# Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

**Minutes of Meeting Thursday held 27 May 2021,**
**At 8.45pm at Waresley Village Hall**

**Present:** Richard. Jerman (Chair), Eleanor.Jack, John. Archer, Jonathan. Lawton, Malcolm Gordon.

County Councillor Stephen Ferguson, District Councillor Richard West & Stephanie Gordon.

Minutes taken by R. Kerr (clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**. None received.

**2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests**.None made.

**3 Minutes of Parish Council meeting of 6 May 2021 –** these had been circulated and read by the councillors and were approved and signed by the chairman.

**4 Matters arising not on the agenda.** None

**5. Consultations and procedures**

a) **East West Railway Consultation – update –** Councillor Jack has written to our MP, the Mayor, local councils and the EWR consultation with the Parish Council's response, encapsulating the views expressed. A copy of this letter will be emailed to all those on the village list and placed on the Facebook page to encourage people to send their own responses in before the deadline on 9 June. A further reminder to respond will be sent out shortly before this date. Councillor Ferguson said St Neots Town Council had held an emergency meeting and they were opposed to the use of diesel trains on the line, the proposed 39 foot viaduct near Loves Farm and thought there was no real utility in having a new station near St Neots.
**Councillor Jerman will put a copy of the letter on Facebook & Councillor Jack will send an email to all those on the village list.**

**6. Planning : PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 21/00641/HHFUL & 21/00642/LBC :- Removal of existing chimney stack above roof line to existing kitchen chimney.25 Vicarage Road Waresley Sandy SG19 3DA:** The councillors discussed the plans and agreed to approve them 5 votes to nil – the chimney stack is unsafe and its removal will enhance the look of the building. It will not alter the aspect of the house from the road. Councillor West said he can make observations on each application – he hopes this will help get the Parish Councils voice to District Council Meetings and speed up determinations.

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**7. Points raised regarding Traffic Calming from Open Meeting:** This was covered at the open meeting and no further action was required at this meeting.

**8. Maintenance of Old Churchyard:** It was agreed that Councillor Jack will meet with Simon Slater and Sue Burgess to discuss the future maintenance of the Churchyard, which areas need attention and the timing of the cuts to avoid cutting down the wildflowers too early. Councillor Gordon said that the ivy growing on the wall needs to be cut back to prevent damage and the Cow Parsley & Nettles has to be controlled so prevent it overtaking the whole area. His efforts are supported and appreciated by the Parish Council. Any volunteers who wish to help with the maintenance of the Churchyard should refer to the PC before starting.

**9. Litter Pick in the Village:** This is scheduled for 10/11 July. Councillor Jack has all the equipment but cannot guarantee to be here to organise that weekend. If present, she can allocate the areas and hand out the kit. Councillor Ferguson will check on the date for the next cut of the verges, it will help with the litter pick if it is done beforehand.

**10. Planters at entrances to Village:** Four new planters have been installed but unfortunately the two at the northern end of the village have been stolen. Councillor Gordon would like to replace them and has looked into more secure alternatives. It was agreed that he could spend up the £50 per tub (maximum of £200). Councillor Jack will contact Gamlingay PC to ask how they secure theirs.

**11. Jubilee Lamp – Update:** There has been no response so far from the District Council to our query regarding the proposed repairs to the Jubilee Lamp. The clerk will contact Memorial Makeovers to advise them that we are planning to accept their quote, subject to approval.

**12. Celebrations for 50th Anniversary of the Parish Council/ Coming out of Lockdown 3 July 2021:** A drone photographer has been booked for no charge but Councillor Jerman would like to have a back-up in case the weather is bad. It was agreed to allow a budget of £200 to cover these costs.

**13. Website:** The Clerk & Councillor Jack will meet shortly to look at updating and maintaining the website.

**14.** Fingerpost: Charles Mear asked if the finger post sign that was outside the Church which indicated "Wood Farm Only" could be restored. Despite many enquiries being made, it hasn't been located and it is feared that it may have been lost or disposed of 18 to 20 years ago. As highways no longer support the older style signs the matter is regrettable closed

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**15. Finances**

a. **Resolution: to approve the Annual Governance Statement**
**Finance and adoption of accounts**

I. **To consider accounting statements**

II. **Resolution: To approve the Statement of Accounts for 20/21**
**To note inspection period to be advertised**

The councillors considered the governance and accounting statement for the year ended 31 March 2021 and approved them unanimously. The accounts will be advertised for inspection from 1 July when they are back from the internal auditor. The clerk will ask our insurers how much extra it would be to include the monument (up to £5000 cover) on our insurance. Confirmation is still awaited over the correct payee for the proposed Village Welcome Pack.

**17. Payments – Advanced Approval of payment of Clerks Salary (£180.00) & PAYE (£45.00) on 01/07/21 and Quarterly Electricity Bill (Estimate £100) if due before next meeting. Confirm amount due for payment for Insurance if a revised quote is received**: The above payments were approved.

**18. Any Other Business:** Councillor Gordon noted there are potholes outside 8 & 10 Vicarage Road. They are to be reported via the Highways Portal. There is also a blocked drain in Vicarage Road.

Defibrillator training will be arranged shortly in conjunction with the Cricket Club.

Concerns were raised over recent break-ins at the Cricket Club and along Gamlingay Road. Councillor Ferguson will raise this with our local Police Sergeant. It was confirmed that we still have a PCSO.

**19. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Thursday 2 September 2021 – venue to be arranged if the Village Hall is being renovated.

The Meeting was declared closed at 10.02 pm

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