Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 4 September 2019, 8pm,

Present: Councillors Eleanor Jack, Jonathan Lawton, John Archer, Richard Jerman & Malcolm Gordon.

In attendance: County Councillor Julie Wisson, Wendy Phillips & Mark Ponder.

Minutes: Rod Kerr (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: District Councillor Richard West.

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests. None

To approve minutes of parish council meeting of 26 June 2019 & the planning meeting of 17 July 2019: The minutes were read & signed as a true & correct record by Chairman Eleanor Jack.

Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: A representation regarding the plans for Bourn Airfield has been sent in on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Lawton enquired about the possible grant available to the Parish as a consequence of the A428 upgrade. – he was advised there would be a response within the next 15 weeks.

Open Forum: No points raised.

Report from County Councillor Julie Wisson: She has been working with local residents regarding the provision of local bus services. The County Council put the services out to tender but there were no takers. She has been looking at car sharing and community transport as an option. The Mayor of Cambs & Peterborough takes over responsibility for bus services in the new fiscal year so things may change.

There will be additional funding available for schools - £220 per pupil per year.

Consultations and Procedures:

a) **Cambs & Peterborough Local Transport Plan:** The council have until 27 September to respond to this consultation. During the discussion, it was noted that there is a voluntary taxi service operating in Gamlingay and that adults are able to make use of school buses. Following on from what Councillor Wisson had said, it was suggested that the existing bus service from Gamlingay to Sandy & beyond could be extended to cover the surrounding villages and link up with the X5 to Cambridge & St Neots.

Action: Councillor Jack will send this idea to the consultation.

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b) **Greater Cambridge Sustainability, design etc:** After studying the consultation, it was decided that it was only concerned with Cambridge & South Cambs and did not really affect Waresley. No response is required.

Little Gransden Airfield: Councillor Archer has produced a note to circulate around the village to advise of the permissions and regulations concerning the airfield and how to complain if they are transgressed. The councillors agreed it was an excellent document and were happy for it to be circulated.

Action: Councillor Archer to show the document to Mark Jefferies before circulating to the village.

Planning: 5 The Square Eltisley Road Waresley (ref 19/01401/HHFUL)

The Councillors discussed the plans and decided to refuse them on the following grounds:

The larger shed is bigger than one would expect for a garden of that size – this leading to concerns as to what use it may be put to either now or in the future. The size and appearance of the sheds are not in keeping with the surrounding conservation area.

There is a lack of information in the application as to the proposed use of the sheds & without this, the councillors felt unable to give their approval.

Action; Clerk to advise the planning department of the Council's decision.

Highways

a) Local Highways Initiative for 40mph buffer zone:

The legal notice was published in the local press on 2 August – there were no objections made in the statutory 3 week period. Work will commence in late September or early October – it will take only one day. Councillor Archer was thanked for all his efforts in this matter.

b) Safety Issues at Gransden Road Junction:

An accident recently occurred which destroyed the pub fence and a sign post – the driver ran off. A work order has been placed to repair the post and re-attach the signs. The fence is the responsibility of the Pub. The white lines throughout the village are scheduled to be repainted shortly.

Defibrillator & Phone Box:

Councillor Gordon recapped the situation regarding the project to install a defibrillator in the village. BT has confirmed that the public phone in the box has not been used over the past 12 months.

The Council has applied to adopt the phone box (which is listed) for 1.00 – this has been sent to the District Council - the process can take up to three months.

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Defibrillator & Phone Box (continued)

Zurich Municipal Insurance has confirmed that if we obtained the defibrillator, it would be covered by our policy and would not need to be locked away.

The British Heart Foundation have agreed to cover the cost of the defibrillator and training for a donation from the Parish Council of £600.00

It was wondered if the defibrillator would need to be kept heated – Councillor Wisson said the Abbotsley one was unheated.

Councillors agreed that the insurance situation meant that the BHF's condition that the defibrillator must be unlocked, could now be met. It was therefore agreed to take up the BHF offer.

Action: Councillor Gordon will contact the BHF and advise them that we are now able to take up their offer. Councillor Gordon was thanked for all his efforts.

Finance: Payments approved

- £180.00 Clerking Services to R.Kerr for July, August & September 2019
- £45.00 PAYE to HMRC
- £600.00 To British Heart Foundation for Defibrillator (to be issued later)

.These payments were proposed by Councillor Jerman & seconded by Councillor Archer and approved.

After deduction of the payments approved, the current balance is **£3738.90.**

Village Website: Councillor Jack has tried to contact Andy Otley to obtain access to the website so we can update it ourselves. She will continue to pursue him.

Any Other Business:

A letter has been received from Mr Brian Jones, owner of the land to the rear of the Village Hall – the Councillors agreed that until a planning application has been received, the matter is entirely between Mr Jones and the Village Hall Committee. The letter has been passed onto the Committee for their information.

Action: Clerk to advise Mr Jones that the letter has been referred to the Village Hall Committee.

There was a recent incident in the Duncombe Arms when some masked people walked in, looked around the pub & then left in car with no lights on. No damage or theft was carried out but an email has been sent around the village to make people aware.

Andy Otley is in contact with Councillor Jack & the Clerk about transferring control of the website.

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Wendy Phillips & Mark Ponder asked of a salt bin could be provided by the drive to the rear of their cottage on The Square. They were asked to prepare a presentation regarding this at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 7 November 2019 at 8pm in Waresley Village Hall. The meeting was declared closed at 9.24pm.

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