

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Dr S C Withams, Chairman.

Councillors Mrs J M Cole, B L Correll, D W England, Ms L A Gifford, Mrs M H Harlock, J A Parker, R A Payne, P S Potts, Mrs S J Wilcox and G C M Willis.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor T V Rogers.

District Councillor G J Bull.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs A R Wyatt.

50/18 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilcox, the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

51/18 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made by Members in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

The Clerk referred to the interests registered by Members and the dispensations previously granted to speak or speak and vote on such matters which had lapsed at the election held on 3rd May 2018. Several Members had submitted applications for renewal of their dispensations for the ensuing 4 years until the next ordinary election of councillors.

RESOLVED

that dispensations be granted to the following Members until the next ordinary election of councillors in May 2022:-

Councillor	Interest	Dispensation
B J Correll	Sports Ground Committee member Council Tax Precept	Speak Speak & vote
Mrs S J Wilcox	Council Tax Precept	Speak & vote

Mrs A R Wyatt	Warboys Comm. Assoc. chairman	Speak
	Warboys Women's Institute member	Speak
	Warboys 55 Plus secretary	Speak
	Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund Director	Speak
	Council Tax Precept	Speak & vote

52/18 RESIGNATION

Members were informed that Mr G B Joseph had resigned from the Parish Council, as a result of which notice of the vacancy had been posted in the village that day. The Clerk reported that there was a statutory period of 14 days in which electors could ask for an election to fill the vacancy. If 10 electors did not do so within that timescale, the Council would be able to co-opt a person to the Council and expressions of interest for co-option would be invited.

53/18 MATTERS ARISING

The Council considered the following matters arising from the meeting held on 11th June 2018:-

(a) Tree Planting

Further to Minute No. 33/18(a), the Clerk reported that Ramsey Rotary Club had confirmed that they had ordered trees from the Woodland Trust which would be delivered in November and planted by members of the Club in early December.

(b) Damage to Grass at Weir

Arising from Minute No. 33/18(b), the Clerk reported that the District Council had advised that planning permission was not required for the extension of the hard surfacing at The Weir to prevent damage by customers visiting the SPAR shop. Quotations to undertake the work would be invited from three building companies.

(c) Proposed Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device

Further to Minute No. 33/18(c), the Clerk reported that he had met Councillor Mrs Tavener in her capacity as the local Speedwatch Co-ordinator to discuss the content of an agreement for the use of a speed indicator device that the Parish Council had resolved to purchase. Members were informed that the agreement had been signed and an order would be placed for the supply of the equipment.

(d) Timebank Working Group

Arising from Minute No. 33/18(d), the Chairman reported upon the discussion at a recent Timebank working group meeting. Members' attention was drawn to the newsletter produced by the Timebank Co-ordinator which contained details of the growing number of exchanges being undertaken and the increase in membership.

The Chairman also reported that it was now possible to exchange credits for a variety of activities such as cinema attendances.

(e) GDPR

Arising from Minute No. 33/18(e), the Clerk reported that he and Councillor Mrs Wilcox would be meeting shortly to discuss the impact of GDPR on the Council.

(f) Shelter at Jubilee Clock Tower

Further to Minute No. 37/18, the Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Tavener had been advised by Stencil Tech that work to seal the floor of the shelter near the Jubilee Clock Tower had been delayed as a result of a family illness. Councillor Mrs Tavener consequently had suggested that her daughter proceed with the painting of the WW1 mural in the shelter in advance of the work to the floor bearing in mind that the centenary of the ending of the war in November was approaching. Members were advised that this had been agreed by the Battle's Over working group.

(g) Street Naming

Further to Minute No. 41/18, the Clerk reported that he had been advised by David Wilson Homes that they were considering the names suggested by the Parish Council for the Great Pastures Phase II development and would advise whether they regarded these as acceptable in due course.

(h) Leisure Areas Committee

Further to Minute No. 44/18, the Clerk reported that the working party had met to peruse the safety inspection reports for the Council's playgrounds but that there had been insufficient time to arrange a meeting of the Leisure Areas Committee to consider their report prior to the Council meeting.

RESOLVED

that a meeting of the Leisure Areas Committee be held on 23rd July 2018.

