Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 15 September 2016, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), J Archer, J Lawton, H Richardson, C Thorne
In attendance: District Councillor Boddington, Mr J Boddington, J Wisson (who arrived at 9pm), Gerry and Ann Sugars, Ian Jack (arrived 8.30pm).

100. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from District Councillor Richard West, County Councillor Wisson had advised that she would be late.

101. **THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 26 JULY 2016** were read out by Councillor Lawton, amended and APPROVED for signature.

102. **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA** City Deal – E Jack said that she had responded on-line to the consultation – and also sent out details on the village email list. There was still time to respond and residents should do so before 10 October.

Trees - E Jack noted that there had been no reply from the District Council concerning the termination of the parish planting scheme.

103. **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
None.

104. **OPEN SESSION Councillor Boddington** reported on Devolution for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the timetable for improvement works on the A14, Aa428 and A1 – she had brought three copies of maps She said that the planning application for a free range egg poultry farm on the Papworth Road at Yelling had been recommended for approval by Yelling Parish Council (who had consulted E Jack for advice) and recommended for rejection by Eltisley Parish Council. E Jack pointed out that there sometimes seemed to be omissions in notifying the Parish Council of amendments to planning applications. She thanked Councillor Boddington for her report.

105. When **Councillor Wisson** arrived at 9pm she apologised for not being able to attend recent Parish Council meetings. She said that the Boundary Commission had decided that in the County Council Boundary Review Waresley would be within the St Neots East division. The Boundary Commission was also reviewing the Parliamentary divisions. The Devolution consultation was now closed and had been in favour of an elected mayor; there was debate between the seven authorities. Devolution would bring extra money into the area, with £50 million for Cambridge City housing. It was proposed to merge Hinchingbrooke hospital with Peterborough and Stamford – Hinchngbrooke was judged to be clinically unsustainable.
Councillor Wisson was thanked for her report.

106. **PLANNING**: to note: 16/01008/LBC Waresley Cottage, Eltisley Road, Waresley SG19 3BS Replacement windows – amended. The Parish Council had recommended APPROVAL.

107. **CONSULTATIONS AND PROCEDURES**
Devolution – Peterborough and Cambridgeshire: E Jack had attended a meeting on 9 August and had subsequently emailed details of the on-line consultation to the

village via the village email list. The consultation is now closed but the results of the
survey are available on-line – Huntingdon had had a high proportion of responses –

with a marginal majority in favour of devolution but strongly against the appointment of a mayor. This result was in contrast to the Ipsos MORI poll reported by Cllr Wisson.

A428 meeting 28 July – J Lawton reported that he had attended the meeting, which had described the process of surveys and data analysis to assess the implications of bypass traffic for the A428, and the dualling of the section between Caxton Gibbet and Black Cat roundabout. He said that there were many meetings to come. E Jack thanked Councillor Lawton.

108. DUNCOMBE ARMS – NOMINATION AS ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE E Jack reported that she had recently received from Greene King the good news that a temporary manager was to be appointed in the near future, with a view to installing a new tenant. Councillors were keen to see the village pub retained – it had been and could continue to be a thriving business and a valuable asset to the community. The pros and cons of formally nominating the Duncombe Arms as an Asset of Community Value were discussed; this procedure had been carried out in the neighbouring villages of Abbotsley (The Eight Bells) and Great Gransden (The Crown and Cushion). It was DECIDED not to proceed with this at the present time.

(Councillor Boddington left at 8.45pm to attend another meeting.)

109. WARESLEY VILLAGE FETE E Jack reported that Sue Burgess had approached her following an initiative from Waresley Garden Centre to hold a village Fete next August. The Parish Council was supportive in principle. The question of public liability insurance was raised. C Thorne was the Village Hall representative and was appointed to represent the Parish Council. Jerry Sugar was also a representative of the Village Hall. ACTION: Councillors E Jack, C Thorne and H Richardson would liaise over attending fete meetings. C Thorne would convey the support of the Parish Council to Ms Burgess.

110. HIGHWAYS – SIGNAGE AT VICARAGE ROAD This had been erected by Councillors and it was noted that fewer cars were being parked in Vicarage Road and more at the open space at the Duncombe Arms.

111. MILLENNIUM STONE AND MILESTONE REPAINTING E Jack reported that the work on the Millennium Stone had been completed and paid for. She had obtained a quotation from Simon Jarvis of £105 plus VAT to clean and repaint the milestone. It was AGREED to accept this quotation. It was noted that vegetation surrounding the milestone needed trimming. ACTION: E Jack to contact S Jarvis.

112. WOODEN SEATS It was noted that Colin Crane the tree surgeon had not been able to find suitable supports, but C Thorne had bought some at a cost of £30. ACTION: Councillors Thorne and Archer to liaise over installation.

113. PARISH WEBSITE E Jack reported that she had updated the website content. The home page picture had still to be changed.

(Councillor Wisson arrived at 9 pm)

114. **FINANCE – PAYMENTS** To agree payments as follows: reimbursement of expenses to C Thorne £30 for wooden seat supports Proposed by J archer seconded by J Lawton; post-dated cheque for Clerking services (July, August, September) £227.25 proposed by J Archer, seconded by C Thorne.
J Archer said that an invoice had yet to be received from Highways for the traffic calming works on Gransden Road. ACTION: Clerk to contact J Archer at end of October.

115. **AUDIT** The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been sent back by the auditors PKF who stated that no external auditor's fees were payable on this occasion. ACTION: Notice of completion to be placed on the noticeboard; Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the annual Return to be published on the Parish Council website.

116. **BINDING MINUTE BOOKS** Councillors consider whether to obtain a quotation for binding the minute books, but DECIDED that keeping the minutes in loose-leaf format was preferable.

117. **TRAINING** No training had been undertaken since the last meeting. Details of courses had been forwarded to Councillors.

118. **TO DECIDE WHO WILL PROVIDE SUMMARY OF MEETING FOR *ROUNDABOUT*.** Councillor Jack offered to do this.

119. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** Thursday, 17 November. ACTION: Clerk to book Village Hall.

120. **MEETING CLOSED** at 9.40pm.