

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of **Warboys Parish Council** held on 12th November 2018 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Dr S C Withams, Chairman.

Councillors R J Dykstra, D W England, Ms L A Gifford, S J Green, Mrs M H Harlock, J A Parker, R A Payne, Mrs J E Tavener, Mrs S J Wilcox, and Mrs A R Wyatt.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor T V Rogers.

Ms L Walker, Partners in Planning and Architecture and Mr P Belton, Carter Jonas.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J M Cole, P S Potts and G C M Willis and District Councillor G J Bull.

129/18 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Dykstra and seconded by Councillor Payne, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

130/18 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor England declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of Minute No. 131/18 (Proposed Development West of Ramsey Road) as he was the tenant of land adjoining the proposed application.

131/18 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WEST OF RAMSEY ROAD

(Having declared an interest in the following item, Councillor England left the meeting for the duration of the discussion thereon.)

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms L Walker of Partners in Planning and Architecture and Mr P Belton of Carter Jonas who were acting as the respective agents for the owners of land west of Ramsey Road allocated for housing development in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. They explained that the allocation provided for up to 45 homes but that the design was at a very early stage and they wished to invite Members' comments on the layout of the estate and means of access from Ramsey Road. Attention was drawn to the constraints affecting the development of the site, including the proximity of listed buildings and the Warboys Conservation Area. There were also a

number of trees on site with the District Council asking for existing site boundaries to be enhanced by further planting.

A number of questions and suggestions were raised by Members, including the need for affordable homes in Warboys, priority for affordable housing being offered to Warboys residents, the need for Longlands Close to be adopted and the impact of development on the infrastructure of the village.

Members advised that they could see little value in the creation of a footpath link to the High Street through the grounds of No. 21 Ramsey Road which had been suggested by the District Council. Mr Belton also undertook to investigate responsibility for the making up of Longlands Close to adoptable standard and offered to hold a public exhibition of the development when the plans were further advanced.

The Chairman thanked Ms Walker and Mr Belton for their presentation and for inviting the comments of the Council at such an early stage in the submission.

(Councillor Green arrived in the meeting during discussion of the above item.)

132/18 MATTERS ARISING

The Council considered the following matters arising from the meeting held on 8th October 2018:-

(a) Repairs to Play Equipment

Arising from Minute No. 109/18(a), the Clerk reported that the repair works to the play equipment identified in the safety inspection report at Adams Lyons playground had now been completed.

(b) Street Naming – Development South of Farriers Way

Further from Minute No. 109/18(b), the Clerk reported that, due to the efforts of Councillor Mrs Cole, Bellway Homes had agreed to one of the streets on their development south of Farriers Way being named Fyson Way.

(c) Grassed Area at The Weir

Further to Minute No. 109/18(d), The Clerk reported that he and Councillor Payne had met the contractor on site in respect of the work to extend the paving at The Weir. A decision had been made to use slightly more expensive paviers which would retain their colour longer. Although this would result in an increase in cost, the Clerk suggested that this should provide better value for money. The work would be scheduled to start after the Christmas period when the site was used for the Christmas tree and lighting display.

Members were also informed that Blakemore, the owners of the SPAR, had agreed to contribute £200 towards the cost of the work.

(d) Monitoring of Traffic Speeds

Further to Minute No. 116/18, the Clerk reported that Community Roadwatch had agreed to their offer of funding for a proposed pedestrian warning sign in Fenton Road being incorporated in the Local Highway Initiative bid submitted for priority narrowing at the entrance to the village from Fenton. The latter would be considered at a County Council Panel meeting at the beginning of December.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council also had agreed to contribute £500 towards a bid by horse riders for a reduction in the speed limit in Fenside Road and Puddock Hill to 40 mph and the installation of warning signs of horse riders in the carriageway. The officer evaluation of the bid had suggested that the roads were not conducive to a 40 mph limit but the Clerk reported that he had supplied the horse riders with further information that might help in their application.

(e) Tree Planting

Further to Minute No. 117/18, the Clerk reported that David Wilson Homes had expressed an interest in a pack of trees from the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy being planted at the Great Pastures development in Station Road. The member of the public who had suggested the idea had been asked to provide further information but had not replied. Under the circumstances, Councillor Ms Gifford offered to contact the person again by Facebook.