(Councillor Mrs Cole arrived at the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

(i) 66 High Street

Further to Minute No. 46/18, the Clerk reported that the present condition of 66 High Street had been discussed with District Councillor Bull at a recent meeting. A resident of Warboys had suggested that the property could be purchased by the District Council under the Government's empty homes strategy but it was pointed out that the legislation was designed to enable housing authorities to purchase unoccupied properties for rent in view of the current housing shortage. As the interior of 66 High Street was understood to not be in a fit state for occupation, it would not be appropriate to pursue the course of action suggested.

District Councillor Bull reported that the only powers available to the District Council were under the planning conservation legislation if the building was not weathertight as had been reported to the Parish Council previously.

54/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11th June 2018 be received.

55/18 POLICE REPORT

Members were informed that Sergeant Street had retired from Cambridgeshire Constabulary that day and his replacement for the St Ives and Ramsey Sector had yet to be announced.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain any statistics about criminal activity or anti-social behaviour in Warboys over the past month from the Police website. However the Police were now supplying e-mail updates for the sector on a daily and weekly basis which the Clerk was forwarding to Members when incidents in Warboys were reported. Under the circumstances, Members agreed that it was unnecessary to try to obtain monthly statistics from the Police website.

There were no other matters raised by Members.

56/18 PROPOSED COMBINED HEAT AND POWER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WARBOYS LANDFILL SITE

Further to Minute No. 36/18, the Clerk reported that he had been informed by the County Council's Planning Business Manager that it was anticipated that the application for combined heat and power and waste water treatment plants at the landfill site would be considered by the County Council's Planning Committee at a meeting to be held on 6th September. The County Council had agreed that each person who had submitted an objection to the application would be permitted to speak at the meeting for a maximum of three minutes but that repetition should be avoided. As a statutory body, the Parish Council's representative would be permitted to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes.

Members were informed that the Landfill Action Group would be liaising with the Parish Council to co-ordinate speakers to try to ensure the most effective presentation to the Committee.

County Councillor Rogers reported that the County Council's officers were still investigating certain aspects of the application which had necessitated the delay until September, although the applicants had been pressing for a date in July.

The Clerk reported that no further response had been received from the Landfill Action Group about the funding of the costs of Public Interest Consultants and that he was trying to arrange another meeting with the Group's representatives to discuss the matter further.

(District Councillor Bull left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

57/18 LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE FUNDING

Further to Minute No. 40/18, a report was submitted by the Clerk (copies of which had been circulated to all Members) regarding the submission of a bid under the County Council's Local Highways Initiative for 2019/20.

The submission of joint bid with Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council for traffic calming in Fenton Road had been considered at a meeting of the latter Council but information was not yet available as to the outcome of the meeting. As the closing date for applications was the end of July, Members agreed that the formulation of the bid would need to be delegated to the Clerk after consultation with the Chairman.

With regard to the Parish Council's decision to ask the County Council to implement a reduced speed limit in Station Road, Puddock Hill and Fenside Road and install warning signs of horses being ridden on Fenside Road, the Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that any action would have to be funded by a third party. The cost of a traffic regulation order and sign installation would be dependent upon the number of signs required but the Clerk suggested that the probable maximum cost would be £5,000.

The County Council had advised that a bid could be submitted under the LHI programme by the horse riders, in which case a minimum contribution of 10% of the cost would have to be met by the body submitting the bid. As the horse riders were not formally organised into a society or group, they were unable to fund the minimum contribution themselves but had confirmed that they were prepared to submit a bid in their name if third party funding could be obtained.

On behalf of the horseriders, Ms D Ross thanked the Parish Council for their assistance and indicated that the horseriders would nominate a person for co-option to the Footpaths Committee if the dates of meetings could be supplied.

The Committee was also addressed by a further rider who expressed concern about the danger to riders and cyclists of the 'blind' bend at the top of Puddock Hill which meant that they could not be seen easily by motorists travelling at speed out of the village.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Clerk be authorised to determine the format of the bid for traffic calming in Fenton Road in the light of the response from Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council and after consultation with the Chairman;
- (b) that provision be made in the budget for 2019/20 in the sum of £500 by way of a contribution to an LHI bid to be made by horseriders for a traffic regulation order to reduce the speed limit in Station Road, Puddock Hill

and Fenside Road, warning signs of horses being ridden on those roads and a warning sign of the hazardous bend at the top of Puddock Hill:

- (c) that the Clerk be requested to liaise with the horseriders on the formulation of the LHI bid to be submitted in their name; and
- (d) that consideration be deferred of the co-option of a person to represent the horseriders to the Footpaths Committee.

