

**MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the Village Hall, Warton**

**PRESENT:** Councillors K Briggs (Chairman), D Clough, Mrs J Cody, W Muckle and C Peacock.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J W Ball (Clerk to the Council), D Bland (Internal Auditor to the Council), County Councillor Mrs P Williamson, District Councillor Mrs S Sykes and two members of the public. The chairman welcomed County Councillor Mrs Williamson who was attending her first meeting of the parish council.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors A Hilling and Mrs L Simmonds.

**17.155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were made for items covered by the agenda.

**17.156. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 having been circulated, be approved and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**17.157. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS:** The clerk reported that i) he had contacted Mrs Geldart at LALC concerning the purchase of copies of the 2017 Councillors Guide at a cost of £3 per copy. Councillors agreed to purchase 10 copies  
ii) enquiries concerning the 'Do not use Sat Nav sign' for Back Lane had been raised again with Lancashire County Council Highways Dept.  
iii) an invitation for councillors to attend the Open Spaces Society AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 had been received.  
iv) posters relating to the Lancashire County Council foster carer recruitment had been displayed on the parish council notice boards.  
v) a request from Lancaster City Council had been received to publicise the Household Survey (formerly part of a wider project for a Strategic Housing Market Assessment).  
vi) a letter of thanks had been received from the North West Air Ambulance Charity for the parish council donation.  
vii) the invitation for electors to inspect the 2016/2017 parish council accounts had been displayed on the notice boards.  
viii) other items of interest to members had been circulated as received.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

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

**17.158. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mr Bradshaw raised concerns of residents about the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the village particularly in Borwick Lane and Sand Lane. Efforts to set up a speed watch project had been frustrated by delayed police involvement and it was suggested that a direct approach to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner should be made to encourage action. Members discussed the problem and agreed that a letter be sent to both Lancashire Constabulary Chief Constable and Police Commissioner.

**THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING.**

**17.159. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS SYKES:** District Councillor Mrs Sykes reported that she had received complaints concerning the condition of road surfaces in Chapel Walk, Warton and some of the minor roads in Millhead. Confirmation of their status as for as Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council needed to be established before further action could be taken.

District Councillor Mrs Sykes was thanked for her report.

**17.160. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS WILLIAMSON:** County Councillor Mrs Williamson reported that a new leader and cabinet had been elected for Lancashire County Council with herself appointed as lead member for education and children. A revised budget was being prepared to address problems associated with library, rural bus services, roads and pot hole repair provisions. She agreed to discuss the provision of sale marsh land and upgrade of the Mill Lane footpath with offices.

County Councillor Mrs Williamson was thanked for her report.

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

**17.162. PLANNING MATTERS: a)** Members reviewed planning applications received as follows:

17/00735/FUL – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement 2 storey side extension, construction of dormer windows to the front and rear elevations and construction of a balcony to the rear elevation for Miss Jane Kaill, 46 The Roods, Warton – No objections raised.

17/00647/FUL – Change of use of existing garage, boat store and outbuilding to a 2 storey dwelling (C3), erection of a first floor extension with new raised roof above, relocation of existing vehicular access point and parking area for Mrs S Hall, Coach House, Crag Road, Warton – Agreed that the height of the raised roof be queried.

17/00714/FUL – Erection of 2m high acoustic fencing to the south-east site boundary for Mr Cushway, Tewitfields Trout Fishery, Burton Road, Warton – No objection raised.

17/00417/FUL – Erection of a 6-bay private stable and associated works to include fencing, riding paddock and riding field for Mr Alex Mollart, Café, Clear Water Fisheries, Kellet Lane, Over Kellet – No objection raised.

17/00736/OUT – Outline application for the erection of nine dwellings for Strong Developments Ltd, Land north of 17 Main Street, Warton – Agreed that an objection be raised on the grounds the demolition of a house of industrial heritage, the creation of a further strip of housing on a sensitive boundary with Warton Crag, increased flooding risk, the over supply of large houses not required in the village without provision for low cost dwellings.

b) Members noted the current status of planning applications already reviewed as follows:

16/00890/RCN – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> September meeting – Awaiting decision

17/00038/VCW – Reviewed 7<sup>th</sup> February meeting – Awaiting decision

LCC/2017/0024 – Reviewed 7<sup>th</sup> March meeting – Awaiting decision

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17/00431/FUL – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting – Application permitted  
 17/00320/FUL – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting – Awaiting decision  
 17/00489/FUL – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting – Awaiting decision  
 17/00421/FUL – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting – Application permitted  
 17/00417/FUL – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting – No information – query raised  
 17/00583/FUL – Reviewed 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting – Awaiting decision

