Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3 August 2017, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present:
Chairman Jack, Vice Chair Lawton, Councillors Archer, Thorne and Richardson
Parishioners: Richard & Rosemond Nash, Margret & Doug Scott, Ian Jack, Mr and Mrs Howkins
District Councillors: Richard West; South Cambs District Councillor Bridget Smith

Minutes taken by J Lawton

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72. Apologies for absence were received from:
District Councillor Barbara Boddington
County Councillor Julie Wisson

73. Declaration of disclosable interests: none.

74. Minutes from last meeting, 25th May 2017, read by Thorne and APPROVED and SIGNED by Jack

75. Matters arising

Update from Councillor Richard West: Changes at Huntingdon District Council – Graham Bull is now the Executive Leader and Ron Fuller is the new leader for Planning and Housing.

76. Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan

a. Presented by District Councillor Bridget Smith, acting as a community and business consultant on behalf of Gamlingay Village, specifically looking at Employment in and around Gamlingay
b. Gamlingay employment has traditionally supported blue-collar jobs for local residents. This plan aims to retain and promote growth of local businesses for local people and ensure that Gamlingay does not turn into another commuter village
c. The plan identifies a number of employment sites around the village, including at Green End, Station Road and Drove Road
d. Any development around Drove Road would be under strict development rules to ensure sympathetic design to the rural environment. For example, any new buildings would be agricultural in type
e. In addition, it was noted that any development would need to come with improved access for pedestrians and cyclists

f. It was noted that there are currently 8 businesses located on Drove Road and this would be expanded to no more than 16 (assuming suitable demand)
g. The Plan has identified an additional 200 houses will be built within Gamlingay and that there is a desire to connect Gamlingay and Waresley with a footpath and/or cycle path
h. Finally, Councillor Smith confirmed that there is currently no plan to re-run the East–West rail line through Gamlingay and that there would therefore be no station at Gamlingay. The favoured current preferred route for the East–West rail line is to the south of the village, north of Royston and to connect to Cambridge via Foxton

77. Consultations and Procedures

A. *Central Bedfordshire Local Plan*

a. It was noted that Waresley Parish Council had not been consulted or informed on this plan formally by Central Beds and that the parish council only found out about it by accident
b. The plan includes the proposal to build a new market town at Tempsford, with up to 10,000 new homes
c. E Jack proposed that the Parish Council should voice opposition to this plan, on the basis of the impact on local infrastructure, facilities and the impact on the rural community. This was seconded by J Lawton
ACTION: E Jack to draft letter to Central Beds DC and to circulate information on the village list.
d. The consultation period is open until the 29th August and is open to the public. Parishioners are welcome to voice their own concerns and comments

B. *Huntingdonshire Local Plan*

a. E Jack attended a presentation on HDC local plan to 2036 on 2nd August 2017
b. Changes versus 2012: Previous requirement was to build 21,000 new homes. This has now been reduced to 20,000, with the Wyton allocation no longer included
c. St Neots strategic expansion is still planned, with circa 4,000 new homes planned, new shops and facilities, as well as a care home for 120 people
d. For small settlements (like Waresley) the proposal supports development where sustainable with respect to:
    i. services and infrastructure
    ii. sustainable travel
    iii. the effect on character of locality and settlement
e. but it's recognised that there will be limited opportunities for development. All proposals need to be sustainable
f. On rural development, sites must be well related to a built-up area and at least 60% of area must be for affordable housing for people with a local connection. Scale must be sustainable as per item d above
g. No more wind turbines to be supported

h. Plan contains specific policy to protect character and beauty of countryside. Avoid loss of high-grade agricultural land
i. E Jack asked them if they were aware of Central Beds proposal for the development on Tempsford airfield. HDC said they were aware and would be replying to the consultation
j. E Jack proposed that Waresley Parish Council endorse the plan and provide feedback to HDC. This was seconded by J Archer. ACTION: E Jack to submit comments
k. Individual parishioners are also welcome to comment. The plan can be found at: http://consult.huntsdc.gov.uk/portal. The deadline for the public consultation is the 25th August

C. *Fire & Rescue Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough*
A consultation about changing the governance of the Fire & Rescue Service in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough had been received. The Parish Council agreed that it would not provide comment to this consultation.

