

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May 2021 by Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors K Briggs (Chairman) D Clough A Hilling W Muckle C Peacock and Mrs L Simmonds and County Councillor Mrs P Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J W Ball – Clerk to Warton Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were made by members in relation to items covered by this agenda.

21.073. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2021 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.

21.074. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS NOT COVERED BY OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: The clerk reported that;

- i. Planning control officers would investigate the installation of velux style roof windows at 129A Main Street, Warton.
- ii. Hicks Ironcraft had submitted a quote of £4,400 (inclusive of VAT). Members agreed that the clerk contact Hicks Ironcraft to inform the contractor of their agreement to the quote.
- iii. aql had accepted the payment by cheque of £132.00 cleared through the parish council bank account on 26th March 2021 as the renewal of the website registration despite their earlier instruction that only electronic payment would be accepted. An electronic payment using the Clerks Visa Debit Card has also been made and confirmation from the company of the double payment and repayment arrangements are awaited.
- iv. Attempts to discuss the 2021 Grass Cutting contract with Lancaster City Council had not been successful. Efforts to continue.
- v. A letter of thanks for the donation had been received from the North West Air Ambulance Charity.
- vi. Because of changes to government legislation future meetings of the parish council would need to be arranged with access in person to members of the public rather than by Zoom.
- vii. Other items had been reported to members as required using emails.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

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

The clerk reported that he had received complaints concerning speeding traffic through the village and had responded detailing parish council efforts to limit such dangerous and inconsiderate actions.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

21.075. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON: County Councillor Mrs Williamson reported that because of the local elections and resultant restrictions on actions she had nothing to report to the meeting.

County Councillor Mrs Williamson was thanked for her continued support.

21.076. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A DUGGAN: District Councillor Duggan was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not available.

District Councillor Duggan was thanked for his continued support.

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

21.078. PLANNING MATTERS: a) Details of the following planning applications had been forwarded to members for their consideration and comments.

21/00463/FUL – Demolition of existing rear extension and side porch and erection of a two storey rear/side extension, construction of dormer extensions to the front elevation, alterations to the rear dormer and construction of a side porch for Mr Peter Walker, 7 Westbourne Road, Warton – No objection raised.

21/00442/FUL – Erection of a single storey rear extension with a side porch and construction of a front porch for Mr Tom Brocklebank, Sunny Lea, Burton Road, Tewitfield – No objection raised.

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

19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 5th March 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed by Members 2nd June 2020 – Awaiting decision
 20/00676/VCN – Reviewed by Members 14th July 2020 – Awaiting decision
 20/0937/VLA – Reviewed by Members 17th September 2020 – Awaiting decision
 LRC/AW/W13196 – Reviewed 1st December 2020 meeting – Awaiting decision
 20/01349/FUL – Reviewed 5th January 2021 meeting – Awaiting decision
 21/00077/EIO – Reviewed 2nd February 2021 meeting – Awaiting decision
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2nd March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting decision
 21/00181/CCC – Reviewed 2nd March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting decision
 21/0060/TCA – Reviewed 6th April 2001 Meeting – Application Permitted

21.079.FINANCE: Members noted the financial summary for April 2021

Opening Balances – All Accounts	Current Account	26048.01	
	Village Improvement Account	12460.04	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4527.17	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>2247.50</u>	<u>53341.19</u>
Opening Balance – Current Account			26048.01
Receipts			
12.04.21	Lancaster City Council – Precept		<u>20298.00</u>
			46346.01

Payments

06.04.21	LALC – 2021/2022 Membership Fee	420.68	
06.04.21	J W Ball – Salary and Arrears	475.17	
09.04.21	Npower – Toilet Electricity	27.51	
30.04.21	P Doey – Parish Lengthsman	232.29	
30.04.21	T Oliver – Toilet Work – April	135.00	<u>1290.65</u>
	Closing Balance – Current Account		45055.36
	Closing - Balance – All Accounts		
	Current Account	45055.36	
	Village Improv Acc	12460.04	
	Investment Account	8058.47	
	Playground Account	4527.17	
	E & R Wilson Fund	<u>247.50</u>	<u>70348.54</u>

b) Members authorised payments and agreed that cheques be signed covering the following payments:

P. Doey – Parish Lengthsman - £232.29 – 2131

T.Oliver – Toilet Work – April - £135.00 = 2132

21.080. ALLOCATION OF DONATIONS TO VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS: Members discussed the applications received for parish council donations from Warton Scout Group, Warton Church Hall, Archbishop Hutton’s Primary School PTA, Warton Bowling Club, Warton Crag W.I and Salvation Army- Carnforth Branch but agreed to defer any decisions until the next meeting of the parish council scheduled for 1st June 2021 as applications from Millhead organisations had not yet been received.

21.081. WARTON PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY: The clerk reported that no applications to fill the casual vacancy had been received as a result of either the notices posted on the notice boards or through the Lancaster City Council website publicity. Members agreed to continue the search for a suitable applicant.

21.082. WARTON MIRES PROJECT: Members reviewed the points raised at the meeting with Robin Horner and Jane Birch of RSPB on 27th April 2021. Some doubts were expressed that the requirement for the parish council as an elected body be provide continuity and financial security for the future life of the project would stretch resources, but agreed that with the reluctance of flood risk management authorities to take responsibility, further consideration of parish council support was required. Members discussed various forms of entity, including trust status to take the project forward together with possible sources of funding and inclusion of other interest organisations. Members agreed that the parish council should express an interest in taking part in the project subject to more detailed discussion covering the role expected, financial and manpower requirement, timescales etc. The clerk was requested to liaise with Robin Horner and Jane Birch to seek the further information required.

21.083. PURCHASE OF EVOLIS RADAR SPEED SIGN: The clerk reported that he had discussed the purchase of 2 Evolis Signs and 1 Warning Beacon with Alan Mackie of Elan City. He had been advised by Alan that before erecting any radar signs full liaison with the local authority responsible for highways in the area must be carried out to clear equipment weight erection methods and site suitability. County Councillor Mrs Williamson had advised

that I contact Alan Cox at Lancashire County Council Highways to request the necessary assistance. Members agreed that the clerk liaise as necessary with Lancashire County Council officers. The clerk also reported that Alan Mackie had advised that the Warning Beacon was not meant to function as a warning sign in isolation but to highlight existing warning signs. Members agreed to give further consideration to the need for purchase of a beacon.

21.084. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY DONATION REQUEST: Members considered the request for a donation to the society to help with the campaign to preserve green spaces but agreed on this occasion not to make a donation.

21.085. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: i) Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that beer and spirits glasses had been left on the Weir childrens playground from drinkers using the Shovel Inn outside area. The clerk was requested to contact the Licencee to request help with solving the problem.

ii) Councillor Muckle requested urgent attention to the movement of the public notice board into the bus shelter opposite the Nib Public House.

iii) Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that correspondence had been received from the High Sheriff of Lancaster requesting that the Crag Beacon be lit to commemorate the Queens Birthday in 2022.

iv) Councillor Briggs requested confirmation of the clearance of the Weir cattle grid as soon as possible.

v. Councillor Briggs reported that the rubble from the collapsed wall in Bowling Green Lane had still not been cleared by the person responsible and urgent action was required.

21.086. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the chairman thanked members and County Councillor Mrs Williamson for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 8.35pm. The next meeting of the parish council was arranged for 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 with the AGM to proceed this meeting at 7.00 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minutes subject to agreement at the 23rd July 2021 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.