

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Mr Tim Fairbairn

Marion McNaughton had been invited to the meeting to tell all present about a letter she had received from our MP, Sir Graham Brady, advising he had had categorical verbal reassurances from the Secretary of State that the Golborne Link would not go ahead. The Hybrid Bill had been presented to Parliament in its entirety but it is intended a motion will be tabled at the second reading removing the Golborne Spur from the legislation. We are grateful to Marion for her perseverance in this matter which will protect the village from decimation. A decision was made to circulate the information to the village to ensure all residents were aware to ensure any residents considering moving due to the impact of HS2 on their homes would have all the latest information.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 15th February were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Our balance stands at £20,412.75 though there are invoices for insurance (£257.60) and HFE Banners (£29.05) making the new balance £20,126.10. This includes £5,033.00 of the Neighbourhood Plan Grant Funding. This leaves £15,093.10 available funds. Our accounts are now updated on Trafford's website. Details regarding claiming CIL monies from development had been circulated.

Warburton Toll Bridge

A letter from the Secretary of State acknowledges that councillors will want to speak at the public enquiry and we await further information. The deadline for submission of the statements of case has now been extended 'till 10th May 2022 .

Tree Planting

There has been one tree planted and we will push for more. This oak tree will be dedicated to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and a plaque will be ordered to reflect this.

CRR Impact on Warburton

It was decided to lodge a formal complaint to Trafford and to endorse the comments from Friends of Carrington Moss (FOCM). Contrary to what Trafford have quoted, there has been no consultation with the parishes involved and it was felt there would be increased traffic movements, not least from workers outside the area. The bridge across the Manchester Ship Canal suggested by FOCM and included in Trafford's Core Strategy of 2012 is not being sufficient credence.

Neighbourhood Plan

AECON have done a masterplan and sent a report to Kirkwells. Much background work has been achieved though we need actual comments from residents. There will be a rough draft at our next meeting.

Correspondence

The Council had had a request to help with the cost of repairing the Cheshire Fence near an accident site. The landowner would be contacted. A request to replace the litter bin destroyed in an accident had been chased up. A request for a maintenance programme to be written to maintain the cleared pavement in Dunham Road had been sent. The cleared pavement is adequate though an offer from a resident to help do more may be beneficial. Reports of pot holes had been forwarded to Trafford. Our response to Cadent for the Hynet pipeline had been acknowledged and the CAT 5 bus would be reinstated from April 24th with a smaller bus from Little Gem. This would not though run from Warrington to Altrincham but from Altrincham to Warburton and vice versa..

Village Greens

There have been communications from the Open Spaces Society and leaflets from the CPRE about protecting village greens and it was suggested the green in Egerton Avenue should be registered as a green space and to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Further green spaces, such as the footpath along the Manchester Ship Canal are each significant and of local benefit. All would be a community asset and further suggestions would be welcomed at the next meeting, including perhaps areas of ancient woodland.

Road Safety

Cllr Whetton confirmed he had chased up the reinstatement of the electronic sign and PCSO operations would continue next week with the training of radar guns. We had had no luck contacting Sue Whitehead at Trafford but we will continue to try.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Afternoon Tea suggested at the last meeting will now be on Thursday 2nd June instead of the Friday and discussions are ongoing for the Picnic on the Sunday. It is envisaged we will have a Fancy Dress Parade and a magician has been booked. Commemorative Coins have been ordered, as have Jubilee medals. A Risk Assessment is being completed for the road closure of Paddock Lane. There needs to be more liaising with residents. The Scarecrow Trail will need more effort,,i.e. getting entrants, producing plans of locations, etc and the Village Committee will need more time to arrange. However, they hope to have things in place for a Halloween Scarecrow Trail. As a site couldn’t be confirmed for a flagpole, enquiries will be made about a temporary one.

Points of Interest

Manchester Airport will be reopening Runway II from 5th April, Litter pick banners will be updated and displayed before the litter pick on 2nd April. P4E has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up and we learn the replacement notice boards need to be wood rather than aluminium More enquiries will be made. An enquiry was put forward regarding the postal address of the new development in Barns Lane. Suggestions were offered. FOCM are hosting a sponsored Nature Hunt ending on 25th April. Flooding issues would be taken up regarding Moss Lane and the TransPennine Trail.

Chairperson’s signature.....

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