

**MINUTES OF THE WARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Village Hall Warton.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors K Briggs, Mrs J Cody, A Hilling, W Muckle, C Peacock, F Senior and Mrs L Simmonds.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J W Ball – Clerk to Warton Parish Council and County Councillor Mrs P Williamson.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** No apologies for absence were received.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor Mrs Simmonds declared an interest in item 22.156 The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and the Mayor of Lancaster's Special Event.

**22.140. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 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.

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

- i. He had received the resignation with immediate affect of Councillor D Clough because of ill health. Members accepted the resignation with reluctance and sadness and thanked David for his service as a member. Members agreed that as a mark of respect and thanks for his efforts a gift be brought and presented to David. The gift to be financed from the Chairman's Allowance. The clerk was requested to approach Mrs Clough to seek advice on the type of gift to be presented.
- ii. Arrangements for the provision of a Post Office Outreach Facility had been delayed pending the installation of broadband equipment in the village hall.
- iii. A request had been received from Adam Kirby, Community Connector Team Manager, Lancaster City Council to attend a future parish council meeting. Members agreed that the clerk make the necessary arrangements.
- iv. Other items had been reported to members as received.

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 three requests for parish council action from village residents.

- i. Anthony Bradshaw had reported numerous complaints received from residents via the Warton Village Website concerning instances of vehicles being driven through the village at excessive and dangerous speeds. Members noted the complaints and instructed the clerk to contact Mr Bradshaw outlining their proposals to purchase additional Speed Awareness Units and the continued efforts to seek additional police action.
- ii. Overhanging Tree branches – The Roods  
The residents of 3 The Roods complained that branches from the trees growing in the adjacent plantation to the property were causing restrictions to garden use and requested help with solving the problem. The trees concerned were not owned by the parish council and ownership needed to be established. Members noted the complaint and agreed to take

the necessary action to establish the ownership of the trees. Councillor Peacock advised that in his view the land in question belonged to Lancaster City Council and if so, was liable for any remedial action. If a suitable solution was not reached he agreed to contact the AONB Volunteer Group to request their help. The clerk was instructed to contact Lancaster City Council Estates Department.

### iii. Well Lane Issues

Complaints had been received from Well Lane residents concerning the overgrown vegetation on the bridle way and the problem sighting oncoming traffic when driving into Borwick Lane from Well Lane. Installation of a mirror opposite the junction was suggested. Members noted the complaint and agreed that the clerk request the lengthsman to trim the overgrown bridleway and to attempt to improve the road junction by trimming the large conifer impeding clear sighting of the oncoming traffic. Members agreed not to support the installation of a mirror because of previous objections by Lancashire County Council officers on road safety grounds.

## THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING

**22.142. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WILLIAMSON:** County Councillor Mrs Williamson updated members on the current parking and inconsiderate behaviour problems associated with recent stock car race meetings. She was in contact with the club committee who were anxious to solve the problem and were taking the necessary action. Police and Lancashire County Highways officers were also involved and were liaising with the race day organisers. The clerk reported that he was awaiting information from Lancaster City Council Planning Control concerning the planning conditions governing the Stock Car Club licence to operate. She reported that work was in hand to replace signage and road markings at the Crag Road/Main Street junction.

County Councillor Mrs Williamson was thanked for her report and continued support.

**22.143. STANDING ORDER 25:** No actions covered by Standing Order 25 had taken place since the last meeting.

**22.144. PLANNING MATTERS:** a) The following planning applications had been received since the last meeting and were considered by members:

22/00861/FUL – Erection of an outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation and the siting of a hot tub in association with the main dwelling and the two holiday apartments at 42 Borwick Lane Warton for Mr and Mrs Garry Brown, 42 Borwick Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

APP/A2335/W/20/3265474 - Mr P Edmondson Bank Barn, Crag Road, Warton. Notification of the appointment of an Inspector to determine the appeal to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at 10.00pm at Morecambe Town Hall – Noted.

