Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), J Archer, H Richardson, R Jerman
In attendance: County Councillor J Wisson, District Councillor B Boddington, Mr J Boddington, Mr Michael Mavrides, Mrs Carole Mavrides, Mr Ken Stevens, Mrs Dawn Stevens
Minutes taken by S Sullivan

2017.

126. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor Lawton, District Councillor R West.
127. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** – none.
128. **Minutes of parish council meeting on 28 September 2017** were APPROVED and SIGNED.
129. **Minutes of planning meeting on 19 October 2017** were APPROVED and SIGNED.
130. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**
Item 103b and d E Jack had not been able to attend conference on 9 October or Future of Libraries workshop.
Item 105 Damage to sign had been repaired.
Item 114 After advice had been taken, the dead tree had been felled. (The Chair reminded the meeting that the tree in question had been outside the Conservation Area. Trees within a Conservation Area were protected and permission was necessary for work to be carried out on them.)
Item 116d Discrepancy had been resolved.
131. **Open Forum**
District Councillor Boddington reported as follows: a hot-air balloon had almost landed on Eltisley Green, before becoming airborne again and continuing its journey, allegedly to Gransden Lodge Airfield – was permission required for such activity? Luminus (affordable housing) was merging with Places for People and was in consultation with its tenants; the pricing system of the car parking strategy was being reviewed. She had supported the Parish Council's position regarding the request for a footpath outside 1–6 The Square.
County Councillor Wisson reported that the decision on the A428 might be included in the autumn statement due on 22 November; she had been invited to attend Highways event and intended to ask about the A14; new primary school for St Neots at Wintringham Park – a plan had been submitted to HDC.
The Open Forum was closed.
132. **Consultations and Procedures**
Data Protection Act It was noted that changes to the Data Protection Act would come into force in May 2018 and would have an effect on Parish Councils. ACTION: Clerk to review with Chair; for consideration next meeting.
133. **Planning**

a) **17/02091/HHFUL Waresley Cottage, Eltisley Road.** Proposal: The demolition of rear porch and adjoining toilet to create an orangery extension with new opening to kitchen. Downstairs cloakroom will be relocated to under the stairs. The Parish Council supported this application for the following reasons: it had no impact on other properties; it was in character; it would improve the existing property. ACTION: Clerk to submit response.

b) **17/02174/PMBPA Woodfield Farm** Change of use of an existing agricultural building and the land within its curtilage into a dwelling house. The parish council DECIDED to object to this application for planning approval because it was inappropriate as it was in open countryside; it was adjacent to ancient woodland, Gamlingay Wood (Wildlife Trust nature reserve); the site would be accessed via a busy road; it would open the door for further development. ACTION: Clerk to submit response.

c) **17/02312/TREE 2 Manor Farm Road** Weeping willow – Remove damaged limb and repollard remaining crown. The Parish Council had no objection to this work.

d) **Planning Workshop** 2 November, St Ives: E Jack reported that she had found the workshop very comprehensive, covering subjects such as the National Planning Policy Framework, development plans, neighbourhood plans, how local communities can be influential, and material considerations to be cited when responding to planning applications. She would circulate this list and the Power Point presentation to other councillors. ACTION: E Jack

(Councillor Boddington left the meeting at 9 pm)

134. **Highways –**

a) **Road safety and speeding traffic** – minor highways improvement bid. J Archer reported that the bid had been submitted; he expected to be asked to make a presentation in due course.

b) **Ditch in Waresley to Gransden Road** – J Archer was hoping to meet with Highways and Mr Mear next week to find a way forward.

c) **Potholes Manor Farm Road** – it was agreed that one especially needed attention and had been reported. It was noted that the quickest way to report highway faults was through the Cambridgeshire County Council portal – anyone could do this. ACTION: E Jack to circulate a note to residents.

d) **Faulty interactive sign** ACTION: E Jack to report.

e) **Vicarage Road – heavy traffic** – E Jack had spoken to Mr Charles Mear to see whether there was a way to reduce heavy traffic in Vicarage Road – a suggestion had been made whereby the 'egg lorry' would collect during the afternoon and depart from different premises in the early

morning – this would reduce disturbance to residents. However, an additional operator's licence had to be obtained for the owner of the new premises, which meant that this scheme could not go ahead immediately.

135. **Damage to monument post and bend sign on 2 November.** It was noted that this had been repaired.

136. **Milestone, Monument and Postbox Maintenance.**
Milestone: Simon Jarvis had started work on painting the milestone.
Monument: required attention from a stonemason. ACTION: E Jack to make further enquiries to find a suitable stonemason.
Postbox: needed repainting because paint was flaking. ACTION: Clerk to contact Post Office.

137. **Trees in wall in old burial ground** Councillor Richardson reported that, with the prior agreement of other councillors, following the last meeting she had instructed AG Advisory Associates Ltd to remove the trees from the wall. The work had been completed, revealing some damage to the wall. Encroaching ivy would need to be treated. ACTION: H Richardson to try to find suitable person to repair the wall; to bring forward to spring Parish Council meeting.

138. **Village Hall** It was AGREED to make a regular commitment to the financial upkeep of the hall. The amount budgeted for 2017/18 of £500, would be increased to £1000 for 2018/19. (Councillor Wisson left at 9.45 pm)

139. **Streetlights** K&M Lighting had been instructed to provide a quotation for the work identified at the previous parish council meeting.

140. **Play Area** Councillor Jack reported that the Cricket Club was not able to provide a separate play area and therefore was unable to use the money collected for this purpose. Various alternatives were discussed including providing equipment for children to use at the Village Hall. ACTION: Councillor Jack to contact the mothers who had originally collected the money.

141. **Horse & Rider Sign B1040** Councillor Jack reported that the work had been requisitioned by the County Council; when the sign was in position and an invoice provided the Clerk would seek to recover the monies pledged.

142. **Finance**
    a) Councillors considered the draft Budget for 2018/19 – in addition to regular expenditure, it was noted that financial provision should be made for a parish council election, and support for the village hall.
    b) Precept for 2018/19 was set at £5000. Proposed by Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Jerman.
    c) Councillors noted donations from Councillors Boddington, Jack, West and Wisson totalling £200 towards the cost of the horse & rider sign.
    d) The following payments were APPROVED: E-ON £71.82, A Gaunt, AG Services £200. Proposed by Councillor Archer, seconded by Councillor Jerman.

143. **Little Gransden Aerodrome and Cambridge Gliding Club consultative committee meetings** It was noted that Councillor Jack would attend on 15 November.

144. **Training** No suitable training was identified.

145. **Summary for *Roundabout*** Councillor Jack volunteered to provide this.

146. **Date of the Next Meeting** Tuesday, 30 January 2018 8pm Village Hall ACTION: Clerk to book hall.

Meeting closed 10pm