

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the Village Hall, Warton.

**PRESENTATION BY BELINDA BARCLAY, LOCAL NATURE RESERVE WARDEN,
ARNSIDE & SILVERDALE AONB**

Ms Barclay advised members that she was employed as warden of the Warton Crag Nature Reserve and Trowbarrow Reserve. Her principle task was to oversee the development of the Warton Crag Quarry using a £40,000 grant to renovate the quarry car park, replacement of fencing to protect wild life and flower habitats and the development of informative signage for visitor guidance. A Friends of Warton Crag Nature Reserve Group had been formed and currently numbered 15 members that had been involved with the opening of viewpoints from the car park and clearing and cleaning pathways. It was hoped to extend the work of the group to other areas covered by the grant finance. Help would be appreciated from the parish council in the publicity of the groups work to make local people more aware of ongoing developments and facilities available to them. Ideas for future developments included the gathering of information about the quarry in its earlier working life from older residents and involvement of village children by improving their appreciation of the facilities surrounding their village homes.

The chairman thanked Ms Barclay for the information given in her presentation and assured her of the parish council's full support and co-operation with her work.

PRESENT: Councillors K Briggs (Chairman), D Clough, Mrs J Cody, A Hilling, W Muckle and Mrs L Simmonds, Ms B Barclay and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs D Langman and C Peacock, County Councillor Mrs P Williamson and District Councillor A Duggan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Mrs Simmonds declared an interest in item 20/052 Request for a donation by Archbishop Hutton Primary School Parent Teachers Association.

20.032. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 7th January 2020 having been previously circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings at the meeting and be signed as such by the chairman.

20.033. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS NOT COVERED BY OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: The clerk reported that i) the 2020/21 Precept demand had been delivered to Lancaster City Council ii) the Buckingham Palace Garden Party nomination had been forwarded to LALC iii) emails covering other matters had been forwarded to members for their consideration on receipt by the clerk.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Speeding Vehicles - Concerns were raised about the speed of vehicles using village roads and the need for more action to introduce measures to curb the practice. The clerk gave assurances that the parish council was aware of the problem, had introduced speed

awareness units and had liaised with the police, although an attempt to operate a speed watch scheme in the village had failed because of a lack of volunteers. County Councillor Mrs Williamson had been able to arrange for a speed awareness campaign to be mounted by Lancashire Road Speed Management Group during the coming months in the village.

Dog Fouling on Footpaths – Concerns were raised about the extent of dog fouling in the village. The clerk advised that members of the parish council were very aware of the problem and had involved Lancaster City Council Dog Wardens with campaigns to solve the problem. Prosecution of an individual would be a major step to eradicate the problem but members of the public did not seem prepared to provide the authority with the evidence needed to carry out a prosecution. Provision of free dog fouling bags at areas of particular nuisance had been suggested.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

20.034. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON: County Councillor Mrs Williamson was unable to attend the meeting because of a prior engagement but was available to give any assistance with issues as required.

20.035. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A DUGGAN: District Councillor Duggan was unable to attend the meeting but was available to give any assistance with issues as required.

20.036. STANDING ORDER 25: Members noted that no action had been taken under the provision of Standing Order 25.

20.037 . PLANNING MATTERS: a) The following planning applications were considered by members:-

19/01512/FUL – Erection of 2 detached dwellings for Mr White, The Nib, 9 West View, Warton – No objections raised.

20/00021/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension for Mr & Mrs P Fairclough, 1 Borwick Close, Warton – No objection raised.

b) Members noted that current status of planning applications reviewed by members at previous meetings as follows:

17/00736/OUT – Reviewed 4th July 2017 meeting – Awaiting decision
18/01603/FUL – Reviewed 8th January 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
18/01589/REM – Reviewed 5th February 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/00003/FEF – Reviewed 5th February 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 5th March 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/0012/REF – reviewed 26th March 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/00563/VCN – Reviewed 4th June 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/0098/TPO – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 1st October 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
19/00034/REF – Reviewed 5th November 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision

20.038. FINANCE: a) Members noted the financial summary for January 2020

Opening Balance	Current Account	8316.08	
	Village Improvement Account	12151.69	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4519.11	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>1627.90</u>	<u>34673.25</u>
Receipts			
01.01.20	NS&I Interest Payment – Village Improvement Account		<u>161.38</u>
			<u>34834.93</u>
Payments			
06.01.20	J W Ball- Salary	370.26	
07.01.20	G Milner – Toilet Maintenance	560.00	
07.01.20	Tom Oliver – Toilet Work December	55.50	
07.01.20	Carter Jonas – Potts Wood Rental	1.00	
20.01.20	George Washington – Toilet Water Costs	1213.48	<u>2200.24</u>
			<u>32634.69</u>
Closing Balance	Current Account	6115.84	
	Village Improv Acc	12313.37	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4519.11	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>1627.90</u>	<u>32634.69</u>

b) Members authorised payments and signed cheques for the following accounts:

Lancaster City Council – Grass Cutting - £1560.00 – 2062

Warton Village Hall – Room Rental - £98.00 – 2063

CPRE – Membership Fee - £36.00 – 2064

Tom Oliver – Toilet Work – January - £75.00 - 2065

20.039. PUBLIC TOILETS: Councillor Clough reported that he had received a quote to supply and fit the Cisterniser Infrared Urinal Control Valve at a cost of £235.00. Members agreed that Councillor Clough arrange for the valve to be supplied and fitted.

