

MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th November 2019 in the Village Hall, Warton

PRESENT: Councillors D Clough (Chairman), A Hilling, Mrs D Langman, W Muckle, C Peacock and Mrs L Simmonds and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Briggs, Mrs Cody, County Councillor Mrs P Williamson and District Councillor A Duggan.

In the absence of Councillor Briggs, Councillor Clough acted as chairman for the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest from councillors concerning items on the agenda.

19.246. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2019 having been previously circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting and be signed as such by the chairman.

19.247. REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING MATTERS IN PROGRESS NOT COVERED BY OTHER ITEMS IN THE AGENDA: The clerk reported that i) confirmation had been received that the Festival of Christmas Trees was to be held from 2nd December to 26th December 2019. Members agreed that a tree should be purchased and displayed with the Carer Support South Lakeland Charity being nominated to receive any donations made ii) notification of vandalism of property on Church Hill Avenue had been received iii) details of the procedure for the reporting of problems with overgrown vegetation had been received from Lancashire County Council iv) a briefing note covering Website accessibility had been received from LALC v) a letter of thanks for the purchase of a memorial wreath had been received from the Royal British Legion vi) an email from Carolyn Walsh Community Connector Manager, Lancaster City Council had been received offering help with projects together with information vii) an email from Belinda Barclay, Local Nature Reserve Warden outlining the work carried out on the large quarry by the organisation together with an offer of help with parish council projects had been received viii) an invitation to take part in the Victory of the Europe Day Celebration had been received from Carnforth Town Council ix) emails covering other matters had been forwarded to members for their consideration on receipt.

The clerk was thanked for his report.

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

1. Speeding Vehicles – Mr Bradshaw requested the continued efforts of members to limit the speed of vehicles through the village and in particular a vehicle speed of 108 mph recorded by the Borwick Lane SpiD to be reported to police. He reported that he had written to the Right Honourable David Morris requesting his help with the problem. Members agreed to continual efforts to eradicate the problem.

2. Warton Village Website – Mr Bradshaw reported that the Warton Village Website had received numerous emails, some abusive, mistakenly forwarded to it instead of to the Warton Parish Council website and requested that he could forward them for attention by the clerk. Members agreed to the request.

3. Borwick Lane Hedges – Mr Bradshaw requested that action be taken to require the owner of the land to the north of Borwick Lane to carry out the necessary cutting back of hedges currently limiting the width of an already dangerous road. Members agreed to take the necessary action to have the hedges cut back.

4. Obstruction of the Highways Greendale Drive/ Hazelmount Avenue –The clerk reported that he had received an anonymous letter from a resident complaining about the obstruction of the highway by the parking of a boat and trailer and requesting that the parish council take the necessary action to have the obstruction removed. Members expressed their sympathy and concern for the resident who had made the complaint but agreed that the responsibility for such problems lay outside the remit of the parish council and with Lancashire County Council Highways and the police. The clerk was instructed to forward the complaint to Lancashire County Council Highways for their action and to alert the police to a possible obstruction of the highway. Members agreed that because the complaint was received anonymously it would not be possible to contact the resident with information on the action taken.

5. Sale of part of the Little Weir – 6 members of the public attended the meeting and a letter had been received from the Gardner Road Residents Association all objecting to the proposal to sell a strip of land at the Little Weir to enable the housing development behind 14 Main Street to comply with Lancashire County Council Highways requirements. Objections were raised because of the risk of flooding by water draining from the Crag via the site through the reduction in land area capable of absorbing water after the construction of the five proposed dwellings. Objections were also raised to the proposed slewing of the road because of a possible reduction of the sight lines for traffic using Main Street and additional light pollution from vehicle headlights for some residents of houses bordering the Little Weir. Mr Byron Wilson spoke on behalf of the developer and assured the objection that adequate flood prevention measures were planned and were included in the requirements stipulated by Lancaster City County Planning Development covering the existing Outline Planning authority. All such requirements were to be completed before full planning permission would be granted. Because of an agreement between the Developer and Archbishop Hutton Primary School Parent Teacher Association for the provision of funding previously unknown it was necessary for Councillors Mrs Longman and Mrs Simmonds to declare an interest in the item and neither take no further part in discussions or participate in any voting involved. Members agreed to suspend discussions covering the item and defer further consideration and decision to an additional meeting to be arranged for 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in the Village Hall, Warton.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

19.248. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON: County Councillor Mrs Williamson had no items to report not covered elsewhere in the agenda but asked to be involved in future discussions concerning the housing development behind 14 Main Street, Warton in view of the involvement of Lancashire County Council Highways and the strength of local objection to the development and flood risk.