With regard to the offer by Ramsey Rotary Club to plant trees at Statfold Green and School Road, the Clerk reported that they expected the trees to be delivered from the Woodland Trust in November and be planted in December.

(f) Christmas Lighting

Further to Minute No. 118/18, the Clerk reported that Balfour Beatty had yet to reply with a price for altering a further four lighting columns in the High Street so that Christmas lighting units could be attached to them.

(g) The Weir

Further to Minute No. 120/18, Members were reminded that the Leisure Araes Committee had accepted the lowest quotation received for the sampling and testing of the sediment in the The Weir. The company had been asked to proceed with the work but a date for the sampling was not yet known.

(h) Bus Services

Further to Minute No. 121/18, the Clerk reported that he had entered about 30 hard copy responses from Warboys residents to the bus survey being commissioned by St Ives Town Council about bus service provision in the area. Approximately 1,200 forms had been returned from people in the St Ives neighbourhood which would be analysed to obtain the public's views on services locally.

(i) Attendance at Meetings

Arising from Minute No. 123/18, Councillor Mrs Harlock reported on her attendance at the AGM of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Branch of the CPRE on 23rd October which she indicated she had found interesting.

Councillor Mrs Tavener reported that she had attended a meeting of the Ramsey parish liaison group on 29th October when the main topic of discussion had been the future of bus services locally.

133/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 8th and 29th October 2018 be received.

134/18 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee held on 29th October 2018 be received.

135/18 LEISURE AREAS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure Areas Committee held on 29th October 2018 be received.

136/18 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. Otherwise there were no specific matters to bring to the attention of Members.

137/18 PROPOSED COMBINED HEAT AND POWER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WARBOYS LANDFILL SITE

Further to Minute No. 112/18, the Clerk reported that a reply had been received from LGSS Law Ltd on behalf of the County Council in response to the Parish Council and Landfill Action Group's request for the decision of the Planning Committee to approve the above application to be reviewed. Having obtained counsel's opinion, LGSS Law had rejected the arguments presented. However they had identified two matters, the

proximity of Fenside Caravan Park and the potential effects of the plume from the proposed plant, which they accepted had not been dealt with sufficiently by the Committee. As a result they intended to refer those two matters back to the Planning Committee at a meeting to be held on 13th December. Notification of the decision and an invitation to register to speak had been sent to objectors by the County Council earlier in the day.

Councillor Mrs Wilcox confirmed that she was assembling instructions for counsel in the event of the County Council approving the application with a view to the possibility of the Parish Council applying for judicial review of the decision.

On behalf of the Landfill Action Group, Mrs E Ball expressed her dissatisfaction with the content and tone of the response supplied by LGSS Law. She advised that she and Professor B Lake would be meeting Shailesh Vara MP shortly to discuss the matter further with him.

Mrs Ball reported that the annual meeting of the Landfill Liaison Group which had been scheduled to be held earlier in the month had been cancelled by Woodford Group. She had written to the company's Chief Executive expressing her concern at the decision and listing various complaints that members of the public had raised in recent weeks in relation to odours and noise from the site. These were now being investigated by an officer of the Environment Agency.

Mrs Ball also mentioned that she was trying to highlight the fact that Tyregen had responded to a call for sites as part of the review of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan. The company had applied for land to be allocated at the Airfield Industrial Estate for a tyre pyrolysis plant.

County Councillor Rogers informed Members of his disappointment at the way in which the application for the treatment plants at the landfill site had been handled by the County Council. He reported that he had met senior officers of the authority and a further meeting would be held later in the week. He assured the Parish Council and the Landfill Action Group members who were present of his full support.

(At the conclusion of the discussion, County Councillor Rogers left the meeting.)

138/18 BATTLE'S OVER

Further to Minute No. 113/18, the notes of the meeting of the WWI centenary working party held on 8th October 2018 were received (copies of which had been circulated)

Members expressed their appreciation for all of the events that had been arranged over the previous weekend to commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War One which had been very successful and attended by large numbers of people.

Members also recorded their thanks to the daughter of Councillor Mrs Tavener who had painted a remembrance mural in the shelter near the Jubilee Clock Tower. Councillor Green suggested the installation of a light in the shelter to illuminate the mural at night. It was reported that previous lighting in the shelter had been vandalised but Councillor

Green agreed to an invitation from the Chairman to investigate types of lighting that might be more effective against vandalism.

