

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of **Warboys Parish Council** held on 9th April 2018 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs M P Bucknell, Chairman.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs J M Cole.

218/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman congratulated the thirteen existing Members of the Council who had been nominated for re-election to the Parish Council at the election to be held on 3rd May and who therefore had been elected unopposed as no other nominations had been submitted. The Chairman explained that she had decided not to stand for re-election after 14 years as a Member of the Parish Council and Chairman for the past 7 years. She indicated that it had been a privilege to serve the community and she thanked the Vice Chairman, all Members and the Clerk for their help and support during that time.

The Chairman also reported that Councillor P L E Bucknell had decided not to stand for re-election to Huntingdonshire District Council at the election on 3rd May after having represented the Ward for the past 16 years. She paid tribute to him for his many years of tireless service on behalf of the community and in assisting and advising the Parish Council with regard to District Council business.

RESOLVED

that the Parish Council place on record their appreciation to both the Chairman and District Councillor Bucknell for their time and expertise over many years of service to the Parish and District Councils on behalf of the people of Warboys.

219/17 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Mrs Harlock, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th March 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

220/17 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

221/17 MATTERS ARISING

The Council considered the following matters arising from the meeting held on 12th March 2018:-

(a) Tree Planting

Further to Minute No. 202/17(b), the Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain a reply from the District Council regarding permission for the planting of trees by Ramsey Rotary Club on land in the District's ownership at School Road and Statfold Green. Although the planting season had now passed, the Clerk indicated that he would continue to try to elicit a response from the District Council in the event that trees remained available from the Woodland Trust and Ramsey Rotary Club were prepared to make the necessary arrangements in terms of ordering and planting.

(b) Picnic Bench at Jubilee Park

Further to Minute No. 202/17(c) Members were informed by the Clerk that he would shortly be ordering the plaque for the picnic bench at Jubilee Park to acknowledge that it had been funded by Ramsey Rotary Club.

(c) Parish Councils Liaison Meeting

Further to Minute 202/17(d), the Clerk reported that he had attended a Parish Councils liaison meeting organised by County Councillor Rogers at Ramsey on 14th March. The meeting had been dominated by discussion over the lack of infrastructure in Ramsey and how much development would need to be accommodated to address the perceived deficit.

(d) Proposed Development West of Ramsey Road

Arising from Minute No. 202/17(e), the Clerk reported that he and Councillor Willis would be meeting District Planning Officers on 11th April to discuss the Gladman proposal to develop housing west of Ramsey Road on a site not included in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: Proposed Submission.

(e) Proposed Combined Heat and Power and Waste Water Treatment Plants at Puddock Hill

Further to Minute No. 202/17(f), Members were informed that the County Council had issued a new scoping opinion in response to the request from Sycamore Planning for advice regarding their proposal to develop a combined heat and power and waste water treatment plant at the Landfill Site. The County Council's opinion had been released only two weeks after the request had been

made which had made it impossible for the expert engaged by the Warboys Landfill Action Group to comment.

(f) Horse Riders

Arising from Minute No. 210/17, Councillor Potts reported that the horse riders who had formed a Warboys Facebook page would be meeting shortly prior to arranging a meeting with the Clerk to discuss the possible creation of additional bridleways in the Parish.

(g) Damage to Grass at The Weir

Further to Minute No. 211/17, Councillor Payne and the Clerk indicated that they would liaise to progress the possible extension to the paving at The Weir to prevent damage to the grass by customers cutting across to visit the SPAR shop.

222/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12th March 2018 be received.

223/17 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee held on 19th March 2018 be received.

224/17 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19th March 2018 be received.

225/17 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that a search of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website for incidents reported in Warboys showed that 9 crimes had been recorded, namely 5 incidents of criminal damage, 2 thefts, 1 vehicle crime and 1 burglary. In addition 4 cases of anti-social behaviour had been reported. The Clerk pointed out that the statistics appeared low in comparison with previous months, although the way in which statistics were shown on the Police website had been changed. Bearing in mind the number of incidents listed in the weekly updates issued by the Police, the Clerk suggested that it was unlikely that crime levels had fallen as low as the data on the Police website suggested.

District Councillor Bucknell advised that he had referred Councillor Mrs Wyatt's comments made at the last meeting concerning anti-social behaviour in School Road to Sergeant Street. As a result a PCSO had spoken to a number of youngsters in the locality.

226/17 WWI BATTLE'S OVER

Further to Minute No. 205/17, the notes of the meeting of the WWI centenary working party held on 15th March 2018 were received (copies of which had been circulated to all Members). A further meeting of the working party was due to be held on 16th April.

227/17 LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE BID

The Clerk reported that he had received information from the County Council indicating that the Parish Council's bid for funding from the Local Highway Initiative scheme in 2018/19 for priority narrowing in Fenton Road had been unsuccessful.

228/17 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

(Councillor Mrs Tavener declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in the following item as she was the co-ordinator of the Warboys Speedwatch team. She had previously received a dispensation to speak but not vote on the matter.)

Further to Minute No. 208/17, the Clerk submitted a further report (copies of which had been circulated) with regard to the purchase of a speed indicator device for use by the local Speedwatch team.

Quotations were included in the report from three possible suppliers identified by the Police as providing equipment which they regarded as being acceptable for use as part of the Police Speedwatch system. Discussion again ensued as to whether the tripod mounted equipment device acceptable to the Police or a post mounted SID should be purchased but the majority view was that it was essential for Speedwatch volunteers to be insured as part of the Police scheme and for letters to be sent by the Police to the owners of vehicles logged as exceeding the speed limit.

Concerns had been raised by Councillor Mrs Tavener at the previous meeting about the weight of the tripod mounted equipment but the report contained evidence to suggest that there was little difference in the weight of the equipment available from the different suppliers.

