

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Mrs Rosemary Cummings

Apologies: Dr. Tim Fairbairn (TF)

The Chair opened the meeting, sought reflections of the new format and asked for greater focus from the working groups. Everyone supported this request and all who had volunteered to be Team Leaders were happy to continue that role.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 4th July 2023 were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising. All agreed to the new format of meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

On 14th July, the Warburton NP team and Louise Kirkwood met with Jonathan Pannell, Caroline Wright and Joseph Qureshi of Trafford Council Planners with Sarah Todd attending online. The meeting was held to discuss the Warburton Neighbourhood Plan timetable, the general conformity with strategic policies

- a. In relation to the current Trafford Local Plan
- b. In relation to the Places for Everyone (P4E) strategic plan

Trafford expressed concern that the current NP was not in conformity with the current (2012) Local Plan in that it included the Aecom Masterplan for the 'Redrow' sites, which are currently zoned as 'Protected Land' or 'White Land' (where the only development can be for agricultural purposes). Trafford proposed that Warburton PC should either delay completion of the NP until P4E is confirmed, or remove the Aecom Masterplan. If the Aecom Masterplan were to be removed, there would be an element of risk that Redrow would beat a required revision (to add the Aecom Masterplan back into the NP) of Warburton NP in submitting a new application as soon as P4E is approved. On the other hand, if the Warburton NP is retained as it is (with minor revisions) it could only be approved once P4E is confirmed, when we could progress to Regulation 14 (formal consultation with residents etc and the Local Planning Authority). Trafford indicated that they had insufficient resources to process the NP at the present (with staff allocated to P4E etc), but this would improve as soon as P4E is confirmed.

Trafford had few comments on other Neighbourhood Plan policies but stated that the Masterplan proposed densities should reflect those proposed in P4E.

PB explained that the reason this issue of conformity has arisen is because of the slippage in processing P4E (at least in part because of COVID). The PC discussed the various risks involved with the NP vis-à-vis the Redrow site and decided to follow the advice of Louise Kirkup in continuing with the production of the Warburton NP up to Regulation 14. PB suggested that we should involve Trafford and that our final pre-Regulation 14 version should be deposited with Trafford. In the meantime PB will progress with a further NP Grant Application to Groundwork'

Road Safety

The Traffic Management Consultant had been on holiday so there was no further update from them. GF would e-mail TF to ascertain what more he had gleaned about defibrillators. It is essential that we purchase a speed sign as road safety was uppermost in resident's replies to the response forms. More investigation is being made. There had been two more traffic accidents which would be added to the Traffic Incident Log.

Pavements

The objectives of the Working Group are:

1. To map the state of the pavements throughout Warburton, to categorise issues and prioritise.

2. To develop a scope of works for returning pavements back to functional and safe use.
3. To develop a scope of works for ongoing maintenance
4. To develop costing for maintenance and remedial works
5. To develop a solution for funding.

So far invitations have been sent out to third parties and it is intended to hold meetings in early September. There have been two requests to Trafford about clearing pavements from vegetative ingress and e-mails/letters would be sent to residents asking for their help.

Signage and Heritage Trail

The aims of the working group are:

1. To develop the branding for Warburton to be used on road signage and other communications to raise the profile of the village amongst stakeholders.
2. To implement boundary signs (and then other signage) based on the above.
3. To create a walking trail for residents and visitors to promote the assets of the community.

The village logo has been designed. Further artwork may be needed but contact has been made with potential suppliers. The mapping of footpaths has been completed though some are on private land. The Bollin Rangers may be able to help with names of sign suppliers.

IT/Communications/Engagement (ICE)

CG requested more help with this group and GF volunteered. CG had updated and tidied up the website. A newsletter would be delivered/e-mailed around the village. Two invoices were presented for reimbursement. 1 for Survey Monkey and 1 for NDP.

Planning

There had been 11 planning applications since 2021. Only the one at Heathlands Farm 109838 had been questioned by Trafford but when it was put to them that an earlier application had been approved they backed down. It was requested that dates be included in the spreadsheet.

Finance

Cheques had been issued for the Noticeboards £1,000, Kirkwells £1,944.00, Nic & Carole £900.00 and £300.00 for the Warburton Design and £350.00 to the Village Committee towards the Senior's Outing and with a VAT return of £1,858.40 our balance stands at £43,908.78. However, our cheque to Groundwork UK for the return of the grant towards the NP of £4,002.00 has not yet been presented to our bank. GF has queried with the bank about payment via bank transfers and security but as yet not had a reply. GF has sourced a new minute book the cost for which was agreed. This will be ordered. With input from working groups a budget plan would be organised for the next meeting.

Points of Interest

- It was sad that TF had felt it necessary to step down as a councillor due to pressure of work and the demands of a young family, though Rosemary Cummings has agreed to step into his shoes. She would continue to fulfil TF's role in the working groups
- There were issues reported with broadband
- FOCM would keep us informed of any developments regarding Carrington Moss
- Contact with Saracen's Head made but we really need to forge a relationship with the Area Manager of Greene King.

Chairperson's signature.....

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