**17.163. FINANCE:** a) Members noted the financial summary for June 2017 as follows:

Opening Balance	Current Account	25329.19	
	Village Improvement Account	8014.10	
	Investment Account	7995.82	
	E & R Wilson Account	<u>437.10</u>	<u>41776.21</u>
Receipts			
15.06.17 Transfer from instant Access Savings Account		5004.10	
15.06.17 Compensating Entry		<u>5.90</u>	<u>5010.00</u>
			46786.21
Payment			
06.06.17 Open Spaces Society – Subscription		45.00	
06.06.17 Npower – Toilet Electricity		60.44	
06.06.17 Tom Oliver – Toilet Cleaning		30.00	
06.06.17 NS&I Village Improvement Acc Tran		10014.10	
06.06.17 D Bland – Audit Honorarium		100.00	
06.06.17 Warton Response Group –Donation		1775.00	
06.06.17 J W Ball – Salary		363.00	
06.06.17 Thomas Graham Ltd – Toilet Consum		74.38	
06.06.17 P Doey – Parish Lengthsman		400.00	
13.06.17 NW Air Ambulance – Donation		<u>250.00</u>	<u>13111.92</u>
			<u>33674.29</u>
Closing Balance	Current Account	12217.27	
	Village Improvement Account	10014.10	
	Investment Account	7995.82	
	Playground Account	3010.00	
	E & R Wilson Account	<u>437.10</u>	<u>33674.29</u>

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

04.07.17	P Doey – Parish Lengthsman - £348.80	1900
11.07.17	Thomas Oliver – Toilet Cleaning - £39.00	1901

**17.164. PUBLIC TOILETS:** Councillor Clough reported that the toilets were operational, clean and tidy. Tom Oliver continued to work well.

**17.165. SPARROW PARK:** The clerk reported that the bollards would be repainted shortly.

**17.166. ELIZABETH AND RICHARD WILSON CHARITABLE FUND:** The clerk reported that the 2016/2017 financial year payment from the Fund Trustees was awaited. To date no new applications had been received.

**17.167. THE WEIR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS:** The clerk reported that the playground and grassed area continued to be maintained by the parish lengthsman with the standard much improved. Members discussed arrangements for the Childrens Sports Day with some confusion as to whether the Weir or School Field was to be used. Members agreed that the Weir could be used for the event provided the organisers had obtained relevant insurance cover. The clerk was instructed to confirm the insurance cover provision with the organisers.

**17.168. PARISH LENGTHSMAN:** The clerk reported that Mr Doey continued his excellent work about the village.

**17.169. SPEED DETECTION DEVICE:** Councillor Clough reported that the device was currently operating in Borwick Lane and the tree partially obstructing the view of the device would be pruned by the parish lengthsman.

**17.170. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN:** Councillor Clough issued copies of the plan for members consideration and comment. After agreement by members the plan will be released to Mr Bartlett, Lancaster City Council for forwarding to the emergency services for their use.

**17.171. REGISTRATION OF WARTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY:** The clerk reported that work to register the land was in hand.

**17.172. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The clerk reported that work was in hand.

**17.173. LALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Members agreed that Councillor Peacock attend the meeting to represent Warton Parish Council. The meeting will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at County Hall, Preston.

**17.174. RURAL COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR LANCASHIRE:** Members discussed the information provided by the Rural Services Network and agreed that the parish council take part in the survey.

**17.175. MILL LANE FOOTPATH:** Nothing further to report.

**17.176. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS:** i) Councillor Clough reported that instructions for the operation of defibrillators will be printed and circulated ii) the broken bench at Boon Town Farm will be removed by the parish lengthsman iii) Councillor Peacock reported that he had advised that provided the planning authority had not made a prohibiting order and planning permission was not required there were no restrictions on materials used to construct a porch attached to a house in a conservation area iv) Carnforth High School was looking for funding sources to help with the continued running of Carnforth Swimming Pool after the withdrawal of Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council.

**17.177. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Members agreed that the next meeting of the Warton Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Warton.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda to be notified to the clerk by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Chairman ----- Date -----

Minutes subject to agreement at the next meeting of the Warton Parish Council.