~~DRAFT~~ EJ

Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday, 29 May 2018
Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), J Archer, M Gordon, R Jerman
In attendance: Ingrid Broderick, Lawrence Broderick, Emily Brown, James Brown, Stephanie Gordon, Kevin Jones, Anne Sugars, Gerry Sugars
Minutes taken by: S Sullivan

2018

76. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor Richard West, Councillor Julie Wisson and Councillor Jonathan Lawton

77. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 28 April 2017** R Jerman read out the minutes, which were APPROVED and signed as a correct record.

78. **Matters arising:**

Cricket Club – plans for an extension were on hold as the proposed scheme had proved to be too expensive; however, the kitchen had been re-furbished.
Children's Play Area – as a suitable site had not been found, the original funder raisers had agreed that some of the money should go to the Village Hall for the purchase of a table tennis table and a projector screen.
Dead Tree – had been investigated by the tenants and felled.
Dog fouling – remained an on-going concern.
Village of the Year Award – Waresley had entered but not received an award.

79. **Chair's report** E Jack's report is attached as Appendix A

80. **County Councillor's report** Councillor Wisson had sent a report for the Annual General Meeting on 10 May.

81. **District Councillors' report** Councillor West's report is attached as Appendix B.

82. **Open Session** The Chair invited contributions from the floor.
Speeding traffic was the major subject for discussion. Residents were concerned following a serious accident the previous weekend in which a speeding car driver had failed

to negotiate the bend and had partially demolished a garden wall at number 3 Gamlingay Road and several cars had been written off. Councillor Archer summarised action that the Parish Council had taken to date and explained the criteria for qualifying under a Minor Highways Improvement Bid; previous attempts by the Parish Council to secure funding had been unsuccessful and Waresley had scored even lower in the current year's attempt than in the previous year. There was a divergence of opinion over whether traffic numbers had increased: the perception was that traffic had increased markedly; counts from surveys had indicated that any increase was not statistically significant. Suggestions from the floor included, ensuring that the road signs and markings were maintained; having a 40 mph roundel before the 30 mph zone which was perceived to slow down traffic entering Abbotsley village; installing another flashing warning light that displayed the speed to oncoming vehicles.

The Chair thanked residents for their suggestions and said that speeding traffic through the village would be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. ACTION: J Archer to contact Highwyas for map of current road signage and markings.

Village Sign near Garden Centre The sign indicating "Huntingdonshire" attached to the Village sign has faded. ACTION: E Jack to remove it.

83. **Date of next Parish Council Meeting**: Thursday, 21 June 2018, 8 pm, Waresley Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

DRAFT

APPENDIX A Chairman's Report May 2018

It's been a year of change for the Parish Council. In August we lost Chris Thorne, who resigned after many years on the parish council. He was replaced by Richard Jerman. In April, Helen Richardson decided not to stand again and following the election we co-opted Malcolm Gordon. Many thanks to Helen and Chris for their years of public service.

Also change on the District and County Council front, following boundary and ward changes. We are now part of Great Paxton ward and bid farewell to Barbara Boddington, as we now only have one district councillor to represent us. Barbara did a fantastic job and the community owes her a debt of gratitude.

Planning This was the year of Local Plans: we commented on the HDC Local Plan and also on their HELAA call for sites. We alerted HDC to the fact that Waresley was wrongly given the category of "small settlement with reasonable sustainability", as we did not fulfil the necessary conditions. On this basis we opposed the application for 37 dwellings between the Garden Centre and Eltisley Rd. We also opposed developments in Waresley Road, Gransden and on Abbotsley Golf course. We also fought the proposal in the Central Beds Local plan for a new market town at Tempsford. This proposal was subsequently dropped.

DRAFT

A428 Upgrade The most important issue of the previous year was the A428 upgrade and in April 2017, the consultation had just closed and we were expecting a decision on the preferred route by June. A year later, we are still waiting. Highways England now say they need to" incorporate potential changes from the A1 East of England Strategic Study" and are "therefore currently undertaking further analysis of planned developments in the region". Two of our parish councillors will be attending a Highways England briefing in early June (but there'll be no announcement of preferred route then). Once the preferred route is announced, there will be another consultation.

Highways: Our bid for local highway improvements for traffic calming measures in Gamlingay Rd failed. We have to decide whether to try again. Deadline is end of July.

Sign at Manor Farm Rd junction had to be fixed again – this time we got it reinforced at very reasonable cost – thanks to Dave Finnigan and Ian Jack.

As Highways refused to finance horse and rider signs, following the accident on the B1040, our clerk raised the money from neighbouring parishes, individual donors and the BHS. Many

thanks to Sylvia for this initiative and thanks to all the donors. The signs are now in place.

We also got the post box repainted, the interactive speed sign fixed and the milestone repainted.

Old churchyard: Trees have been removed from the wall by AG Advisory services; Thanks to Helen for organising this and to Charles Mear for dealing with the debris. We are currently trying to find a contractor to rebuild the wall.

Streetlights: All the lights were cleaned and faulty lights repaired but the cleaning appears to have led to further faults. These have now been fixed.

GDPR: To comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations, we have appointed Jonathan Lawton as Data Protection Officer and have emailed everyone on the parish council's email list to ensure that they have given their consent to be on it.

DRAFT

APPENDIX B
Report from District Councillor Richard West
On Wednesday evening 23 May at the District Council meeting the following appointments were made:

Executive Leader Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor Graham Bull

Cabinet Appointments
Executive Councillor for Digital & Customer Councillor Darren Tysoe
Executive Councillor for Partnerships & Well- Being Councillor John Palmer
Executive Councillor for Growth and Deputy Executive Leader Ryan Fuller
Executive Councillor for Regulation & Operations Councillor Jim White
Executive Councillor for Resources Councillor Jonathan Gray

Councillor Bull Executive Leader is a Cabinet Member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Group Whip Councillor Jason Ablewhite

Personal Appointments
I was elected to serve for second year as Chairman of the Council – the constitution allows for a second year.

Member of the Development Management Committee this is important to support the parish councils to maintain the character of the villages all the villages in the ward are smaller settlements. Chairman of the Employment Committee this is important to encourage staff to provide efficient local services. Member of the Senior Officers Committee to appoint Heads of Service Corporate Directors and the Managing Director when required.

Member of Four groups TPO Sub - Group and Hinchingbrooke Country Park.

Development Plan Policy advisory Group and Member Development Group.

I will miss working with Barbara Boddington, her experience and drive, I want to spend more time in the ward; residents should know me and contact me over the issues they have.

It is important to me to work with the parish councils and Julie our County Councillor – I do hope you will be critical friends.