Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Draft Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 28 January 2020

Held at Waresley Village Hall 8pm

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

In attendance: District Councillor Richard West & Richard Price.

Minutes: Rod Kerr (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: County Councillor Julie Wisson

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests. The Councillors noted that they all have an interest in the planning application for the Old Phone Box as the application was submitted by the Council but they have no pecuniary interest. The District Council confirmed that the Parish Council is allowed to discuss and comment in this case.

Minutes of parish council meeting of 7 November 2019. These were read by the Clerk & signed as a true & correct record by Chairman Eleanor Jack.

Matters arising not on the agenda.

The Jubilee Lamp has been added to the contract with K&M Lighting. Councillor Archer has purchased a new timer – it works well but has to be reset every time there is a power outage which happens quite frequently at the pub. Councillor Archer will provide written instructions for the staff at the pub to reset it. If this does not work, the matter will be reconsidered.

Street Lights are out in Manor Farm Road & Gamlingay Road – Councillor Jack has reported them to K&M.

Open Forum

No points were raised.

Reports from District Councillor:

District Councillor Richard West noted the final decision on the East-West Railway route is due any time now. Councillor Fuller is now leader of Hunts DC. Budget discussions for the next financial year are taking place over the next few weeks. Councillor West said he had received a scam email from a sender purporting to be a local Parish Council – he welcomed the new initiative to make people aware of such scams.

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Consultations and procedures

East West Railway Consultation: As Councillor West said, the decision on the final route is still awaited. The CBRR have raised enough to fund a judicial review if the southern route is chosen.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan: The consultation for the plan up to 2040 closes on 24 February. Although Waresley is not in the area, it does affect Gamlingay & Little Gransden. A pop-up exhibition is on in the Gamlingay Eco-hub on 31 January.

Planning: PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 19/02519/LBC following decommissioning by British Telecom of the existing payphone and ancillary equipment the Parish Council wishes to install a Defibrillator - Telephone Box Waresley: The Councillors discussed the application - Councillor Jack was concerned that the change of the "Telephone" sign on the box to "Defibrillator" had not been included in the application. This would need to be added as it was a change to a listed building. Councillor Gordon agreed to contact the Planning Department. The Council should make it known in the village that the phone has been removed. The Councillors agreed to **APPROVE** the plans on the grounds that the change will be of benefit to the public.

Defibrillator and BT phone kiosk

The Councillors discussed how the defibrillator is to be housed in the phone box, assuming permission is given. An alarmed box was suggested – this would cost £90 – the alarm would go off when the defibrillator is removed. The existing power source to the box will remain and continue to be paid for by BT. A qualified electrician will be required to fit the box. Training is to be arranged.

It was noted that the phone box needs maintenance & a new light.

Councillor Gordon will look at the options for the box & alarm – the Councillors authorised payment of at least £90 depending on the box chosen.

Councillor Jack will send an email around the Village to advise of the current situation.

Councillor Gordon was thanked once again for his efforts.

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Highways

A428 Update & Designated Funds

Councillor Lawton has put in a request for a feasibility study for a cycleway between Waresley & Gamlingay – no response yet – he was not hopeful it would be granted.

Traffic Calming & Line Repainting

Councillor Archer was concerned at the lack of progress on the 40mph buffer zone and line painting. He spoke to Karen Lunn at Highways and she is aware of the situation regarding the buffer zone – she apologized and said it was down to a lack of staff and that it will be done before or early into March. Ian Winfield from Highways came to the village and Councillor Archer showed him the lines that were below the required standard. The lines that were missed at the initial paint will be done but not all of the others.

It was recommended that the road signs in the Village be cleaned – Councillor Archer will organise a clean-up party with cloths & buckets of soap & water.

Councillor Jack spoke to Ian Winfield about the interactive sign by the Garden Centre which has been out of action since the summer. He said the contractors are aware and are waiting for a part – he will chase them up.

Tackling Scams in your parish

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CPASP) has contacted all local councils to raise awareness of scams. Councillors are encouraged to do a 20 minute online training course. Councillor Jack explained their aims in detail and their suggestion we should appoint a champion to publicise the scheme and send out emails and leaflets. Councillor Gordon was concerned that it might increase worry amongst vulnerable people.

Councillor Jack will circulate the email to the councilors and ask Ian Jack if he is willing to be the champion & the councillors agreed to do the training.

CAPALC Incorporation proposal

CAPALC want to become an incorporated body – the councillors thought this was a sensible move and approved the proposal.

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Finances

Internal Auditor: Val Seekings has announced she is unable to continue as our Internal Auditor – she has been thanked for her service over the years. The Clerk has been in touch with the auditors of Abbotsley & Everton and is awaiting responses. The new auditor will be appointed at the next meeting.

Payments – The Councillors approved the following payments

i. John Archer – Planning Map regarding Phone Box - £ 15.60
ii. Simon Slater - Old Churchyard maintenance £330.00
iii. John Archer - 24 hour digital immersion heater timer Jubilee Lamp £14.99;
iv. E-on Electricity Charges- £200.47

AOB

The Jubilee Lamp inscriptions of 1935 and 2012 are fading badly – the Clerk will contact Quince's of Biggleswade for advice and a possible quote for the work.

The Greensand Festival notification was sent too late for us to participate this year.

The Anglian Water fence has been removed and tape has been put up – it is not clear why.

The Village Hall Committee has asked the Council to consider help with funding for the maintenance and repair of the hall. The Council will consider any approaches received.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 8pm in Waresley Village Hall.

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