

# WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of **Warboys Parish Council** held on 10th September 2018 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

## **PRESENT**

Dr S C Withams, Chairman.

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

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

County Councillor T V Rogers.

## **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of District Councillor G J Bull.

## **89/18 MINUTES**

Upon being moved by Councillor Mrs Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilcox, the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

## **90/18 MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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

## **91/18 MATTERS ARISING**

The Council considered the following matters arising from the meeting held on 13th August 2018:-

### **(a) Repairs to Play Equipment**

Arising from Minute No. 72/18, the Clerk reported that the repair works to the play equipment identified in the safety inspection report at Adams Lyons playground would be undertaken by Caloo in the week commencing 8th October 2018 at a cost of £715 plus VAT.

### **(b) The Weir**

Arising from Minute No. 78/18, the Clerk reported that a number of members of the working party established to discuss works to The Weir had met on site

representatives of a company that had undertaken remedial works to the pond at Woodhurst. A meeting of the working party would be held shortly.

**(c) 66 High Street**

Further to Minute No. 79/18, the Clerk reported that he and Councillor Willis would be meeting representatives of the District Council on the day following the meeting to discuss what action could be taken to improve the condition of 66 High Street.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Tavener advised that the member of the public who had expressed concern about the appearance of the building at the previous meeting had not been in contact with her since that time.

(Councillor Mrs Tavener arrived in the meeting while the above matter was being discussed.)

**(d) Timebank**

Further to Minute No. 81/18, Members were informed that the Timebank steering group had met recently.

**92/18 VACANCY**

Further to Minute No. 73/18, Members were informed that expressions of interest had been received from two persons for co-option to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor G J Joseph. Information provided by the two individuals had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

that Mr S J Green be co-opted to the Council and appointed to the Council's committees for the remainder of the municipal year.

As Mr Green was in attendance, he signed his declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

**93/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 13th and 20th August 2018 be received.

**94/18 POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk referred to the daily and weekly updates from E-Cops that he forwarded by e-mail to Members when they contained any information on criminal incidents or anti-

social behaviour in Warboys. Members' attention was drawn to various incidents that had taken place in recent weeks with Councillor Parker reporting on major damage at the primary school over the summer holiday period costing several thousand pounds to repair.

Members were informed that the new sergeant for the St Ives and Ramsey Neighbourhood was Sergeant A Draper and that the Clerk would be meeting PCSOs shortly to discuss the current situation in the village.

## **95/18 PROPOSED COMBINED HEAT AND POWER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WARBOYS LANDFILL SITE**

Further to Minute No. 75/18, the Clerk reported that the planning application for proposed combined heat and power and waste water treatment plants at Warboys Landfill Site had been approved by the County Council's Planning Committee at a meeting held on 6th September. Councillor Willis and the Clerk had addressed the Committee in support of the Parish Council's recommendation of refusal of the application, as had representatives of the Landfill Action Group, other objectors and County Councillor Rogers.

The County Council's Planning Officers had recommended approval of the application as no adverse comments had been received from statutory consultees. They also advised members of the Committee that many of the concerns raised by objectors were more properly the responsibility of the Environment Agency which would be dealt with through an environmental permit required to operate the plant. However the Clerk quoted from an explanatory leaflet from the Agency that 'providing a business can prove that the site meets all the legal requirements, including environmental, technological and health requirements then we are legally obliged to issue a permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision'.

County Councillor Rogers expressed his disappointment over the decision and indicated that he would be meeting a principal officer of the County Council later in the week to register his concern over the manner in which this had been dealt with by the authority.

On behalf of the Landfill Action Group, Mrs E Ball expressed her gratitude to the many members of the public who had spoken at the Planning Committee meeting or who had attended to support the speakers. However she also expressed her dissatisfaction with the advice presented at the meeting by County Council officers and indicated that the Landfill Action Group would be considering how best to challenge the decision and the application for an environmental permit.

Councillor Mrs Wilcox advised that she had made enquiries about the timescales and cost of challenging the decision by way of judicial review. If such action were to be taken, she advised that it would have to be undertaken with minimal delay and would be extremely costly.

### **RESOLVED**

that the report be received and further information sought on the options available to challenge the development following liaison with the Landfill Action Group.

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

### **96/18 BATTLE'S OVER**

Further to Minute No. 76/18, the notes of the meeting of the WWI centenary working party held on 13th August 2018 were received (copies of which had been circulated)

After Councillor Mrs Tavener had shown a proposed design of the mural that her daughter would be painting in the Clock Tower shelter to commemorate the WWI centenary, Councillor Potts asked her to liaise with him as the style of uniform and rifle on the image was from the wrong era.

