

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held virtually on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.50pm

**Present:** Mrs Clare Grace, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Richard Nicholls, Mrs Gaye Fletcher, Cllr Karen Barclay.

**Apologies:** Mr Mark Priestner, Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Bob Jones

As this meeting follows our Annual Meeting the same dispensation was agreed i.e. because of self-isolation by one of our members it was thought better to hold the meeting remotely; safety being the main consideration.

**Minutes.**

Minutes of meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> April were duly approved by the Council. Also agreed were the minutes of our Annual Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Neighbourhood Plan Vision Draft**

It has been discussed by BJ and PB that we should press ahead with our Neighbourhood Plan as the Government has legislated for this. We will get in touch with Louise Kirkup from Kirkwells and invite her to our next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Documentation would be sent to her prior to this date.

**Bus Service Cat 5A**

BJ had been awaiting information from Andrew Hague at Trafford but this hadn't arrived. We have residents severely affected by this change of bus route. Dunham Massey residents are also finding things difficult. Children are unable to get to school, the elderly do not have any public transport and employees of the National Trust at Dunham Massey Hall are struggling to get to work. A report from the Transport Commissioner is non-existent. Would Andrew Hague be willing to visit Dunham Massey PC? We will engage further.

**Pavement in Dunham Road**

We will write to Amey in August, reminding them they need to write this pavement clearing work into their winter programme and ask when this is likely to start happening.

**Bus Stop and General Maintenance**

Transport for Greater Manchester report that they are not responsible for furniture at bus stops only the pole and plate. Anything further is the responsibility of the Local Authority. KB will check with Amey as to safety measures regarding hardstanding at some of our bus stops as passengers have to wait in the road.

**Vehicle Accident Log (VAL) and Road Safety Analysis**

We have learnt the incidents referred to in our VAL have been logged by Greater Manchester Police. However, they have declined to let us have incident numbers quoting the Data Protection Act which DI Jonathan Ezard did not think relevant in this case. We shall take up the matter with him.

**Traffic Speed Review**

Four locations have been identified, Pie Corner, Moss Brow, Carr Green and top of Moss Lane to be worthy of consideration. CG will follow the matter of training up with our PCSO.

**Neighbourhood Watch (NW)**

It was confirmed not every dwelling had received the latest NW circular but this will be dealt with. It had been disappointing that there had not been more interest but we will continue.

**Finance**

We had received our grant from Trafford Council and half of the precept requested. BJ had reviewed our insurance policy and found everything in order. Payments would be made to Zurich Insurance, SLCC, CPRE, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Warburton Parish Rooms for meetings in 2018. This invoice had come in with apologies for its late presentation. Dates had been checked and it was confirmed we had not already been charged for the Parish Rooms during 2018. After payments

made our balance stands at £11,528.75 from £13,706.35. Our bank had reviewed their charges for overdrafts and having to refuse payment due to lack of funds in the account.

### **Donation to Parish Rooms**

As the Parish Rooms had lost income due to the pandemic, it had been suggested that we make them a donation. It was decided the Parish Council would rather pay for improvements on certain projects. The Parish Rooms would be advised asking them to make a written request. We will work with them and possibly be able to share with them CIL monies from development in the area.

### **Memorial Planter**

There has still been no satisfactory outcome from our formal complaint to Trafford Council even though it has been raised to Stage 2. Our complaints against a Trafford councillor and Trafford employee have been forwarded to the Monitoring Officer and CG will write to the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the other complaints. In the meanwhile we will check with the Land Registry who owns the verge. KB had been in touch with our PCSO about anti-social behavior at the site. It was noted both memorial sites had flickering illumination which is distracting to motorists. We will seek advice from a company specialising in highways issues. KB will chase up the memorial policy being written by Sue Whitehead.

### **Correspondence.**

Any correspondence received had involved the items discussed in the topics on the agenda.

### **Cross Base**

Sedgewicks had been chased up but no further information is to hand.

### **Tree Planting in Warburton**

Joe Pollitt from Trafford had twice visited PB. Eight areas had been highlighted suitable for planting and consideration would be given to where services are. Residents in some areas would be impacted by this project so consultations will be held. A mixture of lime trees interspersed with mountain ash was suggested for lines of trees and a mature oak tree could be planted by the Jubilee Bench with a commemorative plaque for Prince Phillip. Planting could begin this autumn or early next year and finance would depend on how much money Trafford still had in their grant pot.

### **Planning Applications.**

Regarding application 103511/FUL/21 at Yew Tree Farm, it was noted that some trees have gone and the pond filled in. CG is to contact Peter O'Connor.

### **Heritage Trail**

As BJ had sent his apologies, this item would be held over until our next meeting.

### **Trafford's Support from the Governments Local List Fund**

PB had been contacted by Trafford's Heritage Officer, Elisabeth Lewis,, advising that a Kate Spencer was undertaking a pilot study of the whole area including all buildings such as the old bridge, high level bridge, deer park (the whole park and curtilage), etc, all of which would be given added protection.

### **Points of Interest**

RN announced his resignation from the council and it was with regret that this news was received. All agreed Richard's contribution to the Council had been exemplary. He told us that at last he had had a reply from HS2 answering queries he had made last year. Prince Charles had called the tree planting project a Tree-bilee and there is money around for planting saplings. We will engage the services of a handyman for looking after benches, etc. CIL monies would be due as work starts on the Barnes Lane site and we need to apply to Trafford for our portion.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

Chairman's signature

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