Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 6 November 2018, 8 pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), J Archer, M Gordon, R Jerman, J Lawton
In attendance: District Councillor R West, Mrs S Gordon, Jeff Carpenter, Claire Poulton and Lindsay Measures (Greensand Country Landscape Partnership)
Minutes taken by: S Sullivan

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126. **Apologies for absence** were received from County Councillor Wisson.

127. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** None

128. **Greensand Country Landscape Partnership** Claire Poulton gave a presentation about the project, which aimed to promote the area of the Greensand Ridge (covering 221 km^2 from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay and Waresley at its eastern edge). The presentation explained that the Partnership had been formed by many different organisations including RSPB, CPRE, the Wildlife Trust and BHS; it covered the branding of the project, geology of the area, its cultural, historical and environmental interest, and highlighted the financial support available from the £3.1 million project for a variety of local initiatives from art installations, interpretative material and village signs to community plays and repairs of stone walls. A Greensand Walk would be created together with cycleways linking to neighbouring villages. It was also intended to create riding loops and suitable parking for horseboxes. A major aim of the project was to support local businesses, which could use the Greensand Country logo on their own marketing material. The Partnership would also help create wildlife corridors between nature reserves.

129. **Questions and Open Forum** When asked whether the Greensand Partnership had views on the situation of major new roadways and the possibility of a new railway in the locality, Claire said that it was not part of the Partnership's remit to comment, but that any research or surveys commissioned could be freely quoted by those responding to consultations. The Chair thanked Ms Poulton and Ms Measures for their presentation.

130. **Minutes of parish council meeting on 4 September 2018** were read by J Lawton and APPROVED and signed.

131. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda** E Jack reported that the planning application 18/01664/LBC for Home Farm House had been approved by the District Council.
Monuments: the pump was still a work in progress; the milestone's cleaning had been completed.
J Lawton said that the signpost and lampposts were dirty.
Tree management – it was noted that David Morgan had suggested that commissioning all the work at once would be more cost-effective in the longer term. ACTION: E Jack to contact David Morgan to request further negotiation over a discount, but that in principle the Parish

Council was agreeable, providing payment for work could be made in two instalments over the financial years.

132. **Consideration of Installation of Defibrillator** M Gordon presented his findings to date. The cost of an installation was estimated to be around £1,500 with on-going maintenance costs. Grants may be available to offset purchase cost. It was agreed that the best situation for a defibrillator would be within the telephone box. ACTION: M Gordon to do further research and to report to next meeting.

133. **Planning**

a. **APPLICATION REF. 18/01574/S73** Application for the variation of conditions 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 for application 9000467FUL Cambridge Gliding Club Ltd Gransden Lodge Airfield Longstowe Road Little Gransden Sandy SG19 3EB: it was noted that this application had been taken to SCDC Planning Committee meeting 14 November. The Parish Council did not wish to make a representation to the meeting.

134. **CAMBED RailRoad** E Jack reported that she had made enquiries about a presentation to the community but received no response.

She had also contacted our MP, the Minister for Transport, CPRE and Little Gransden Airfield. Consultation on the railway had now been put back to 2019, with a non-statutory consultation in early 2019 and a statutory one about June 2019.

135. **Highways**

a. Minor Highways Improvement bid – J Archer reported that he had now had estimates of costs for installation of two buffer zones of about £4,800. The Parish Council would be expected to contribute at least 10% and he suggested that a greater financial commitment would be more likely to elicit a favourable response.

136. **Wall of old churchyard** M Gordon reported that little progress had been made in finding a suitable builder/repairer and obtaining a quotation. The work seemed more extensive than first thought. Councillors thought that grant aid might be available to offset some of the financial costs – possibly from the Greensand Partnership. Community Chest or Heritage Fund. ACTION: M Gordon to bring forward to next meeting.

137. **Horse & Rider Sign** (brought forward from previous meeting). It was noted that Cambridgeshire County Council Highways had now invoiced the Parish Council.

138. **Streetlights** – It was noted that the maintenance contract had been signed and repairs requested for Light no 3 outside Manor Farm Cottage – the light now appeared to be working.

139. **Employment of Clerk** Three expressions of interest had been received. It was RESOLVED to approach Mr Rod Kerr. ACTION: E Jack to contact Mr Kerr.

140. **Finance**

a. The interim statement was considered;

b. The budget for 2019/2020 was considered and APPROVED – it was noted that £1,000 had been included should the Parish Council decide to install a defibrillator; it was further noted that no amount had yet been included for the repair of the Old Churchyard wall;

c. It was RESOLVED that the Precept for 2019/2020 should be £5,000 Proposed by J Archer, seconded by J Lawton; ACTION: Clerk;
d. It was noted that VAT Refund £145.43 had been received;
e. The following payments were APPROVED: Cambridgeshire County Council Horse & Rider Sign) £710.78; K&M Lighting £237.12, S Jarvis £126 for milestone cleaning; J Archer expenses for ditch-clearing £83 (invoice for £59.95 – grass seed – plus £23.05 no invoice available). Proposed by E Jack, seconded by M Gordon; ACTION: Clerk.

141. **Training and Conferences** It was note that Councillor Outreach training was available 14 November Barton. M Gordon said he could not attend, expressed an interest in future training sessions.

142. **Summary of meeting for *Roundabout.*** J Lawton volunteered

143. Date of Next Meeting Thursday, 24 January 2019, 8 pm, Waresley Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.45 pm