Councillor Mrs Wyatt also asked Members of the Council if they would join the procession to the Parish Church after the service at the War Memorial on the morning of Remembrance Sunday.

### **97/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Correll reported that he had asked for the item to be placed on the agenda as he had wondered whether a Neighbourhood Plan for Warboys would help prevent speculative applications for planning permission for housing development for sites not allocated in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. After investigation, he informed Members that he had concluded that a plan for Warboys would be of limited value in such circumstances and could cost between £30,000 and £50,000 to prepare with considerable effort over a period of 2 to 3 years.

The Clerk also reported that a Neighbourhood Plan had to be in compliance with the relevant District Council's Local Plan and that a principal feature of any plan was to influence where additional development would take place rather than deter potential future development.

Under the circumstances, the Council

### **RESOLVED**

that no action be taken to instigate a Neighbourhood Plan for Warboys.

### **98/18 STREET NAMES – DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF FARRIERS WAY**

Further to Minute No. 23/18, the Clerk reported that the District Council's Address Management Officer had requested an additional street name for the proposed development south of Farriers Way. In addition, two reserve names had been invited in the event of objections from statutory consultees to those proposed by the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Cole suggested a further name and a change in the allocation of names to streets previously proposed, as a result of which it was

### **RESOLVED**

- (a) that the names suggested for the development be Fysons Way for the circular road, Clydesdale Way for the north-south road and Suffolk Close and Shire Close for the two cul-de-sacs; and
- (b) that no reserve names be submitted.

## **99/18 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

Further to Minute Nos. 15/18 and 16./18, the Clerk reported that the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, had completed their review of the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return and that there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

## **100/18 TOUR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE CYCLING EVENT**

The Clerk reported receipt of an invitation from the County Council to comment on the proposed route of the Tour of Cambridgeshire cycling event on 2nd June 2019 which would include a small length of Puddock Road in Warboys Parish.

A number of Members felt that local roads had been closed for too long during the course of the event in the past summer but no comment was made about the proposal for 2019.

## **101/18 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) August 2018 edition of the Bulletin published by the War Memorials Trust.

## **102/18 OPEN FORUM**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Wyatt had given a report in the Open Forum following the previous meeting of the Council on the activities that had taken place during Feast Week

## **103/18 ACCOUNTS**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Tavener, seconded by Councillor Dykstra and

## **RESOLVED**

that the following accounts be approved:-

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M J Buddle	Salary – August 2018	1,066.02
W E Batterbee	Salary – August 2018	1,050.38
R Edwards	Salary – August 2018	218.40
R Reeves	Salary – August 2018	997.29
N Everett	Salary – August 2018	430.12
HMRC	Tax & NIC – August 2018	1,512.35
R Reeves	Mileage claim	45.22
R Reeves	Reimbursement – Ink cartridges	53.09
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 Credit note (paid by direct debit)	-15.69
GreenCity Solutions	Computer anti-virus protection – September (paid by direct debit)	12.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer backup online - September (paid by direct debit)	36.00
GreenCity Solutions	Computer support contract – September (paid by direct debit)	60.00
GreenCity Solutions	Broadband – September (paid by direct debit)	23.99
Allstar	Fuel (paid by direct debit)	56.02
ESPO	Catering supplies	144.65
ESPO	Gloves	2.88
ESPO	Diary	1.98
Premier Gas Services	Service of gas appliances, Parish Centre	144.00
Michael Murray Signs Ltd	Sign for fitness equipment usage	54.00
Riley Dunn & Wilson Ltd.	Binding of minute books	113.30

PKF Littlejohn LLP	Assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return	480.00
Magpas	Grant	100.00
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd	Grass cutting	204.00
C J Ingle Ltd	Miscellaneous supplies	38.40
Westcotec Ltd	Speed Indicator Device	2,880.00
Michael Murray Signs Ltd	Honours Boards lettering	480.00
D E Jones	PAT testing of electrical equipment	79.68
Xerox (UK) Ltd	Photocopying charges	34.00

#### **104/18 BUDGETARY CONTROL**

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

#### **105/18 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

##### **RESOLVED**

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the following item contained confidential information concerning the value of quotations received.

#### **106/18 GRASSED AREA AT THE WEIR**

Further to Minute No. 70/18(a), the Clerk reported that three contractors had been invited to submit quotations for the extension of the block paving at The Weir to prevent damage by customers crossing the area to reach the SPAR store in Mill Green. Members were informed that two quotations had been received and it was

##### **RESOLVED**

that the tender submitted by V J Dyer and Son in the sum of £3,950 inclusive of VAT, being the lowest received, be accepted.

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

Chairman.