Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 7 November 2019, 8pm,

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

In attendance: District Councillor Richard West, David Morgan, Imogen Blundell & Adrian McGlennan.

Minutes: Rod Kerr (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jonathan Lawton, County Councillor Julie Wisson

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests. None

Minutes of parish council meeting of 4 September 2019. These were read by the Clerk & signed as a true &correct record by Chairman Eleanor Jack.

Matters arising not on the agenda.

Andy Ottley has now sent log in details of the website to the clerk.

The notice prepared by Councillor Archer was sent out to everybody in the Village. He was thanked for his efforts.

The planning application for the sheds at 5 The Square has been withdrawn & the property is now on the market.

The fence & the signs by the Duncombe Arms have now been repaired following the accident.

Open Forum

No points were raised.

Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor:

District Councillor Richard West noted that customer complaints against Hunts District Council have increased fourfold, mainly with customer service and planning. The new Chief Operations Officer, John Taylor is looking into this urgently.

There are now 29 different items that can now be recycled – less is going into black bins now.

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Consultations and procedures

East West Railway Consultation Councillors Jack & Jerman attended a meeting, hosted by CamBedRailRoad, regarding the proposed East West Rail route. It emerged that if route A or any of the other southern routes are chosen (via Bassingbourn) CBRR will attempt to launch a judicial review in order to get their own route considered. While the parish council originally supported the CBRR route, a challenge to the Southern route risks the selection of routes B or E, which could potentially threaten Waresley. CBRR asked for pledges for funding.

No decision by E-W Rail on the route is due until after the General Election.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 19/01693/HHFUL Alterations and new roof to the forge part of the house, demolition and replacement of the poorly constructed extensions to the south and east of the forge part, alterations to the house to better connect to the forge and replacement extension, and construction of a new carport. The Forge Eltisley Road Waresley Sandy SG19 3BS

The Parish Council agreed to **APPROVE** the plans. They acknowledged that the work was necessary to preserve & improve the building and the proposals would improve the outward appearance of this historic building.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TREE APPLICATION REF. 19/02179/TREE Lebanon Cedar - Remove large heavy over extended damaged branch. Reduce any other over extending lateral branches on eastern side by no more than 5m. Remove longest, low lateral branch on south side. Thin out remaining crown by 15% The Orangery Manor Farm Road Waresley Sandy SG19 3BX

David Morgan, our tree warden, informed us that the District Council Tree Officer had visited the site and might have different advice to offer on the best way to preserve the tree.

The councillors **APPROVED** the application. The tree is a fine & rare example of Lebanon Cedar and the councillors would like to see it preserved and approve any work necessary to ensure its survival.

Defibrillator and BT phone kiosk

The defibrillator & training kit has now been received. A decision is still needed as to where it will be housed and if it should be kept in a heated box – estimated cost, £600. It is recommended that they are kept heated as it helps preserve the gel pads & battery life but it is not vital. Abbotsley & Eltisley's boxes are not heated and the feeling was it was not necessary. It was confirmed that it does not have to be locked. Councillor Gordon reported that Hunts District Council has been unhelpful in not confirming if they had been consulted by BT regarding the telephone box. They have said that a listed building application would be required to change the use of the box & keep the defibrillator in it. Councillor Gordon has started the process.

25/1/2020

Training on the use of the defibrillator will be held in the Village Hall.**Councillor Gordon will continue to liaise with BT, HDC & make arrangements for the training to take place.**

Highways

A428 Update & Designated Funds

There have been no changes to the plans for the new A428 between Caxton Gibbet & The Black Cat Roundabout. Any application for a share of the designated funding that is being made available to local communities may need to be submitted by the end of November. Councillor Jack suggested we nominate a project to improve road safety to build a cycle way between Waresley & Gamlingay.

Councillor Lawton will be asked to follow this up before the end of the month.

Traffic Calming & Line Repainting

The work to install the 40 mph signs & markings should have been done in October but due to staff shortages at the County Council it has not been done - it is hoped to be completed in November.

The white lines were repainted but it was noted that some had been missed, especially around the entrance to the Cricket Ground, the pub and in the middle of the road. – this was due to funding issues.

Councillor Archer will contact Ian Winfield and ask if the missing lines can be painted.

Councillor Jack noted that 18-24 November is Road Safety Week and there will be speed checks in the area.

The flashing sign outside the Garden Centre is still not working.

Councillor Archer agreed to chase this up.

Finances

Precept for 2020/21

The Councillors reviewed a projection of the income and expenditure prepared by the Clerk and after discussion, it was agreed to request a precept of £5300 for 20/21, an increase of £300.00.

28/1/2020

Bank mandate/Consider changing banks

The Clerk & Chairman will liaise with Councillor Lawton about getting the bank mandate changed - the Clerk is unable to be the official RFO due to his employment with HMRC. It was decided to keep the account with Barclays for the time being.

Payments – Retrospective approval of following payments

K & M Lighting Services –Annual Contract Payment	(20/10)	£ 237.12
Andy Ottley Website Costs	(20/10)	£25.00

Approval of the following payments to be made on 1 December 2019

Clerking services October, November & December 2019	£180.00;
PAYE to HMRC-	£45.00

AOB

Councillor Archer & Bill Garner will look at the bulb on the Jubilee Lamp to see if it can be easily replaced or needs to be added to the contract with K & M Lighting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 8pm in Waresley Village Hall.

28/1/2020