D. *Dog Fouling*
The district council is soliciting comments for its survey on dog control measures. This includes measures to ensure that dog owners clear up after their dogs/ The Parish Council agreed to write in favour of these measures. ACTION: E Jack to submit comments.

78. Planning
No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

79. Damage to Sign at Manor Farm road
a. The sign post remains broken
b. It was agreed that a simple weld was not suitable but that a supporting frame might work. If not, then the sign would need to be recast
c. ACTION: John Archer to follow up with contacts with regard to the cost of recasting the sign
d. ACTION: Eleanor jack to follow up with Dave Finnigan in Gamlingay to see if sign can be fixed using a frame and to investigate cost. Bring forward to next meeting.

80. Play Area
E Jack confirmed that there was £1,300 available for a play area and that the initial intention was to locate this at the cricket club.
a. ACTION: E Jack to speak to the cricket club to see if they are happy to have play equipment located there. Bring forward to next meeting.

81. A428
a. It was confirmed that there is still no official comment regarding the proposed route of the new A428

82. Horse and Rider Sign on B1040
a. A total of £610 has been pledged by local residents, parishes and horse-riding groups

b. It was AGREED that Waresley Parish would put forward the remaining cash (£90) to fund the horse and rider signs (proposed by Thorne, seconded by Jack)
c. ACTION: E Jack to contact Ian Winfield

83. Highways

a. Local highways initiative and improvement scheme. Deadline for applications, 30th September 2017
b. Council AGREED to resurrect the plan for a chicane at the south of the village to help reduce the speed of traffic entering the village from Gamlingay
c. ACTION: J Archer will refresh the application and add more detail on the risk to children at the bus stop and the new speed data that had been received as part of the A428 assessment. Bring forward to next meeting.

84. Blocked Drains on Waresley Road

a. Ditch needs to be re-dug on Waresley road to reduce flooding but ownership of land (Highways or Glebe) unclear. Legal process is underway to resolve ownership issues. Once done, the new trench can be dug
b. ACTION: J Archer to keep council updated. Bring forward to next meeting.

85. Invoice for Mirrors on Waresley Road

a. £80 invoice for the mirror on Waresley road has been received. Payment was proposed by Lawton and seconded by Thorne

86. Road Safety and Speeding Traffic

a. Residents remain concerned at traffic approaching at speed from the north of the village
b. A buffered zone, with zigzag-ing could be introduced at a cost of £2,000 – £3000
c. Council AGREED to prioritise the chicane at the south of the village first (see point 83 above)

87. Record Keeping

88. The Parish Council agreed to buy a tall cabinet from the Village Hall for £50. Proposed by Lawton, Seconded by Richardson.

89. Dead Tree

a. No response from Anne Ward has been received
b. ACTION: E Jack to follow up with a further email, stressing her responsibility on the matter. Bring forward to next meeting.

90. St Neots Museum

£20 donation to St Neots museum was AGREED by the Parish Council. Proposed by Thorne, seconded by Archer

91. Finance

a. It was noted that annual return has been submitted to external auditor
b. APPROVED payments as follows: E-ON £71.04, Clerking services April, May & June £227.25, donation to St Neots Museum £20 (Section 137 payment)

92. Training

AGREED that E Jack will attend planning workshop on Thursday 2nd November and report back to councillors

93. Roundabout

ACTION: E jack will provide update to *Roundabout*

94. AOB

HDC is conducting a parking survey. The Parish Council will not provide specific comment but parishioners are welcome to provide feedback. The consultation ends on the 12th August and can be found here:
https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/parking-survey/

95. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28th September

Meeting closed.