

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Dr. Tim Fairbairn (TF),

Our new Chair summarised proposed changes to meetings with a view to reducing the time taken during them.

Action points would be noted in a separate notice and agendas would be issued 3 working days before and minutes would be issued in 3 days after. It was decided to have dedicated e-mail addresses for council business. There would be Working Groups set up to consist of at least two people covering the topics most discussed at council meetings who would issue a report one week before any council meeting. These groups would cover **Neighbourhood Plan** (PB, BJ, LH, MP), **Road Safety** (MP, RC, TF), **Planning** (LH, PB), **Pavements** (RC, CG), **Signage & Heritage Trail** (BJ, MP), **IT, Communication & Engagement (ICE)** (CJ, TF), **Finance** (GF, BJ). It was made clear anyone could add their names to a particular group and residents could also be co-opted.

Additionally, it was felt critical that we should focus our efforts on key priorities to ensure progress and proper resourcing which meant that we will not pursue some other areas of interest in the short term. These to be concluded after the initial reports from the Working Groups.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 23rd May 2023 were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Everyone agreed it was good to talk to people when distributing the NP Summary and Response Form. It was interesting to learn of resident's expertise. We have received over 50 replies with 83% voting for Option 3 on development if it goes ahead. There is a lot of work to be done by the end of July and there is a review meeting with Trafford shortly. There will be a pre-application meeting in September with the statutory consultation to go ahead shortly after.

Finance

Our balance stands at £46,544.38 after receipt of £2,098 from Trafford and payment of printing costs of £422.00 for the NP Summary & Response Forms. How bank payments are made was queried and GF will check with the bank how we can move to electronic banking & safeguard security. It was agreed to set up a Finance team to create a revenue and capital budget given the sizeable tasks ahead. Following a review of the requirements from the Working Groups. As the notice boards are now erected, payment was queried as was the donation to the Village Committee to contribute to the senior's outing.

Boundary Signs & Heritage Trail Signs

More work had been done on the artwork for the signs and it was agreed which logo was preferred. BJ will liaise with the designers.

Road Safety

We are awaiting an amended proposal from the preferred traffic consultant.

Bus Service

It is disappointing to note that there would be more changes to Route 280 which will turn right at the junction of Dunham Road, down Warburton Lane into Partington missing out Warburton village altogether. We will contact Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester) again to raise the issue of diminishing bus services over time.

Planning Applications

P/A 111167/CPL/23. to build an extension and leisure suite at Cheshire House. As this is permitted development it was thought a response to Trafford was unnecessary.

Defibrillator

TF has reported that typical costs are £1.5k with back up batteries at £250 but solar options are c.£3k..Detailed proposal to follow.

Electronic Speed Warning Sign

It was agreed we should purchase a speed activation sign. CG had information on those available, some would even monitor the types of vehicles. She will research more fully for the next meeting when a decision will be made. RC agreed to store it.

Trees – Warburton Community Arboretum Management Plan

GF had prepared a spreadsheet for approval. As PB is the lead on this and not present we would discuss this with him and make any changes to the spreadsheet before the next meeting.

P4E

A report has been sent to Trafford from Richard Lindsay on behalf of Natural England regarding their concerns of the release of carbon when developing Carrington Moss and the harm to the environment. WPC will need to respond by 15th August. There was a discussion regarding CIL monies.

Commemorative Bench

It was suggested checking the cheque book stubs to find out where we had purchased the Queen’s Golden Jubilee bench. GF will investigate.

Points of Interest

- There was no correspondence this month.
- Open Reach (Wi-Fi) are investigating the area.
- There have been new street signs put up at Moss Lane
- BJ, CG and MP will visit the Saracen’s Head with a view to forging closer links including the possible location of a defibrillator.
- Eggs will be on sale at Birch Farm
- GF has not yet sourced a replacement Minute Book

Chairperson’s signature.....

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