19.249. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A DUGGAN: District Councillor Duggan had no items to report not covered elsewhere in the agenda but asked to be involved in future discussions concerning the housing development behind 14 Main Street, Warton in view of the ongoing consideration of the planning procedure by Lancaster City Council Planning Control and the strength of local objection to the development and flood risk.

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

19.251. PLANNING MATTERS: a) Members reviewed a planning application received as follows:

19/00034/REF – Change of use of existing garage, boat store and outbuilding to 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 Mr R Graveson, Coach House, Warton – members noted the appeal against the original decision.

19/01390/OUT – Outline application for the erection of 5 residential dwellings and creation of an access for Mr Alan Mousdale, Dale House, Burton Road, Tewitfield – No objection raised.

b) Members noted the current status of planning applications already reviewed 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
 19/00795/LB – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
 19/00814/VCN – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Application permitted
 19/0098/TPO – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
 19/00779/FUL – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Application refused
 19/01054/FUL – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision
 LCC/2019/0044 – Reviewed 3rd September 2019 meeting – Application withdrawn
 19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 1st October 2019 meeting – Awaiting decision

19.252. FINANCE: a) Members noted the financial summary for October 2019

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| Opening Balance | Current Account | 15148.39 | |
| | Village Improvement Account | 12151.69 | |
| | Investment Account | 8058.47 | |
| | Playground Account | 4519.11 | |
| | E & R Wilson Fund | <u>67.30</u> | <u>39944.96</u> |

Receipts

NIL

Payments

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| 01.10.19 | P Doey – Payment Arrears | 100.50 |
| 01.10.19 | J W Ball – Expenses March 2019 – September 2019 | 511.31 |

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| 01.10.19 | PKF Littlejohn LLB-Audit Fee | 240 | |
| 01.10.19 | Tom Oliver – Toilet Work – Sept | 75.00 | |
| 01.10.19 | Royal British Legion – Wreath | 18.50 | |
| 01.10.19 | Warton Response Group – Millhead Defibrillator Spares | 52.20 | |
| 06.10.19 | J W Ball – Salary | <u>370.26</u> | <u>1367.77</u> |
| | | | 38577.19 |
| | Closing Balance | | |
| | | Current Account | 13780.62 |
| | | Village Improv Acc | 12151.69 |
| | | Investment Account | 8058.47 |
| | | Playground Account | 4519.11 |
| | | E & R Wilson Fund | <u>67.30</u> <u>38577.19</u> |

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

Lancaster City Council – Election Charges - £288.00 - 2044
 Warton Village Hall – Roof Repairs Donation - £800.00 – 2045
 Tom Oliver – Toilet Work October - £76.50 – 2046
 Astarte Web Design – Site Hosting - £125.00 – 2047
 J W Ball – Non Slip Tape - £59.94 – 2048
 P.Doey – Parish Lengthsman - £488.19 – 2049
 Warton Village Hall – Donation - £1000.00 - 2050

19.253. PUBLIC TOILETS: Councillor Clough reported that work to refurbish the toilets would be carried out in the near future.

19.254. SPARROW PARK: Councillor Clough reported that the Silent Soldier figure had been erected in the park for the remembrance period.

19.255. ELIZABETH AND RICHARD WILSON CHARITABLE FUND: The clerk reported that no applications had been received since the last meeting of the parish council. One application for funding was held.

19.256. THE WEIR CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND: The clerk reported that he had been advised by Zurich Municipal that they were considering all the information supplied by the parish council and were minded to dispute the claims made by the parent of the injured child. Members agreed to defer discussions on the flooding of the climbing net base and the sandpit until the next meeting of the parish council. In the meantime members agreed that the parish lengthsman be requested to attempt to move the wood chip from the sandpit back to the climbing net base.

