

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Dr Karen Barclay (KB), Cllr Mussadak Mirza (MM)

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 7th September were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Payment received from Groundwork UK of £7625.00 for the NP grant (which is only permitted to be used for the Neighbourhood Plan) and the second installment of the precept £4125.00 making our total balance £23,278.75 (£15,653.75 minus NP grant). Our accounts are still not updated on Trafford's website. No items of expenditure since previous meeting

Neighbourhood Plan

Kirkwells have developed an early stage draft NP. The possibility of scheduling the deer park was discussed, the NP working party will consider enlisting Norman Redhead on this matter. More information will be made available for a public consultation which will include hard copy circulation of the draft NP, website and a required consultation meeting. The consultation meeting will be scheduled prior to Christmas if possible. Thanks were offered to PB, BJ, MP & LH for the enormous amount of work undertaken. A new PC website has been drafted and will be reviewed with other councillors for input. Suggestions were made to include links to neighbouring parishes including Lymm, listings for local business and the PC Health & Safety Policy statement which will be reviewed annually.

Signage Plan

BJ made a presentation on Warburton signage. The village boundary signs are rusted, hard to read and compare poorly with neighbouring counties. Warburton needs a strong identity and a 3 stage plan proposed upgraded boundary signs, then appropriate village signs, followed by a possible celebratory sign and heritage trail signs. A task force would be needed to liaise with Trafford, cost the schemes and put together a phased plan. Sponsorship of the signs was also discussed.

Warburton Toll Bridge

Trafford have been sent an e-mail from Peel asking for their representation. It would appear that Peel are keen to pursue the legal obligation so that they can increase the toll and furthermore be able to make increases in the future without these machinations. LH & Graham Gowland (Lymm PC) have met with Peel who they understand want to remove VAT from the bridge charge. It is clear that Peel are using the same figures from 2018 and it is thought MSCs shareholding investment companies would be concerned about public perception. Peel have shown no safeguarding policies towards the residents of Warburton and any meeting with Peel, after discussion with GG, should solely concentrate on the toll staying the same for residents in the WA13 9. postcode area.

Road Safety

It was reported that there have been 20 accidents in Warburton over the past two years and two fatalities. Speeding traffic is of major concern and MW will enquire with Trafford about laying tubes to get some data. We will also repeat our request to the PCSO about the use of traffic speeding guns. We have had no news about the replacement electronic sign and this would also be chased up. MW will enquire if Trafford's Memorial Policy is a draft or final procedure.

Bus Service Update

The Local Link service announced recently is run by Radio Cars but is proving unsatisfactory the booking phone line is not answered and sometimes seven days notice is required with no guarantees they will turn up/or on time. A meeting arranged between Warrington's Own Buses, TfGM and Trafford didn't materialise and all three are blaming each other for the situation. A Dunham Massey councillor is meeting with Sir Graham Brady MP to address. If there is no result

from this Warburton and Dunham Massey PCs will send a joint letter to Andy Burnham. MW advised that the petition would be discussed at Trafford Council's Executive Meeting on 25th October.

GMSF/PfE

Responses were submitted to Trafford regarding the Places for Everyone strategy and Marj Powner from FOCM had submitted an impressive piece of work. At the meeting discussing the Carrington Link Road on 13th October a petition containing 1622 signatures had been presented. There had been no modelling of transport movements by Trafford and a major lack of consultation, eg Warburton had not been consulted even though there would be much more traffic through the village. The petition was dismissed by the Leader of the Council who quoted it would increase connectivity, create jobs and offer people a good home.

HS2

A HS2 presentation occurred in Hollins Green on 16th October. No New information was shared at this meeting. Enquiries as to whether the Golborne Link would be included in the hybrid bill for Phase 2b regardless of the route of the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) due to be published on 18th October were made. Unfortunately, any announcements on the IRP have been repeatedly delayed and there is still no set date for its release. The Phase 2B bill will be presented early 2022 and with Royal Assent expected in 2024/25 after which the detailed design will begin. Concerns over mitigation for noise, protection of environment etc. will come under the Code of Construction practice, part of the detailed design.

Correspondence

- Job numbers had been reported as complete when they weren't. The jobs were re-entered on Trafford's system.
- The flooding repair work reported was not successful and further action needs to be taken.
- Reports of serious issues with Royal Mail deliveries were received, although it is believed this may be being addressed by RM. The situation will be monitored
- A manhole cover in the verge at the junction of Dunham Road and Carr Green Lane had failed. Luckily there had been no serious accident and the faulty cover has been replaced.
- We have requested a programme to be written regarding pavement clearing.
- A local democracy group have enquired when the next elections are.
- Letter from Zurich Insurance advising our account manager has left

Planning Applications.

105709/HHA/21 The Former Rectory, Bent Lane

Discussed and agreed a response will be submitted detailing Parish Council concerns regarding impact on the neighboring listed building, rear annex would impinge the view of open space and would be visible from the road. It would also be within the root protection area of a lime tree in the church grounds.

103511/FUL/21 at Yew Tree Farm

We have written to the applicant requesting a meeting to understand the scheme better but as yet had no reply. As we are unable to clarify certain points with the applicant, a letter has been submitted detailing concerns of the Parish Council with respect to hedgerows, traffic, road safety and control of substrate used and final land levels.

Thanks were given to LH who has updated past planning applications with outcomes

Cross Base Funding

Applications to the Co-op will start again in the Spring of 2022. Manchester Airport offers funding up to £3,000 and we have passed Stage 1 of the Pilgrim Trust application. Work to continue to source funding.

Points of Interest

The Clerk was reminded to apply for VAT refund or enter a zero claim.

Drainage contractors have been examining drains along Paddock Lane from the Saracen's Head to the Toll Bridge. There was concern at the blocked water surface drains in Dunham Road, letter to be submitted to Trafford. MW expressed a wish to be kept informed of issues with Trafford.

The Souling Play will be being performed on Monday 1st November.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th November 2021

Chairman's signature..... dated.....