The Clerk reminded Members that provision had been made in the budget in the sum of £1,500 for the purchase of an SID but that this would be insufficient to meet the quotations received. However the budget had included a sum of £2,000 towards the Local Highway Initiative bid which would no longer be required as reported in Minute No. 226/17 ante.

It was therefore

RESOLVED

- (a) that subject to an agreement being entered into with the Warboys Speedwatch team acknowledging that ownership of the equipment would remain with the Council and that it would be returned to the Council after use, an SID be purchased for use by the team that meets the Cambridgeshire Police specification;
- (b) that the equipment be purchased from Westcotec at a cost of £2,400 plus VAT; and
- (c) that the balance of the cost in excess of the provision made in the budget be met from the allocation made for the Local Highways Initiative bid.

(County Councillor Rogers arrived at the meeting during the course of the discussion on the above item.)

229/17 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

(Councillors Correll and England declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in the following item as the Treasurer and Chairman respectively of the Warboys Sports Ground Committee. Both Members had previously received a dispensation to speak but not vote on the matter.)

A report was submitted by the Clerk (copies of which had been circulated) advising that the District Council were reviewing their Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Business Plan first published in 2013/14 and had invited town and parish councils to submit proposals for consideration for inclusion in the new Plan where these were necessary to support growth.

The Clerk explained that the sites allocated for development in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: Proposed Submission, together with those built during the course of the preparation of the Plan, would amount to 412 dwellings. This represented an increase in the number of households in Warboys of 25% compared to the 2011 census and an increase in population using census average household size of 1,009 people. If the Gladman proposal west of Ramsey Road were to receive planning permission for the whole of the site submitted in response to the District Council's Call for Sites, this would add a further 500 dwellings and a comparable increase of 56% and 2,234 people respectively.

Members acknowledged that development of the scale envisaged would have an impact on the infrastructure in Warboys and the ability of local services and amenities to accommodate the growth. The Clerk indicated that he had alerted the Moat House Surgery and Sports Ground Committee to the situation and asked whether they had proposals for submission. The Surgery had responded to indicate that they were already working with NHS England on an extension to the medical facilities in the village. Councillors Correll and England indicated that they had yet to have an opportunity to consider submitting any proposals.

With regard to other improvements, the Clerk indicated that figures obtained from the Government's website on school sizes suggested that Warboys Primary School had

considerable capacity at the moment to accept additional pupils. However the question of school places would be addressed by the County Council and Anglian Water would deal with the lack of capacity at the Old Hurst waste water treatment works.

RESOLVED

that bids be submitted for inclusion in the Infrastructure Business Plan for the replacement of the Parish Centre and additional play provision, together with any proposal for enhanced sports provision identified by the Sports Ground Committee.

230/17 SUMMER READING SCHEME

The Clerk drew attention to a request for a grant from the County Council towards the holding of the Summer Reading Scheme at the Library over the summer holiday period. Support from the Parish Council would enable the scheme to be enhanced by additional staff hours and meet the cost of supporting activities.

Members commented on the success of the scheme in previous years and it was

RESOLVED

that a grant of £100 be made.

231/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following items of correspondence had been received since the previous meeting and indicated that he would arrange for them to be circulated to Members for information:-

(a) Local Wildlife

Spring 2018 edition published by the Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust.

(b) Open Space

Spring 2018 edition published by the Open Spaces Society

232/17 OPEN FORUM

The Clerk reported that at the Open Forum following the previous meeting of the Council, attention had been drawn to a forthcoming litter pick in the village organised by the Timebank Co-ordinator on 14th and 15th April.

233/17 ACCOUNTS

Upon being moved by Councillor Dr Withams and seconded by Councillor Dykstra, it was

RESOLVED

(a) that the following accounts be approved:-

		£
M J Buddle	Salary – March 2018	970.90
W E Batterbee	Salary – March 2018	927.97
R Edwards	Salary – March 2018	308.80
R Reeves	Salary – March 2018	978.29
N Everett	Salary – March 2018	421.78
HMRC	Tax & NIC – March 2018	1,476.21
R Reeves	Reimbursement – Soil Improver	163.33
R Reeves	Reimbursement – ink cartridges	58.99
Vodafone	Mobile phone contract (Timebank)	9.80
E.ON	Electricity supply - Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	110.00
E.ON	Gas supply – Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	210.36
GreenCity Solutions	Computer anti-virus protection – May (paid by direct debit)	12.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer backup online - May (paid by direct debit)	36.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer support contract – May (paid by direct debit)	60.00
GreenCity Solutions	Broadband – May (paid by direct debit)	23.99
Pelsis Ltd	Rabbit and rat cages	100.26
Activ Security	CCTV call out	118.00
Parrot Print Ltd	Printing of Diary insert advertising Timebank	135.50

Allstar	Fuel (paid by direct debit)	46.02
Connections Bus Project	8 visits from January to March	2,160.00
Huntingdonshire District Council	Printing of agenda	22.09
Open Spaces Society	Annual subscription	45.00
Cambridge Water Business	Water charge- Parish Centre	116.67
Aquaflow Warboys Ltd.	Repair to cistern, Parish Centre	74.40
G Hansell	Half year Internal Auditor's fee	50.00
R Martin	Half year Clockwinder's honorarium	125.00
Cambridge Water Business	Water charges – Hallgate Allotments	242.66

(b) that payment of the following account due before the date of the meeting be endorsed:-

Stuart & Co.	Insurance for van	337.19
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234/17 BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Council received the budgetary control statement for March 2018, together with the list of Parish Centre bookings for that month, copies of which had been circulated to all Members.

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

Chairman.