Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 24 January 2019, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), M Gordon, R Jerman
In attendance: District Councillor R West, Mrs R Banks, Mrs P Collins Boon, Mr I Boon, Mr L Broderick, Mrs I Broderick, Ms E Brown, Mr and Mrs E Fay, Ms K Flood, Ms A Howe, Mrs S Gordon, Mr R Kerr, Mr D Morgan, Mr and Mrs R Nash, Mr R Price,

Minutes taken by: S Sullivan

The Chair welcomed everyone. The Parish Council extended sincere condolences to Mr and Mrs Broderick on the death of their son, Oliver. The Parish Council congratulated Mr Morgan on his award of an MBE for services to vulnerable people.

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1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Archer and Lawton.
2. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** None.
3. **Minutes of parish council meeting of 6 November 2018** were read out by Councillor Jerman and were APPROVED and signed.
4. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**
   Greensand Country Landscape Partnership. M Gordon reported that he had not heard from Ian Winfield of Highways regarding the Village Gateway Signs. Enquiries about the possibility of grant-aid towards repair of churchyard walls had been unsuccessful. E Jack reported that she had been asked to give a talk on Humphry Repton and the Red Book of Waresley.
   Streetlights – faulty street lights had been reported outside Manor Farm Cottages and The Grange. It was thought that they might have been on during the day in response to low natural light levels.
5. **Open Forum**
   Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor District Councillor West reported as follows: he realised residents were concerned at the possibility of development near Waresley Garden Centre: he would represent the Parish Council's views and was keen to see that this beautiful village was protected from unsuitable development, and asked that he be copied in on correspondence so that he could be kept informed: it was important to work together. Until the Local Plan was formally adopted, the planning situation would be uncertain.
   An announcement on the A428 improvements was expected to be made in March 2019.
   The Council's budget had allowed for an increase of 2.6%
   Mrs Banks asked about the **Greensand Partnership** – how was it funded and where could she view the proposed route for paths? (Councillors replied that it was funded by the Heritage Lottery and that the presentation had focused on using existing public rights of way – the website www.greensandcountry.com had more information on the whole project.)
6. **Consultations and procedures**
   Gamlingay – Neighbourhood Plan – Woodland Cordon The Parish Council had received a consultation document from Gamlingay Parish Council indicating their wish to establish a cordon of 200m around Gamlingay Wood, to give greater protection from prospective development. As this was Gamlingay's Neighbourhood Plan, the proposal did not extend into Waresley. The Parish Council welcomed the proposal. ACTION: E Jack to inform Gamlingay Parish Council.

EWRail Consultation Events – E Jack reported that she would take part in a telephone call to parish councils to listen to non-statutory consultation. A number of consultation events were being organised throughout the area – ACTION: E Jack would post the dates on the village email.

CAMBed Railroad update The Parish Council had not heard whether this proposal had been incorporated into the EW Rail Consultation.

A428 update District Councillor West had reported that an announcement should be made in March 2019.

7. **Planning –**

Proposed development at Garden Centre There had been a pre-application public meeting, which residents had attended. The Chair said that she had received 7 letters from residents objecting to the proposal. Residents were invited to copy any concerns or comments to the Parish Council. It was noted that there was intention to hold another pre-application public meeting. Residents' views were invited. The Parish Council RESOLVED to oppose the proposal (proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon). ACTION: E Jack to inform developers.

18/02423/HHFUL, 18/02424/LBC Paddington Cottage, 3 Gamlingay Road Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement freestanding bedroom and bathroom annexe with glass link section. It was RESOLVED to support this application (proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon) because it would enhance the property and have no detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.

19/00002/AGDET for agricultural building (polytunnel) behind houses in Vicarage Rd. The Chair explained that this was for information only, as it was an enquiry to the District Council about whether an application for planning permission should be made. The Parish Council would consider any such application should it be presented.

8. **Employment of Clerk** It was RESOLVED that Mr Rod Kerr be appointed with effect from 1 April 2019 (proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon)
9. **Highways – Local Highways Improvement Initiative bid to provide for a 40 mph 'buffer zone' to reduce speeding** J Archer had sent a report – the bid had been submitted and the outcome was awaited.

Other Highway matters: R Jerman drew attention to the worn out road markings near the church.

10. **Defibrillator** M Gordon reported that the Parish Council grant application to the British Heart Foundation was successful (valid for 12 months) in them providing one ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator and a Call Push Rescue training kit, subject to the Parish Council contributing £600. The device should be virtually maintenance-free for five years. Purchase and installation of a lockable case would cost in the region of another £600. The Parish Council RESOLVED to purchase a defibrillator and secure case and install it within the public telephone box, (proposed by E Jack, seconded by R Jerman). ACTION: M Gordon to do a little more research into sources of grants, and equipment, and report back to next meeting; Once plans are finalised, E Jack to give details to the Conservation Officer at HDC to ascertain whether it was necessary to obtain Listed Building consent for the telephone box, which was owned by the Parish Council. To be brought forward to next meeting.
11. **Churchyard**

Wall repairs M Gordon reported that no progress had been made to date in finding a contractor willing to give a fixed quotation for repairing or reinstating the wall. The work was dependent on the weather and would need to wait until the spring. ACTION: M Gordon would continue to try to find a contractor within the allocated budget.

Trees D Morgan reported that he had obtained a quotation for £3,430. It was RESOLVED to accept this (proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon). The Chair

thanked Mr Morgan for his work. ACTION: D Morgan to notify District Council of work on trees within a Conservation Area and also to notify the Church Commissioners.

12. **Finance**

Receipts were noted as follows: Horse & Rider sign contributions Little Gransden Parish Council £50, Great Gransden Parish Council £100, Abbotsley Parish Council £100, Bedfordshire branch of BHS £175

Plus earlier donations from J Wisson, R West, B Boddington, E. Jack , Cambridgeshire branch of BHS.

Payments were approved as follows: Clerking services October, November, December £227.25; expenses postage £8.04; E-ON £81.63; website domain name renewal – A Ottley £40. (Proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon) It was felt that the domain name should be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council. In addition, the Village Hall contact on the website should be updated.

To note payment: Simon Slater Churchyard Maintenance £330. (Proposed by R Jerman, seconded by M Gordon).

13. **Little Gransden Aerodrome and Cambridge Gliding Club Consultative Committees meetings on 14 November** J Archer had attended. It was noted that the recent application by the Gliding Club had been approved, but with conditions. The next meetings were scheduled for 10 April.
14. **Training** No suitable dates were identified. ACTION: Clerk to check CAPALC website.
15. **Summary of meeting for *Roundabout.*** R Jerman kindly volunteered to do this.
16. **AOB and Date of Next Meeting:**

The Chair reported that the parish council had nominated former chairman Peter Swannell to be included in the CAPALC draw for attendance at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May 2019.

Next meeting: Thursday 14 March 8 p.m., Waresley Village Hall – to be confirmed. Also date of Annual Parish Meeting to be set. ACTION: Clerk