Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 14 May 2020

Held at online via Zoom 8.10pm

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

In attendance: District Councillor Richard West & Dominic Offord.

Minutes: Rod Kerr (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: County Councillor Julie Wisson, Shelley Frost (Bluebell 19 Group)

Adopt standing orders for reading of the minutes & voting online.

The parish councillors agreed to adopt the standing orders regarding the reading and approval of the minutes and online voting. These were then signed by the Chair and are appended to these minutes.

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests. None declared.

Minutes of parish council meeting of 11 March 2020.

These were read by the councilors prior to the meeting & signed as a true & correct record by Chairman Eleanor Jack.

Matters arising not on the agenda.

The village litter pick has been shelved due to the Covid-19 restrictions. It seems unlikely that the Calor Grant will be considered for the restoration of the lettering of the Jubilee Lamp – the Clerk has contacted English Heritage for advice. Two quotes have been obtained so far – the Clerk will try to get a third. No more has been received from Highways about the 40 mile buffer zone since lockdown – Councillor Archer will chase up

Reports from District Councillor Richard West

Councillor West had sent a report prior to the meeting which the councillors had read. Councillor West's main concern was regarding the recent increase in fly-tipping – partly due to the closure of the tips. He advised that he will keep on top of the situation & report back.

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Covid-19 Updates

The Councillors met online in March and April to coordinate their response to the Covid 19 emergency. A contact list of those in the village on email was drawn up and this highlighted those who may need to be contacted by other means. The Parish Council is working in co-operation with the Bluebell 19 Group formed to provide assistance to those in the surrounding villages who may require assistance due to self-isolation or other issues. Shelley Frost of the from the Bluebell 19 Group was unable to attend but had sent a report summarising what the group had achieved and confirming that it all seems to be going well. They have more volunteers than vulnerable people – the Oil Delivery scheme run by Richard Nash is proving useful. The group is grateful for the reserved funds that the Parish Council has put at their disposal if required. It was agreed that they are doing an amazing job and many others have expressed their thanks and admiration – Councillor Jack will send our thanks through to Shelley. The Councillors discussed if there was anything else they could be doing to help. It was agreed there was not much at present as the Bluebell 19 Group seemed to have things under control. The Council is being kept in the loop and is ready to help if required. It was good to see the number of neighbours & individuals coming together and helping each other.

Planning Permission Consultation - 25 Vicarage Road Waresley Sandy (ref 20/00523/LBC) Proposal: *Proposed rear extensions and roof lights to rear elevation. Proposed glazed link. Proposed roof light to side elevation. Removal of existing single storey side extension. New external roof light to Hallway. New and replacement drainage internally and externally to house. New boiler and flue. New linings to existing chimneys. Repair and alterations to existing fireplaces. Internal alterations to ground, first and second floors to include new bathrooms at first and second floors. Existing first floor internal bathroom walls to be altered to become one room. Replacement kitchen and dining rooms proposed in new location. Electrical wiring renewed throughout building. Existing Heating to be renewed throughout building. New replacement front and rear doors. New vertical sash windows to the ground floor and first floor rear elevation. General repair and proposals of internal and external fabric as described on the schedule of work.*

The councillors discussed the plans and asked Dominic Offord to clarify a number of points. They decided to approve the plans and thought that there would be very little alteration to the appearance of the building from the front and this would not be seen from the road.

Overall, they thought the application was sympathetic to the appearance of this historic building while attempting to address some serious problems due to neglect and unsympathetic extensions in the past.

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Defibrillator – updates

Cabinet not yet been installed – Tom Race has been to look at the phone box and will give the Council a quote for the electrics and if he can do the installation. Councillor Gordon will continue to coordinate via email – the Councillors agreed to approve the quote when received if it was considered reasonable. It was confirmed that no changes to the sign on the telephone box would be made without obtaining the correct planning consent.

Finances

The following payments were approved

i. Zurich Insurance £257.60
ii. CPALC Annual Fee £193.23
iii. Defibrillator Cabinet £189.36
iv. E-on - Electricity charges Oct to April 2020 £200.47

The Clerk is finding out if we need to pay a higher insurance premium than the one quoted if we increase the value of our insured assets to take account of the defibrillator and the phone box. The Councillors will consider the revised premium and approve if reasonable.

AOB

Mr. M Bragg has highlighted the fact that the car parks to Waresley & Gransden and Gamlingay Woods are still shut. This is causing visitors to park dangerously on the nearby roads. Councillor Jack will write to the Wildlife Trust asking for them to be reopened.

Date of Next Meeting

This was provisionally arranged for 8pm on Thursday 3 September 2020.

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