58/18 HGV WEIGHT RESTRICTION

Further to Minute No. 58/18, the Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated to all Members) on the implementation measures required to pursue a weight restriction for heavy goods vehicles in Warboys. The report summarised the potential advantages and disadvantages of a weight restriction in Warboys which would need to apply to all roads between the B1040 Church Road/Ramsey Road and the A141.

Members noted that this would involve extensive consultation and survey work, much of which would have to be undertaken by the Parish Council. The cost would have to be met by the Parish Council, although it would be possible to submit a bid for funding to the County Council under the LHI programme in 2019/20. The potential cost would vary between £6,000 and £16,000 but the Parish Council would have to make a minimum contribution of 10% towards the expenditure.

Having regard to the extensive consultation and survey work required without any certainty of success, it was

RESOLVED

that the report be received and no further action taken.

59/18 TRAFFIC ISLAND AT STATION ROAD/HEATH ROAD JUNCTION

The Clerk reported that Members had drawn attention to complaints from members of the public about the untidy condition of the traffic island at the junction of Station Road and Heath Road. Although this was the responsibility of the County Council as the highway authority, it was reported that Councillor Mrs Tavener had offered to tidy and plant the site later in the month. However Members felt that it was unreasonable to expect a Member to maintain the site on an ongoing basis.

As quotations were to be invited for further hard surfacing at The Weir, the Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of extending the specification to include the surfacing of the island with suitable paviers and leaving a gap where planting could take place. In the interim, the Clerk was requested to arrange for the Handymen to cut down the pampas grass planted on the island which was obstructing the vision of motorists at the junction.

RESOLVED

that the Clerk be requested to investigate the possible surfacing of the traffic island at the Station Road/Heath Road junction, leaving a small area to be planted and maintained by the Handymen.

60/18 DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

The Chairman and Clerk reported on a meeting with District Council representatives on 21st June in response to a request from the latter to improve liaison between the two tiers of authority. A number of issues had been discussed with the Chairman and Clerk explaining the range of activities undertaken by the Council and pressing for the Community Infrastructure Levy payments collected by the District Council from the current developments in Warboys to be spent in the village.

61/18 RAMSEY MAYOR CIVIC CHURCH SERVICE

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs Harlock be authorised to represent the Parish Council at a parade on 2nd September arranged by Ramsey Town Council for the Ramsey Army Cadet Detachment to receive the freedom of the town and followed by a civic service.

62/18 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the date of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting scheduled to be held on 19th November be re-arranged to 7th November 2018.

63/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (a) Clerks and Councils Direct

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64/18 OPEN FORUM

The Clerk reported that at the Open Forum following the previous meeting of the Council, Councillor Mrs Wyatt had been concerned that the Parish Council had been unaware that the Tour of Cambridgeshire cycle race had passed through part of the Parish without the Council's knowledge.

65/18 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

that the following accounts be approved:-

		£
M J Buddle	Salary – June 2018	992.52
W E Batterbee	Salary – June 2018	978.09
R Edwards	Salary – June 2018	251.20
R Reeves	Salary – June 2018	997.29
N Everett	Salary – June 2018	479.32
HMRC	Tax & NIC – June 2018	1,409.80
M J Buddle	Reimbursement – gardening supplies	9.49
Vodafone	Mobile phone contract (Timebank)	10.15
E.ON	Electricity supply - Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	110.00
E.ON	Gas supply – Parish Centre (paid by direct debit)	43.30
GreenCity Solutions	Computer anti-virus protection – July (paid by direct debit)	12.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer backup online - July (paid by direct debit)	36.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer support contract – July (paid by direct debit)	60.00
GreenCity Solutions	Broadband – July (paid by direct debit)	23.99
Allstar	Fuel (paid by direct debit)	136.26
ESPO	Speed humps	149.40
ESPO	Stationery etc.	25.37
C G M Group	Grasscutting	102.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	Litter bin to replace vandalised bin at Adams Lyons	319.15

Activ Security	CCTV annual maintenance	120.00
Aquaflow Warboys Ltd	Parish centre – leaking pipework	86.76
Time Banks UK	Annual subscription	120.00
C J Ingle Ltd.	Postcrete	34.20
Stuart & Co.	Parish Centre boiler insurance	146.81

66/18 BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Council received the budgetary control statement for June 2018, together with the list of Parish Centre bookings for that month and the bank reconciliation statement for the first quarter of the year, copies of which had been circulated to all Members.

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

Chairman.