Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting e held on Thursday 1 October 2015, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: V Coleman (Chair), J Archer, E Jack, H Richardson, C Thorne
Mr and Mrs L Broderick, Mr M Thomas
Minutes taken by S Sullivan

80. **Apologies for absence** were received from County Councillor Julie Wisson, District Councillor Barbara Boddington, David Morgan (WcTPC tree officer),
81. **Election of Chair** following Mrs E Jack's recent resignation, Mrs V Coleman was elected Chair (proposed by E Jack, seconded by C Thorne), C Thorne was elected Vice Chair.
82. **The minutes of parish council meeting on 30 July 2015** were APPROVED and signed.
83. **The minutes of planning meeting on 27 August 2015** were APPROVED and signed.
84. **Matters arising not on the agenda.** Item 58b Millennium Stone: Quote still to be received. ACTION: Clerk to pursue.
85. **Open Session** The Chair reported that the following items were raised:
    a. Mr Broderick expressed concern at the speed of traffic and asked the Parish Council to consider pressing for a 20 mph speed zone along Gransden Road approaching Waresley. (J Archer responded that this would be addressed in Item below)
    b. He also drew attention to the parking problems in Vicarage Road – particularly near the corner opposite No 1. (ACTION: J Archer to contact the vehicle owner).
    c. Mr Thomas spoke to Item 86. He said that the planning application was an attempt to regularise the situation, which had been in operation more than 10 years.
    (The Open Session was closed.)

86. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** None.
87. **Planning: To consider S/**15/01457/CLED Green Man Farm, Drove Road, Gamlingay, Sandy SG19 2HY Material change of use of building for the storage of motor vehicles.
    After discussion, the Parish Council DECIDED it was unable to make any recommendation to Huntingdon District Council, as Councillors had no knowledge or evidence regarding the use of the building. ACTION: Clerk to respond 'No recommendation' to HDC.
    Mr Thomas was thanked for attending the meeting and for answering Councillors' questions.
88. **Highways - Minor Highways Improvements** Gransden Road Traffic Calming J Archer reported that he, Jo Mear and Mel Childe had been assessing opportunities to make improvements and had been in discussion with Huntingdon Council. Speedwatch had been carried out and vehicles were generally found not to be travelling significantly in excess of the speed limit. Evidence had shown that 20 mph zones were not effective in rural areas. With regard to improving safety for children crossing to Vicarage Road: it was contrary to Cambridgeshire County Council policy to install mirrors. Installing a mirror; road markings appeared to be the solution, including 'dragon's teeth', which

had the effect of reducing vehicle speed, 'children playing' symbol and a 30 mph roundel. The cost would be in the region of £1,200 plus VAT. The next step would be to finalise the design with the Highways project officer. ACTION: J Archer to obtain quotation and to liaise with landowners regarding overhanging trees near the junction. To report to next Parish Council meeting.
Councillors congratulated J Archer and thanked him and others for all their work.

89. **Streetlights** Clerk reported that work had been carried out. ACTION: H Richardson to check streetlights were now working.
90. **Flytipping** There was nothing further to report.
91. **Luminus Group** E Jack reported that she had examined records from 2011 when a negative response had been received to the Parish Council's approach re car parking for tenants.
92. **Water Leak in square –** J Archer said that this had been repaired. He was thanked for reporting this to the water authority.
93. **Anglian Water – Action to address unpleasant odour reported in Manor Farm Road.** The Parish Council noted the response from Anglian Water on 4 September that steps had been taken to address the problem.
94. **Wooden seats** C Thorne said that he had contacted a contractor and that they should be repaired in October. It was noted that the Churchyard seats also needed to be repainted. ACTION: C Thorne) to contact contractor and to report to next Parish Council meeting.
95. **Trees in the old churchyard** C Thorne said that he had met with a tree surgeon from Global Trees, who had advised that the beech tree be scanned for soundness. An ultrasound scan would cost in the region of £200. It was AGREED that this should be done. ACTION: C Thorne to contact tree surgeon.
96. **Parish website –** C Thorne said that he had met with Andy Ottley, but that E Jack and the Clerk had both been prevented from doing so. He would therefore arrange a training session for the Clerk for uploading material, and to ensure that amendments had been made according to E Jack's earlier request. ACTION: C Thorne to liaise with A Ottley and Clerk and report to next Parish Council meeting.
97. **Correspondence**
    a. Canvass 2015 – Councillors considered a request for assistance, but were unable to help. *Fieldnen*
    b. Secrets of the Sands – Councillors considered whether to participate – they noted that the next workshop would be 12 October. ACT*ION*: E Jack to keep in contact.
    c. Neighbourhood Plans and Parish Council Meetings – Councillors decided not to participate in a survey
    d. Invitation to participate in Parish Planting Scheme – E Jack said that she had been in touch with the scheme. Any suggestions should be made to David Morgan. E Jack will circulate scheme and contact details to villagers.
    e. Speedwatch – an invitation to participate in a joint scheme with Great Gransden had been received. Councillors decided to decline, as the Parish Council could borrow the relevant equipment from the local authority in Huntingdon. ACTION: E Jack to respond.
98. **Audit 2014/15** The External Auditor's Report stated that on the basis of the review of the annual return, the information in the annual return

was in accordance with proper practice and no matters had come to attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. It was noted that the minute reference of the approval – 2015.42 – should have been included. The notice of completion of audit and certificate were to be placed on the noticeboard.

99. **Finance – Payments:** It was noted that the cashbook had been checked against cheque stubs
    a. payments were APPROVED as follows: Clerk's salary for second quarter of year (July, August, September) £225; K & M Lighting £180; SPS Tree and Garden Maintenance (in respect of Old Churchyard) £310.00
    b. It was noted that the request for Precept had been received. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting, when an interim statement would be examined and a draft budget presented.
100. **Training** Clerk to attend CAPALC's catch up day on 2 October.
101. **Any Other Business**
    a. E Jack reported that the village now had superfast broadband.
    b. From the floor Mr Broderick proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Jack for long and very active service as Chairman.
102. **Date of the Next Meeting** Thursday 24 November 8 pm

ACTION: Clerk to book village hall.

103. **The meeting closed at** 9.55 pm