams.

(b) Huntingdonshire District Council Election

The Clerk reported the receipt of an open invitation for anyone interested in standing for election to the District Council in May 2018 to attend a presentation on the subject at Huntingdon on 15th November.

136/17 REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

(a) Citizens Advice Rural Cambs

Following consideration of a request for a grant of £1,000 towards the work of the Rural Cambs CAB, it was

RESOLVED

that a grant of £100 be made.

(b) Ramsey Men-in-Sheds

Following consideration of a request for a grant to help establish a recently formed local group called Men-in-Sheds, it was

RESOLVED

that a grant of £50 be made.

137/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the November 2017 edition of Clerks and Councils Direct had been received and that he would arrange for it to be circulated for information.

138/17 OPEN FORUM

The Clerk reported that at the Open Forum following the previous meeting of the Council, questions had been raised about the future of bus services 30 and 35. Arising from concerns expressed on Facebook about traffic near the primary school in Humberdale Way, an update had been posted on Facebook about the future of the school crossing patrol that had been withdrawn in the previous year.

County Councillor Rogers had announced his intention to reinstate liaison meetings between parish councils in his division and he advised that the first meeting was likely to be held in the second week of January.

139/17 ACCOUNTS

Upon being moved by Councillor Correll and seconded by Councillor Mrs Harlock, it was

RESOLVED

that the following accounts be approved:-

		£
M J Buddle	Salary – October 2017	970.90
W E Batterbee	Salary – October 2017	927.97
R Edwards	Salary – October 2017	228.80
R Reeves	Salary – October 2017	978.29
A A Clasper	Salary – October 2017	175.65
Post Office Ltd.	Tax & NIC – October 2017	1,345.61
R Reeves	Reimbursement – ink cartridges	55.79
R Reeves	Mileage claim	114.75
W E Buddle	Reimbursement – Bolt	2.25
G Hansell	Half year Internal Auditor’s fee	50.00
R Martin	Half year Clockwinder’s honorarium	110.00
Vodafone	Mobile phone contract (Timebank)	9.80
E.ON	Electricity supply - Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	74.00
Royal British Legion	Donation for Remembrance Sunday wreath	30.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual subscription	36.00
Caloo Ltd	Equipment caps	36.00
Morelock Ltd.	Highway signs	174.86

E.ON	Gas supply - Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	81.94
Allstar	Fuel (paid by direct debit)	46.60
GreenCity Solutions	Computer anti-virus protection – December (paid by direct debit)	12.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer backup online - December (paid by direct debit)	36.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer support contract – December (paid by direct debit)	60.00
GreenCity Solutions	Broadband – December (paid by direct debit)	23.99
SLCC	Training session – Data Protection	10.00
C J Ingle Ltd	Drainpipes	45.72

140/17 BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Council received the budgetary control statement for October 2017, together with the list of Parish Centre bookings for that month and the bank reconciliation for the second quarter of the year, copies of which had been circulated to all Members.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman.