

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: There were no apologies

BJ welcomed everyone to the meeting which started after the IT workshop

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 10th October 2023 were approved.

Matters arising.

GF advised that there was a delay with regard to ordering the Coronation bench because of confirmation required for a delivery address. RJC kindly offered to have it delivered to Moss Farm. Ian Brayzier would be contacted by GF regarding laying the base.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP)

Unfortunately Louise Kirkup from Kirkwells has had a bereavement and has been out of the office so there has not been anything to report. She will however be back in the office on Monday when hopefully we will be able to move forward in the planning jam. She is to draft a letter to Michael Gove and liaise with Trafford on Regulation 14 status.

Road Safety

Gemma Wheatley from SCP Transport Co,Ltd had been given the go ahead to undertake the traffic survey in Warburton and to identify the hotspots requiring remedial action. The survey would be completed by Christmas. There was discussion where the ATC's would be placed bearing in mind space would be required at the edges/verges. We would wait for analysis and feed back. Gemma would be invited to attend our meeting on December 19th or if unavailable on January 16th.

Pavements/Footways

The Chair of this group is to be handed to RFGC. A meeting with all stakeholders will take place, first to prioritise a plan of hotspots though it is expected Dunham Road will take precedent. The digging out of a pavement & resurfacing in Dunham Road will be a substantial undertaking and a plan needs to be put in place for a maintenance programme.

Signage and Heritage Trail

BJ will meet with Trafford/Amey to discuss the most effective way of implementing the erection and placement of the signs. MP had taken photos of places under consideration. Signs could be obscured by foliage (overhanging branches, overgrown shrubs & hedgerows) and algae and this work would be passed to Pavements and Footways in the long term. We will consider employing someone to undertake this and keeping footways clear plus any ad hoc services on a job by job basis. RJC to investigate

IT/Communications/Engagement (ICE)

The IT workshop had been well received though there had not been enough time to look at all requirements. RCFC will investigate the use of Workspace for our use and information for the urgent email was confirmed as informing residents of the new signage, the Bonfire Night at the Saracen’s Head, the Warburton Souling Play and the Autumn Fair. A more comprehensive newsletter will be produced shortly for circulation by e-mail and post. RCFC will design a google form for WG updates. CG/RCFC/LH to revisit the WhatsApp group format to include all residents. BJ & RCFC are to try to contact Andy Burnham over the reduction in bus service. There is no service on Sunday.

Planning

There had been an application 112000/VAR/23 for Onion Cottage to change the previously accepted plans to add another room. The Isherwood Road warehousing application to be checked and responded to by PB. The height of the warehousing at 22M is extremely worrying. Also the Planning Dept. do not seem to have taken on board any objections raised. The number of homes given planning permission will have a severe effect on the A6144 road which is over capacity already. There is to be a Tebay style services at Bowdon. The Land Registry search states ownership of the green in Egerton Avenue was passed to Trafford Housing Trust (THT) by Trafford Borough Council on 14th March 2005, however, the PC will try and register it as a ‘Village Green’ of community asset. PB to action. THT has been taken over by L & Q Group (London and Quadrant)

Finance

Our bank balance still stands at **£47,896.66**. The document referred to in the minutes of 10th October outlining the new security details was signed by all councillors. A budget review meeting had been held with BJ and GF. The first transaction would be the purchase of the Coronation Bench and GF would be reimbursed for the Land Registry fee for checking ownership of the ‘Green’ in Egerton Avenue. An update for expenditure in the current financial year, 2023/2024, will be presented at the next meeting with a budget forecast for the year 2024/2025 .

Others

CG offered to buy Tête à Tête daffodil bulbs but the planting will need to be delayed until the sites for signage are approved.

Points of Interest

GF has been ‘holding the fort’ as Parish Clerk since May 2017 and feels now is the time to step down. A replacement will be sought in the New Year.

Chairperson’s signature.....

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