139/18 CONDITION OF FORMER YOUTHIE AND LIBRARY PREMISES

Further to Minute No. 114/18, the Clerk reported upon a meeting that he had attended with an officer from the County Council's Strategic Assets team about the possible future use of the Youthie building and a potential transfer of ownership to the Parish Council. Members were informed that the meeting had been more promising than previous attempts to secure the retention of the building. The County Council would be undertaking a structural survey which they would share with the Parish Council, following which further discussions would take place.

140/18 TREE SURGERY – ADAMS LYONS PLAYGROUND

The Clerk reminded Members that the Leisure Areas Committee had agreed to invite quotations for the cutting back of trees in Adams Lyons Park on the boundary with The Paddocks following complaints from the residents of the nearby chalet homes.

Members were informed by the Clerk that he had met two tree surgeons on site in recent weeks both of whom had supplied quotations to remove the tops of the tree canopy on the boundary to a height of approximately 15 metres. It was hoped that this would prevent complaints from the residents for a number of years. The quotations also provided for the removal of two dead trees in Jubilee Park.

RESOLVED

that the quotation from Ayres Tree Care in the sum of £1,260 being the lowest received, be accepted.

141/18 REPLACEMENT TREES

The Clerk reported on an offer by the County Council to plant replacement trees for those felled in the verge in Mill Green in 2017 and inviting the Parish Council to determine the location for the replacement planting.

Following consultation with the Chairman and the Chairman of the Leisure Areas Committee, the County Council had been requested to plant the trees in the verge in Mill Green. Members were also asked to consider providing tree guards to protect the young trees until they became established. As opposed to purchasing new tree guards, Councillor Dykstra reported that there were two guards stored at the allotments and Members suggested the removal of some of the guards around trees in High Street which had now become established.

The County Council would be considering which species of tree would be suitable for the location proposed and would be responding in due course.

142/18 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) Open Space

Autumn 2018 edition published by the Open Spaces Society.

(b) Clerks and Councils Direct

November 2018 edition.

143/18 OPEN FORUM

Members were informed that there had been no matters raised at the Open Forum following the previous meeting of the Council.

144/18 ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillor Dykstra, seconded by Councillor Payne and

RESOLVED

(a) that the following accounts be approved:-

		£
M J Buddle	Salary – October 2018	1,066.22
W E Batterbee	Salary – October 2018	1,050.38
R Edwards	Salary – October 2018	293.60
R Reeves	Salary – October 2018	997.29
N Everett	Salary – October 2018	430.12
HMRC	Tax & NIC – October 2018	1,530.95
R Reeves	Mileage claim	63.00
M J Buddle	Reimbursement – door stops	15.06
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)	101.17
Allstar	Fuel (paid by direct debit)	64.02
ESPO	Screen for Parish Centre	73.20
Cranbrook Plants	Winter bedding plants	186.74
EACH	Grant	100.00
CPRE	Annual subscription	36.00
Ivan Barrett	Miscellaneous supplies	338.85
Caloo Ltd.	Play equipment repairs	858.00
CGM Group	Grass cutting	102.00
Royal British Legion	1 x poppy wreath and 11 x sprays	130.00
National Savings & Investments	Deposit	50,000.00
Mrs J E Tavener	Reimbursement – baking trays for Battle’s Over event	8.13
Ms K Jarrett	Reimbursement – paint for Clock Tower shelter	47.50
R Reeves	Reimbursement – ink cartridges	57.59
Mrs M Tringham	Reimbursement – supplies for Battle’s Over exhibition	18.25
R Reeves	Reimbursement – gas cylinder	34.99
Mrs A Wyatt	Reimbursement – Battle’s Over food	72.08
Mrs H Moulds	Reimbursement – Battle’s Over evening	7.49
Glasdon UK Ltd	Litter bin	319.15
Community Heartbeat Trust	Replace out of date defibrillator pads	45.60
(b) that prior payment of the following accounts be endorsed:-		
Mrs N Everett	Replacement mobile phone	55.00
R Durrant	Remembrance Sunday bugler	20.00

145/18 BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Council received the budgetary control statement for October 2018, together with the list of Parish Centre bookings for that month and the budgetary control statement 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.