Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2018, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

Present: E Jack (Chair), J Archer, H Richardson, R Jerman, J Lawton
In attendance: District Councillor R West, Mr David Morgan, Mrs Rachel Chinery
Minutes taken by S Sullivan

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1. **Apologies for absence** were received from District Councillor Boddington
2. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** None.
3. **Minutes of parish council meeting on 14 November 2017** were read out by Councillor Lawton and APPROVED and signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**
   Item 131. E Jack said that she had mentioned to the Consultative Committee meetings the hot-air balloon reported from Eltisley, but was told that it had nothing to do with the Gliding Club or Little Gransden Aerodrome.
   Item 133. **17/02091/HHFUL Waresley Cottage, Eltisley Road** District Council had given approval.
   17/02174/PMBPA Woodfield Farm It was noted that the District Council had given approval.
   Item 136. Postbox had been painted. *Milestone would be completed but work had been interrupted by winter weather.*
   Item 137. Church wall H Richardson said that she had no information.
   ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.
   Item 140 E Jack reported that mothers' group had accepted the offer and R Jerman said that a table tennis table had been purchased for the Village Hall.
5. **Open Forum** District Councillor West said that he sympathised with parish councils who found planning decisions of the District Council sometimes apparently inconsistent and contradictory. However, he sought to clarify the situation and said that it was important to re-visit the local plan, and planning guidelines. He said that the District Council was due to discuss the budget on 21 February.
   Mrs Chinery asked whether a decision had been made regarding the A428 and was told that a decision was still awaited.
   The Open Forum was closed.
6. **Consultations and procedures**
   Huntingdonshire District Council Local Plan The closure date for comments was 5 February. The Parish Council Decided not to make a further representation.
   As regards the call for sites (HELAA), the site between the Garden Centre and Eltisley Road was not taken forward, as Waresley did not fulfil the conditions required. None of the sites proposed in Great Gransden were taken forward, nor the 1600+ dwellings on Abbotsley Golf Course.
   Central Bedfordshire Local Plan It was noted that a proposal for a new market town at Tempsford had not been included. Councillor decided not to make a further representation.
   Annual risk assessment and check of Parish Council assets Councillor Lawton volunteered to do this.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) It was noted that requirements were still to be finalised by central Government and that advice from CAPALC and SLCC seemed to be different, but that it seemed that parish councils would have to appoint a data protection officer. Councillor Lawton volunteered to be the Parish Council's Data Protection Officer.

7. **Report on Trees and Parish Council's liabilities** David Morgan gave a presentation to the Parish Council. He said that the question of third party liability was a major issue among parish councils. It was largely a matter of common-sense risk management. The risk to the public was very small (about one in 10 million) but nevertheless a risk existed. The Parish Council had a duty of care to the public and was responsible for management of the trees in the old churchyard in Vicarage Road. The trees were mostly limes, which would benefit from pruning and removal of epiphytic growth, a magnificent beech that had been the subject of management work in the past year, some old yews and some ash trees that were not in the best of shape. Mr Morgan advocated first mapping and zoning the areas affected, then devising an inspection system and a rolling programme of inspection and management work. Inspection of the old churchyard should be part of the annual risk assessment. The Chair thanked Mr Morgan for his presentation. ACTION: E Jack to forward map of churchyard to J Lawton.
8. **Planning** S/2295/17/FL Three holiday lodges at New Barns Farm, Drove Road, Gamlingay – Request for support from Cambridgeshire Lakes Ltd. It was noted that planning permission had already been granted. It was noted that the site, once known as Gamlingay Park, was of historic interest. It was AGREED to write a letter stating that it 'supported the proposed development subject to an archaeological report being undertaken and the recommendations of that report being acted upon'. ACTION: Clerk to draft letter for Chair to sign.
9. **Highways –**

Road safety and speeding traffic – minor highways improvement bid. Councillor Archer updated the meeting. He said that he had made a short presentation to Highways, focussing on the problems faced by vulnerable users such as children and elderly people. He said that he had been well received and that questions had been constructive, agreeing that the best solution would be to introduce chicanes, as on the entrance and exit roads to Gamlingay. He expected to hear whether the bid had been successful after 12 March. The Chair thanked Councillor Archer for his work.

