

WARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Position Statement –30th June 2020

1. Clerk's Report – 1 Linda Anderson, Public Rights of Way Officer, Lancashire County Council has advised me that Warton Parish Council will be able to take part in the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme and the payment of £500.00 should be available for us in the near future.2) We had been informed by Lancaster Police that PCSO Paul Shepherd was the named first contact for policing issues in the parish. PCSO Shepherd can be contacted by email 7109@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. The latest crime figures available for the area are still for March 2020 with Anti-Social Behaviour – 6, Violence and Sexual Offences – 2, Theft – 1. 3) Other information received has already been emailed to members for their information and consideration.

2. Standing Order 25 Action – No Standing Order 25 action has been necessary during the period covered by this Position Statement.

3. County Councillor Mrs Phillippa Williamson – Information received from County Councillor Mrs Williamson has been emailed to members as received.

4. District Councillor Adrian Duggan – Information received from District Councillor Duggan has been emailed to members as received.

5. Planning Matters – a) Planning applications under consideration

Potts Cottage, Coach Road, Warton. As yet I have not received further information from Debbie Threlfall, Lancaster City Council Planning Enforcement Officer concerning her investigation of a possible breach of planning regulations.

19/01581/FUL – Erection of one 2-bed dwelling with associated landscaping, re-grading of land and creation of a new access point for Mr Graham Orr, Land North Of 27 Coach Road, Warton. An objection to the development was made by the parish council on the grounds that it contravened the AONB DPD Policy ASO1 sections iv and vii that states that development proposals on the edge of settlements will be treated as exceptions and will be permitted only when they demonstrate that there will be no adverse impact on settlement or landscape character and it contributes to the meeting of a proven and essential housing need in the location. There is no way an ultra-modernist creation on the edge of the village, fully visible over a wide area of the AONB can be deemed acceptable as it would be in total opposition to both settlement and landscape characters. An objection on similar lines was also lodged by the AONB.

20/00630/FUL – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single-storey rear extension for Mrs Jessica Elleray, 77 Sand Lane, Warton. A closing date for the receipt of comments had been set by Lancaster City Council Planning Department at 21st July 2020. As yet no comments had been received from members.

d) The current status of planning applications considered by members at previous meetings was as follows;

17/00736/OUT – Reviewed 4th July 2017 meeting –Application permitted..

18/01603/FUL – Reviewed 8th January 2019 meeting –Partial status agreement.

18/01589/REM – Reviewed 5th February 2019 meeting – Status agreed.

19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 1st October 2019 & 5th March 2019 meetings – Awaiting decision.

20/00414/FUL – Reviewed by Members 28th April 2020 – Application permitted.

20/00350/VCN – Reviewed by Members 6th May 2020 – Awaiting decision.

20/00402/OUT – Reviewed by Members 15th May 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/00015/REF – Reviewed by Members 18th May 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/00379/FUL – Reviewed by Members 22nd May 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/00358/OUT - Reviewed by Members 2nd June 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/00503/FUL – Reviewed by Members 27th May 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/01581/FUL – Reviewed by Members 8th June 2020 – Awaiting decision.
 20/00630/FUL – Reviewed by Members 30th June 2020 – Awaiting decision.

5. Finance Matters

a) To note the Financial Summary for June 2020.

Opening Balance	Current Account	21981.49	
	Village Improvement Account	12313.37	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4522.63	
	E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>987.90</u>	<u>47863.86</u>
Receipts			NIL 47863.86
Payments			
06.06.20 J W Ball – Salary		377.67	
08.06.20 Tom Oliver – 80% payment Toilet Work – May 2020		61.20	
08.06.20 J W Ball – Expenses Dec 2029 to June 2020		455.51	
08.06.20 P Doey – Parish Lengthsman Mar – May 2020		<u>707.15</u>	<u>1601.53</u>
			46262.33
Closing Balance	Current Account	20379.96	
	Village Improvement Account	12313.37	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4522.63	
	E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>987.90</u>	<u>46262.33</u>

b) The following payments have been forwarded for authorisation and cheque signatures by Councillors A Hilling and Mrs L Simmonds. If any members require further information or wish to object to any of the payments being made please contact me urgently.

Chq. No. 2082 - £1131.00 – HMRC – PAYE 2019/2020 Financial Year
 Chq. No. 2083 - £100.00 – G Walsh – Internal Audit Fee
 Chq. No. 2084 - £60.00 - Tom Oliver – Toilet Work 80% June Payment

c) Preparation of Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/2020

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/2020 had been audited by Mr Marsh, Internal Auditor to Warton Parish Council and had been found to be correct and satisfied the Smaller Authorities Audit Requirements. Copies of the Accounting Statements

had been forwarded to members for their consideration, comments and acceptance, prior to submission to the Chairman for signing off and forwarding to PKF Littlejohn our External Auditors.

6. Public Toilets – The public toilets were re-opened on 4th July 2020 after a risk assessment was carried out. Appropriate procedures have been put in place and Tom Oliver has been issued with the necessary protective clothing, equipment and instructions to satisfy safety requirements.

7. Sparrow Park – The grass is being cut and maintenance carried out by Peter Doey as normal. Two of the smaller trees in the park have been blown down during the period of high winds and will need to be replaced.

8. Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund - One new application has been received for an award payments for the 2020/2021 financial year.

9. Weir Children’s Playground – The playground was re-opened on 4th July 2020 after a risk assessment and equipment safety check had been carried out. The grass had continued to be cut by Peter Doey instead of Lancaster City Council staff currently employed on other duties and consequently our park was in excellent condition for children to enjoy the facility once again. The quotation for the replacement of the wood chip covering under the climbing net is still awaited from Lancaster City Council.

10. Parish Lengthsman. – Peter has continued remedial work and grass cutting at Sparrow Park, the Weir Play Area and Little Weir. The work currently being carried out by Peter is by his choice showing his usual commitment to keeping the village facilities in first class condition at this difficult time. His ability to carry out work involving extensive pruning to trees and undergrowth is still limited at present because of the current appointment system for vans and trailers imposed by Lancashire County Council when depositing waste at the Carnforth Waste Recycling Centre. Peter has also carried out the necessary work to the public toilets to make it possible to re-open them.

11. Speed Detection Devices – Both solar powered devices are operational and data collected will be used in the planned speed awareness campaign for the village. Problems continue with the battery operated device positioned on the road into the village from Yealand Conyers because the volume of traffic using the road quickly exhausts the batteries and the required high frequency of changeover is proving to be difficult to manage.

12. Emergency Response Plan for Warton and Millhead – The plan is ready to be used if required.

13. Land Registry Registration – The applications for registration of the Weir and Senset Well have been forwarded to the Land Registry by our solicitor. A response from the Land Registry is awaited..

14. Parish Council Website – The website is available for use.

15. Warton and Millhead Community Roadwatch Scheme - Two volunteers prepared to take on the responsibilities required have come forward and arrangements are in hand to re-launch the scheme.

16. Mill Lane footpath Improvements – No progress to report at present.

17. Community Champion Volunteer Project . No progress to report at present.

18. Warton Saltmarshes – Nothing further to report at present. .

19. Warton and Millhead Flooding Issues – Information was still awaited covering the Lancashire County Council investigation of the Sand Lane/Main Street junction problem.

20. Village Directory – Preparation of a Village Directory of services, facilities and contract details was in a preliminary stage of preparation.

21. Reports from Members – No reports were received this month.

22. Any information or items for inclusion in the July statement that you wish to be added please email me by Monday 22nd June 2020. I will prepare the June Statement for issue on 30th June 2020.

J W Ball

Clerk to Warton Parish Council