Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016, 8 p.m., Waresley Village Hall

Present: Councillors E Jack (Chair), C Thorne, H Richardson, J Archer
In attendance: County Councillor J Wisson, District Councillor B Boddington, Mr Boddington, Mr L Broderick, Mr C Croot, Mrs W Phillips,
Minutes taken by: S Sullivan

121. **To receive any apologies for absence:** Parish Councillor J Lawton, District Councillor R West, Mr D Morgan

122. **The minutes of parish council meeting on 15 September 2016** were read out to the meeting by C Thorne before being APPROVED as a true record and signed.

123. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**

a) Signage Vicarage Road – had now been taken down as having largely fulfilled its purpose.
b) Wooden seat had been repaired – Councillor Thorne was thanked.
c) Website was being regularly updated with Parish Council papers such as minutes and agendas. Residents were invited to send in village news items for inclusion.
d) Audit – the notice had been placed on the noticeboard, and the Certificate uploaded to the website.

124. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** – none.

125. **Open Session**

a) Councillor Boddington reported that the Full Council had approved Devolution for the area. She said that she had visited the Alconbury Wheel, which should create 8,000 jobs and 5,000 homes; it was hoped that there would be a railway station there. She had received a letter from a resident about the car parking fees in St Neots, and as a result of her enquiries, the situation was being reviewed. At Offord the railway line and level crossing was being reviewed. Councillor Boddington said that she was concerned at the increase in road traffic in the area over recent years and the implications for public safety.
b) Councillor Wisson had nothing to add to Councillor Boddington's report.
c) Mr Broderick expressed concern about: the amount of large and heavy vehicles travelling up and down Vicarage Road; signs on the road surface that needed repainting; an exceptionally loud motorcycle that came through the village at about 6 a.m.; the poor state of repair of the village hall – he urged the village hall trustees to obtain a quotation for repainting. (It was suggested that the Police would be the best people to contact about the motorcycle; the village hall committee was aware that work was needed on the hall – they were preparing a leaflet to villagers, requesting more volunteers for the committee.)
d) Mrs Philips said that having just moved to the village she was concerned at the speed of traffic on the double bends, which made turning into her property dangerous. She also asked about the possibility of a footpath being laid outside her property.

The Open session was closed.

126. **Consultations and procedures**

a) Consultation – All out elections – electoral cycle of town and parish councils in Huntingdonshire. Councillors were in favour of this, feeling it would make for simplification – they did not feel it was necessary to submit a comment.
b) Consultation on the Enforcement Plan for Planning, Minerals and Waste, Response required by 6 December. This was not thought to be relevant to the village.

c) A428 meeting 9 November. Councillor Jack reported that she had attended a meeting in Great Gransden. This had covered similar information as Councillor Lawton had reported from a previous meeting. The A14 work had to be finished before work started on the A428. The consultation would be on three preferred routes, yet to be precisely defined. Councillor Jack felt the Parish Council needed to be very vigilant over this issue and that we must insist ~~be insist~~ on an access point for St Neots.

d) Rural Services Survey – volunteer required to complete this online questionnaire for Cambridgeshire ACRE. ACTION: Clerk to ensure this was circulated to Councillors.

127. Planning

a) 16/02362/HHFUL Hollybank Eltisley Road Waresley The conversion and extension of the existing garage to create a 'Granny Annexe'. The Parish Council recommended that this be APPROVED Proposed by J Archer, seconded by C Thorne. ACTION: Clerk to respond.

b) Councillors noted that the application for a digester at Wood Farm had been approved by the District Council.

128. CIL report A template had been received from the District Council. ACTION: Clerk to complete and send to District Council and Councillor Jack for the website.

129. Highways -

a) Councillors discussed road safety following two accidents: one involved a motorcyclist and rider and horse on B1040; the other was at junction of B1040 and Manor Farm Rd. on 12 October, in which a Parish Council sign had been damaged. The sign had been repaired at a cost of £360. ACTION: J Archer to liaise with Highways over possibility of Horse and rider signs; J Archer to investigate road marking repainting with Highways; E Jack to obtain Insurance and accident details of 12 October accident, so that a claim could be pursued.

With thanks to Colin Croot for arranging the welding

b) A footpath to The Square was not thought to be justifiable at the present time given that very few residents would benefit.

130. Drain smells – Manor Farm Road H Richardson reported that the smell had been intermittent but that Anglia Water had been to investigate on more than one occasions and seemed to have found the reason. ACTION: H Richardson to contact Anglia water for a further report.

131. Tree Warden Scheme – It was noted that Councillor West was following this up. Nothing further had been heard from the District Council. Councillors felt that the Parish Council would be prepared to offer a degree of financial support but that the precise level should be suggested and apportioned by the District Council. ACTION: Clerk to draft follow-up letter to District Council.

(Councillors Boddington and Wisson left the meeting at 9.25 p.m.)

132. Milestone repainting Councillor Jack reported that S Jarvis had been commissioned. The weeds around the milestone had been cleared. ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

133. Finance –

a) **Payments:** Payments were APPROVED: C Thorne £30 (expenses reimbursed for wooden seating as per previous minutes), S Slater £330 (churchyard maintenance); Cambs County Council (traffic calming measures Gransden Road) £800.23; E-ON (electricity) £65.67. Proposed by J Archer, seconded by C Thorne.

b) **The interim statement** was considered.

c) **The budget for 2017/18** was considered.

d) **The Precept for 2017/18** was considered and set at £4,200. Proposed by C Thorne, seconded by H Richardson.

134. **Auditing arrangements for 2017/18** It was noted that the new 'light touch audit' should be in place for 2017/18; auditing arrangements for 2016/17 should not be affected.

135. **Training** No training had been undertaken.

136. **Summary of meeting for *Roundabout.*** H Richardson volunteered to provide this.

137. **Date of the Next Meeting 19** January 2017 8 p.m. village Hall
ACTION: Clerk to book hall.

138. **Meeting closed** 10 p.m.