Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of meeting Thursday 16 March 2017, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors E Jack (Chair), J Archer, C Thorne, J Lawton, H Richardson
In attendance: District Councillor R West, County Councillor J Wisson, Chris Rose, Catherine Rose and Daniel Rose (Duncombe Arms), Graham Wood, Shirley Wood, David Standring, Ian Selkirk (Chair, Gt Gransden Parish Council), Ann Cosgrave, Richard and Rosamond Nash, Colin Croot, Ruby Croot, Graham Thompson, Richard Jerman, Stephanie Gordon, Malcolm Gordon, Lindsei Cook, Peter Shaw, Jerry Sugars, Ann Dugdale, David Taine.

Minutes taken by: S Sullivan

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The Chair welcomed everyone.

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from Councillor Barbara Boddington (Councillors West and Wisson had given notice that they would be delayed.)

20 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2017 were read out to the meeting by C Thorne and APPROVED and signed.

21 MATTERS ARISING

a. Item 7 – planning application) Waresley Cottage Eltisley Road Waresley (ref 16/02575/HHFUL) had been approve by HDC, as had Tetworth Hall (16/02637/LBC)
b. Application for Green Man Farm had been refused by HDC (a letter had been received from a resident).
c. Item 9 Cricket Club – to be on agenda for Open Meeting
d. Item 11 Roadsign – not yet painted as waiting for the right weather conditions.

22 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS None.

23 OPEN SESSION

Mr Croot drew attention to the poor state of the Gransden Road, which was in a constant state of flooding. He said that a drain was blocked. ACTION: J Archer to contact Highways.

The Open Forum was closed.

24 CONSULTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

A428 Consultation on plans for improvement of A428. It was noted that the Consultation period extended to 23 April. Residents were encouraged to attend one of the exhibitions being held locally and to respond on their own behalf. The plans identified three possible routes. Concern was expressed at the potential effects on Waresley and Tetworth and on local wildlife habitats of the pink and purple routes. The orange route seemed to be preferable. There would be a public meeting in Great Gransden on 30 March. It was felt that a concerted effort in cooperation with other potentially affected villages would be most effective; Councillor Lawton described his own attendance at meetings on this matter to

date, and said that a Facebook page had been created. Working with other bodies such as Natural England, RSPB and the Greensand Ridge was also thought to be potentially effective. Guidance could be made available to residents on possible reasons for their response. E Jack undertook to attend one of the local exhibitions before a response was drafted on behalf of the Parish Council and circulating it to other Councillors, before it was sent (and copied in to St Neots Town Council, Cambourne Parish Council, local Councillors, and Member of Parliament). ACTION: J Lawton to draft letter.

25 PLANNING – no planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

26 DUNCOMBE ARMS E Jack extended a warm welcome to Chris, Catherine and Daniel Rose and invited them to address the meeting. Mr Chris Rose introduced his family as the new owners of the Duncombe Arms as from 14 March. He said that they were a local family, from Ickwell, and that his son, Daniel, was a chef. He assured the meeting of their intention to run the Duncombe Arms as a village public house offering good quality food, both for local residents and those from further afield. He thanked Waresley residents for their warm welcome and looked forward to being open for business in the near future and to the pub being once again a valued and essential part of the community.

27 HIGHWAYS –

a. Road Safety – Mirror installation Vicarage Road. J Archer reported that he had had discussions with Ian Winfield of Highways and that subsequently the owner of No 2 vicarage Road had kindly agreed to the installation of a mirror, a risk assessment had been carried out and the mirror would be added to the asset register. Councillors AGREED to the purchase and installation of a mirror at a cost of £150. Proposed C Thorne, seconded J Lawton. ACTION: J Archer.

b. Horse and Rider signs Councillors noted the reply from Ian Winfield. It was thought that the cost of approximately £700 was rather high for the Parish Council to bear alone. It was AGREED to explore other avenues of funding including the Community Chest, and to ask neighbouring parishes for a donation. ACTION: Clerk to investigate Community Chest and to write to Abbotsley, Great Gransden and Little Gransden Parish Councils.

c. Speeding traffic, especially heavy lorries – The Parish Council noted a letter from resident Mrs Wendy Phillips regarding the volume of heavy traffic travelling too fast. Councillors agreed that the number of HGVs appeared to have increased in recent years. The Parish Council had submitted a bid under the Local Highways Initiative a few years ago and narrowly failed to secure funding to slow traffic at the entrance to the village from Gamlingay. They hoped to make another bid.

28 ANNUAL CHECKS – It was noted that the annual risk assessment and check of assets had been carried out.

29 HUNTINGDONSHIRE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE 30 March E Jack said she would attend.

30 FINANCE –

a. **Receipts**: Councillors noted receipt of Insurance payment £200 in respect of repairs to damaged roadsign. ACTION: Clerk was instructed to pursue Insurance company for refund of £100 excess.

b. **Payments** were approved as follows: Clerking services January, February, March 2017 £227.25, Section 137 donation to Roundabout £50, payment to Duncombe Arms in respect of lighting village monument £50. Proposed by C Thorne, seconded by J Lawton.

(Councillor West and Wisson were invited to give their reports. Councillor West encouraged residents to attend one of the exhibitions on the plans to improve the A428 and to make suggestions for alternatives. The day for collecting wastebins had changed – Waresley was further complicated because it was on two rounds but principally green bins every other Wednesday with blue and black bins alternating on Thursdays.. The refuse collection team would need a little time to become used to the new system.

c. Councillor Wisson said that she was disappointed that the County Council was unable to provide a Horse and Rider sign. She encouraged a joint approach to the A428. She was a huge fan of Speedwatch, which had made a big difference in Abbotsley.)

31 PARISH COUNCIL RECORD KEEPING – FILING CABINET The Chair and Clerk had met briefly, but the filing cabinet's lock was broken. It was essential to have a lockable filing cabinet. ACTION: J Lawton to look on Touchbase for a suitable filing cabinet.

32 TO DECIDE WHO WILL PROVIDE SUMMARY OF MEETING FOR *ROUNDABOUT* E Jack volunteered.

33 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Open Meeting Thursday 27 April 2017, AGM and Ordinary Parish Council meeting Thursday 25 May 2017.

Meeting closed 9.50pm