19.257. PARISH LENGTHSMAN: The clerk reported that he had discussed the provision of Christmas lights on the Weir and in view of the planted Christmas Tree not yet being high enough, lighting would be placed in the adjacent mature trees. Agreed that the parish lengthsman liaise with Councillor Simmonds if insufficient lights were available to mount a display.

19.258. SPEED DETECTION DEVICES: The clerk reported that the devices were operational. Efforts would be made to increase the level of data that could be extracted from the devices in order to seek the necessary traffic enforcement action from the police.

19.259. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: Councillor Clough reported that the plan had been updated and submitted to Lancaster City Council for consideration and action.

19.260. REGISTRATION OF WARTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY: The clerk reported that Mr Foreman of Ratcliffe and Bibby had forwarded Statements of Truth covering both parcels of land for signing by Councillors Briggs and Clough.

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

19.262. WARTON AND MILLHEAD COMMUNITY ROADWATCH SCHEME: Nothing further to report.

19.263. MILL LANE FOOTPATH: Nothing further to report.

19.264. COMMUNITY CHAMPION VOLUNTEER PROJECT: Members agreed that the parish council take part in the project and instructed the clerk to inform Mr Haunch accordingly.

19.265. DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS RELATED TO PLANNING APPLICATION 15/00847/OUT: The clerk reported that as instructed at the previous meeting he had emailed Kelly Holt at Lancashire County Council to express members disappointment at the inability to support the request for the supply of a Speed Awareness Unit instead of a bus shelter and for an explanation why a bus shelter was considered a road safety positive and a speed awareness unit was not. In reply Kelly Holt advised that the bus stop works would be delivered by the developer under a S278 agreement with the Highway Authority and if those works were not required the planning condition would be discharged. She advised that there was no authority to instruct the developer to fund a speed awareness unit at this stage of the process because the application had been approved. County Councillor Mrs Williamson confirmed she had also been in touch with Kelly Holt who had advised her that once conditions had been outlined in an application which had been approved they could not be changed or converted into something else of equivalent value. The lack of consultation was regretted and assurance was given that a similar situation would not happen again. Members agreed that an approach be made to the developer to ascertain their views on the subject.

19.266. SALE OF PART OF THE LITTLE WEIR: Members agreed that further discussions be deferred to the additional meeting arranged for Tuesday 19th November 2019.

19.267. ENGLAND COASTAL PATHWAY – WARTON SALTMARSHES: The clerk reported that a meeting with representatives of Natural England, the Ramblers Association, Landowners and objectors was held on 2nd October 2019 when objections to the pathway proposals were fully discussed. Natural England representatives agreed to consider some of the proposals made and assured those present that the opportunity to raise objections would be available when the proposals were submitted for planning consultation.

19.268. GRIT BIN ALLOCATION: Councillor Clough reported that the survey had been completed and the results would be forwarded to Lancashire County Council by the clerk.

19.269. NOTICE BOARDS: Councillor Clough reported that a quote of £594.00 had been received from K Barrett and Sons for the provision and erection of two open and one enclosed notice boards. Members considered the quotation and agreed that it be accepted.

19.270. FLOODING: Members agreed to review the ongoing position at the December meeting of the parish council.

19.271. LAND RENTAL - SMALL QUARRY: Members agreed not to sanction the sale of a portion of land bordering the quarry approach road.

19.272. SMALL QUARRY POTHOLD REPAIR: Members agreed to the patching of potholes on the quarry approach road.

19.273. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS: i) Councillor Muckle reported that the pathway between the Millhead bus stop and defibrillator shelter required cleaning and weeding ii) Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that large vehicles using Borwick Lane were causing difficulty for other road users and signage warning of the dangers needed to be erected iii) Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that vehicles delivering building materials to the new development on Coach Road were causing delays and inconvenience to other road users.

19.274. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the chairman thanked members, County Councillor Mrs Williamson and District Councillor Duggan for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50pm arranging the next meeting for Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Warton. In addition a meeting to discuss the Sale of part of the Little Weir only would be held on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Warton.

Items for inclusion in the Agenda for the 10th December 2019 Meeting to be notified to the clerk by Monday 2nd December 2019.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minutes subject to agreement at the 10th December 2019 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.