

## Warburton Parish Council.

### Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Ms Clare Grace (CG), Mr Richard Clegg (RC), Mr Mark Priestner (MP), Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Mrs Gaye Fletcher (GF), Cllr Michael Whetton (MW).

**Apologies:** Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Bob Jones, Mr Tim Fairbairn.

#### **Minutes.**

Minutes of the council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November were approved.

#### **Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

#### **Finance**

Our balance stands at £20,964.75. Invoices were presented for reprographics needed for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation on 11<sup>th</sup> December (£238.32) hire of the parish rooms for PC meetings (£45) and ICO membership (£40) making our true balance £20,641.43. This includes £5,033.00 of the Neighbourhood Plan Grant Funding. This leaves £15,608.43 available funds. It was unanimously decided to accept the proposed hire increase from Warburton Parish Rooms to £20 per meeting. CG would write a Financial Policy. Our accounts are still not updated on Trafford's website.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

CG advised there had been 19 visitors to the new WPC website since the consultation on 11<sup>th</sup> December. It had been a really positive meeting and comments received would be forwarded to Kirkwells. We now need to formulate the next stage with help from Louise Kirkup who has been collecting information on our behalf. AECOM too have been working on the large scale design codes and announcements will be made when we have a final format for approval.

#### **Warburton Toll Bridge**

The application of a TWA by Peel Ports to the government was very much frowned upon by WPC as not only their proposed toll charge increase was exorbitant but also their proposed bylaws allowing them to increase the tolls without further application to Parliament, restrict the movement of animals, fine motorists who stop and breakdown on the bridge, etc. These suggested bylaws were excessive and objections would be forwarded by the parish council to the Secretary of State for Transport, advising also the lack of maintenance on the bridge and lack of inspection reports. The proposed ANPR system would also collect tolls 24/7 and not just between the current hours. Everyone was encouraged to send in personal objections before the deadline of 18/1/2022.

#### **Road Safety**

Suggestions of locations to where the speed pipes could be placed were made. Paddock Lane between Moss Brow Farm and the Saracen's Head, Paddock Lane near Paddock Lake Farm, near the junction of Warburton Lane and Moss Lane, or Townfield Lane near where it meets Bridge Lane. MW would take this up with Trafford. Our PCSO has done some investigative work but because of the pandemic, manpower to train people in speed gun use has not yet materialised.

#### **Bus Service Update**

A meeting between Warburton Parish Council, Dunham Massey Parish Council, Trafford Council, The National Trust and TfGM was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. TfGM shared that they are trying to get the bus service reinstated with a smaller bus from another supplier and this process will hopefully enable the bus service to return in April 2022. In the meantime, TfGM are trying to find a solution to the poor service from the replacement Local Link service which has been reported not fit for use.

#### **PC Website**

Everyone praised CG for the introduction of Warburton's own website which isn't yet complete but almost. GF volunteered to man the link for e-mails from residents. Biographies from RC and TF were requested to complete the Councillor's page.

#### **Heritage List Project Update**

Areas for inclusion have been submitted but questions were raised about if residents were in favour of their properties being listed of which there were 29 candidates. Some buildings have been added

by others (not WPC). However, the more listings we can gather will put more restrictions on developers like Redrow.

**Ward Boundary Review**

The boundary review has been published by the Boundary Commission Scheme for consultation with a deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. It is suggested that all the wards that have Parish Councils in Trafford become one ward “Western Parishes”. The logic behind this has no foundation as Warburton and Dunham Massey, being rural parishes, have little connection with Partington and Carrington. All connections from Warburton link with the Bowdon Ward, i.e. children in Warburton go to schools in Hale and Altrincham or Lymm, the No.5 bus route since the 1920’s has run to Altrincham and the natural boundaries suggest links with Bowdon are valid. The proposed developments in Partington and Carrington will take the population numbers much higher than at present and introduce uneven population wards, something the Boundary Commission is keen to reduce. The PC will respond to the Commission as such and everyone was encouraged to send in objections to the changes.

**Manchester Airport Future Skys Project**

UK Airspace is being reviewed for the first time in 40 years. Manchester Airport is now embarking on Stage 2 of their Airspace Project. They believe that the current flight paths no longer best meet the needs of modern planes and technology and a review is required to ensure the most efficient and effective flight paths are used with minimal impact from noise, emissions and impact on the environment. WPC will continue to represent the needs of Warburton residents on this review. Concerns have been raised by WPC that the plans could impact Warburton village negatively.

**Trafford Citizen’s Assembly**

This item will be held over until the next meeting.

**Planning Applications.**

There were no planning applications.

**Notice Boards**

Attention was brought to the Council that the Notice Board by the Parish Rooms had blown over in high winds and that the one near Wigsey Lane had still not been repaired. As these were both wooden structures showing signs of age, new ones would be purchased. Details of replacements would be presented at the next meeting.

**HS2**

HS2 will be submitting their detailed plans to Parliament for Royal Assent by the end of this month. An e-mail to Sir Graham Brady from Marion McNaughton regarding the Union Connectivity Review asks whether the suggested new connection ‘south of Preston’ will make redundant the Golborne Spur. We await a response.

**Queen’s Jubilee**

Discussion was held on how Warburton should mark this occasion. It was decided to request the Village Committee plan this celebration as it was formed to run such events.

**Points of Interest**

MW reported that after 12 years service Dr Karen Barclay has stepped down from Trafford Council. Everyone agreed KB had done a great job for Warburton and she will be sorely missed. Two local businesses had been impacted by the new Clean Air Zone. Flooding was reported in Moss Lane at the end of Lands End Lane, as were pot holes between Moss Farm and Birch Farm. Flooding was also reported on the Trans Pennine Trail near Carr Green Lane which was impacting the surface water on roads. We would write to Trafford to report these events.

**Dates of next meetings:** Tuesdays 15<sup>th</sup> February and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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