20.040. SPARROW PARK: Nothing further to report.

20.041. ELIZABETH AND RICHARD WILSON CHARITABLE FUND: The clerk reported that no further applications had been received in addition to the one already held.

20.042. THE WEIR CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND: The clerk reported that it had not been possible to apply the non slip tape to the cattle grid because of the continued bad weather. The clerk was seeking cost estimates for surfacing under the climbing net.

20.043. PARISH LENGTHSMAN: The clerk reported that the parish lengthsman continued to deliver a high standard of work throughout the village.

20.044. SPEED DETECTION DEVICES: Councillor Clough reported that because of the volume of passing traffic and poor sunlight levels the device required battery charging to be carried out off site. A repositioning of the charging unit would be tried. The Mill Lane device was operational.

20.045. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: Councillor Clough reported that the plan was available for use if required. He had been advised by Lancaster City Council that all village representatives should have access to a base radio for communication. Members agreed that the cost of purchase of the radio, estimated at £300.00 be covered by the parish council when actual radio purchase costs were available.

20.046. REGISTRATION OF WARTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY: Nothing further to report. A response from the Land Registry was awaited.

20.047. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: The clerk reported that changes to the website were in hand.

20.048. WARTON AND MILLHEAD COMMUNITY ROADWATCH SCHEME: Tracy Robinson 93 Croftlands, Warton had volunteered to take part in the scheme. One other volunteer at least was still required to make the scheme operational.

20.049. MILL LANE FOOTPATH: Nothing further to report.

20.050. COMMUNITY CHAMPION VOLUNTEER PROJECT: The clerk reported that arrangements to join the project were in hand.

20.051. DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS RELATED TO PLANNING APPLICATION 15/00847/OUT: The clerk reported that he had been advised by Lancashire County Council that the S278 agreement funding would be allocated to work to satisfy Disabled Access Legislation at the two bus stops adjacent to the development. The work would involve upgrading the pavement area at the bus stops and adding of appropriate road markings. None of the work would involve changes to or replacement of the existing wooden bus shelter. Members expressed their concern and disappointment on receiving the latest information. The clerk was instructed to contact Lancashire County Council to clarify if the other bus stops on the village already satisfied the Disabled Access Legislation or required upgrading.

20.052. SALE OF PART OF THE LITTLE WEIR: The clerk reported that no contact had been made with Wilson Properties Limited since the last meeting of the parish council. Members agreed that the item be removed from future meeting agendas.

20.053. ENGLAND COASTAL PATHWAY – WARTON SALTMARSHES: The clerk reported that he had been contacted by Mr Brodie of the local branch of the Ramblers Association to establish if the parish council intended to lodge an objection against the Natural England proposals. Members discussed the matter and agreed that although the parish council understood the reason for objection to the proposal they would not be lodging an objection. The clerk was instructed to inform Mr Brodie accordingly.

20.054. DATE FOR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PARISH MEETING: Members agreed that the meeting be held at 7.30 pm on 9th June 2020 in the Village Hall, Warton.

20.055. DONATION TO ARCHBISHOP HUTTON'S PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A: Members agreed to defer discussion until the 3rd March 2020 meeting.

20.056. DOG FOULING BACK LANE: Members noted the problem and agreed that Lancaster City Council Dog Warden be asked for advice or assistance.

20.057. WARTON & MILLHEAD FLOODING ISSUES: Members agreed to keep flooding issues throughout the parish under review. No update on Lancashire County Council investigations concerning the Sand Lane/Main Street junction problem was available at present.

20.058. SMALL QUARRY REPAIRS: The clerk reported that he was trying to establish if land used for car parking without charge was subject to business rates. Members agreed that until the business rates issue was settled action to upgrade the quarry should be put on hold.

20.056. MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE: Members agreed to continue membership of CPRE for 2020.

20.057. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS. Members agreed that the parish council would not organise an event as part of the celebrations. The clerk was instructed to inform Carnforth Town Council accordingly.

20.058: REGISTRATION POF THE LITTLE WEIR UNDER THE COMMONS ACT 2006: Members discussed registration and agreed not to go forward with a proposal. The clerk was instructed to notify CPRE accordingly.

20.059. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: There were no items of information reported by members.

20.060. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the chairman thanked members for their attendance and participation in the business of the meeting and closed the meeting at 9.55pm, arranging the next meeting for Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Warton.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda for the 3rd March 2020 Meeting to be notified to the clerk by Monday 24th February 2020.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minutes subject to agreement at the 3rd March 2020 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.