Ditch in Waresley to Gransden Road Councillor Archer updated the meeting. He said that the flooded road had been traced to a blocked culvert and a ditch that had collapsed. Legal issues concerning landowners' responsibilities had meant that an offer to carry out repair work had been stalled and further complicated by the existence of a nearby electricity power line. He had had one, inconclusive, meeting with the County Council's legal representative, and hoped to have more to report at the next meeting. The Chair thanked Councillor Archer for his efforts. ACTION: To bring forward to next meeting.

Salt/gritbins It was noted that saltbins in Manor Farm Road and Vicarage Road were empty. ACTION: Councillor Archer to report via the portal.

Horse and Rider Sign B1040 It was noted that these had recently been installed. The invoice was awaited, at which point the Clerk could contact other bodies who had pledged financial support.

10. **Streetlights** Councillors APPROVED the quotation from K&M Lighting of £495 plus VAT for cleaning and repair of 13 street lights: proposed by J Archer, seconded by R Jerman. ACTION: Clerk to contact K&M Lighting.
11. **Defibrillator** Following a request from the Village Hall committee the Parish Council discussed the purchase of a defibrillator, possibly to be installed at the Village Hall. It was DECIDED not to proceed.
12. **Dog fouling** The Parish Council considered the purchase of dog-waste bins. ACTION: Councillor Jack to ask HDC about costs of purchase and emptying.
13. **Monument inscription** Councillor Jack reported that she was trying to contact Fairhaven Stonemasons. ACTION: E Jack
14. **Finance** Payments were APPROVED as follows: Clerking services October, November, December £227.25; expenses postage £7.80, stationery £39.53; E-ON £71.82. Proposed J Archer; seconded J Lawton.
15. **Little Gransden Aerodrome and Cambridge Gliding Club Consultative Committees** Councillor Jack reported that she had attended the meeting on 15 November.

    Aerodrome Dates for 2018 were 2 June – aerobatics championships; 26 August Children in need charity flying day. The complaints form was now on Mark Jefferies' website. The next meeting would be on 11 April 2018.

    Councillor Jack had complained to the County Council that:

    1. There was no prior consultation with the parish council.
    2. The notice on the gate at the entrance to Wood Farm said "Footpath closed during airshow", which was misleading as it implied that the footpath (FP1) up to Waresley Wood was closed, when in fact it was not – it was the bridleway which was closed – but only at the other end of Wood Farm.

    Martin Ellwood, from the County Council, was at the meeting and apologised for not consulting the Parish Council – he said they should have consulted us and would consult in future.

    Councillor Jack said that Mark Jefferies claimed all the signs were correct, but the display he showed on his mobile did not include the sign at Waresley. (She subsequently established that the Jefferies had given the sign to the Mears to put up). She made it clear that the sign was put up in good faith by the Mears. Councillor Jack had contacted them to suggest that they don't put up a sign next year.

    The balloon that landed at Eltisley had nothing to do with either Little Gransden Aerodrome or the Gliding Club.

    Gliding Club The Gliding Club were trying to update their 1990 planning permissions, as at the moment all tow planes are required by the planning restrictions to have silencers. However, technology has moved on and tow planes are quieter and don't need silencers, so they want to update the planning condition to be based on a noise level (~~48db~~ 68, 69 it was thought).

    There had been one complaint from Waresley.

    S Cambs representative, who said she had checked the airfield logs, kept confusing the Gliding Club with Little Gransden Aerodrome.
16. **Training –** Clerk was looking for suitable GDPR training.
17. **Summary of meeting for *Roundabout.*** H Richardson kindly volunteered.
18. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday, 27 March 2018 8pm Village Hall. ACTION: Clerk to book hall.

Meeting closed 10.05pm