22/0115/TCA – x2 Holly crown lift for Mr P & Mrs K Bujakowski 7 Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

22/00854/FUL – Installation of 8 electric vehicle charging stations within existing car park with associated equipment for Miss Rachael Kendrew, Truckhaven Services, Scotland Road, Carnforth – No objection raised.

22/00970/FUL – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and existing lobby and porch to the front elevation, erection of a two storey rear extension, construction of a raised patio, wall and steps to the rear and a raised patio and steps to the front elevation, installation of replacement render to all elevations and the installation of new windows and doors for Mrs A Carroll, Scar Close, Crag Road, Warton – Noted.

22/0141/TCA – Group of Yew Trees (G1) – Prune back overhanging branches by max 3m for Rev.R Figg, St Oswalds Church, Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

22/01065/FUL – Demolition of side extension, erection of two storey side extension construction of canopy to side and front elevation, removal of front bay windows and installation of patio doors and erection of detached double garage for Mr Robin Loxam, Corfe Farm, Sand Lane, Warton – No objection raised.

22/0151/TCA – Elder (T1) – fell Sycamore (T2) – fell, Ash (T3) – fell, Hawthorn (T4) – fell for Mr Christopher Atherton, land Rear of 78 Main Street, Warton – No objection raised.

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

19/00020/FUL – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 meeting – Awaiting Refused  
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 Meeting – Awaiting Decision  
 20/00358/OUT – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision  
 21/00181/CCC – Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Meeting – Awaiting Decision  
 22/00001/REF – Reviewed 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Meeting – Appeal in Progress  
 21/01144/FUL – Reviewed 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Meeting – Application Refused  
 22/00235/REM – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Meeting – Application Permitted  
 22/00622/VCN – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Meeting – Awaiting Decision  
 21/01144/FUL – Reviewed 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Meeting – Application Refused

**22.145.FINANCE:** a) Members noted the financial summary for July and August 2022 as follows:

Opening Balances – All Accounts

Current Account	37826.05
Village Improvement Account	12462.09
Investment Account	8058.47
Playground Account	4531.70
E & R Wilson Fund Account	<u>746.80</u>
	63625.11

Opening Balance – Current Account 37826.05

Receipts

07.08.22 Lancaster City Council – Public Toilet Cont 2754.08

40580.13

Payments

05.07.22 Tom Oliver – Toilet Work June	135.00
05.07.22 Lindsey Simmonds -Expenses	10.00
05.07.22 Stephen Lewis – Expenses	11.35

06.07.22 J W Ball – Salary	385.17	
07.07.22 Npower – Toilet Electricity	29.42	
25.07.22 Tom Oliver – Toilet Work July	150.00	
05.08.22 Peter Doey – Toilet Electricity	30.66	
06.08.22 JW Ball – Salary	385.17	<u>1136.77</u>
Closing Balance Current Account		39443.36
Opening Balance – E&R Wilson Account		746.80
Receipts		NIL
Payments		
25.07.22 Grant		<u>650.00</u>
Closing Balance E&R Wilson Account		96.80
Closing Balances – All Accounts		
	Current Account	39443.36
	Village Improvement Account	12462.09
	Investment Account	8058.47
	Playground Account	4531.70
	E&R Wilson Fund Account	<u>96.80</u> <u>64592.42</u>

b) Members authorised the signing of cheques covering the following payments:-

J W Ball – Replacement Expenses Payment - £307.65 – 2266  
Tom Oliver – Toilet Work August - £137.50 – 2267  
Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator Parts - £55.20 – 2268  
P.Doey – Parish Lengthsman - £902.25 – 2269  
Thomas Graham & Sons – Toilet Consumables - £22.22 - 2270

c) External audit of the 2021/2022 Financial Statements

The clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn had requested further information on the sale of the Millhead Land and our proposals to reduce our financial reserves as those funds held at the close of the 2021/2022 financial year were in excess of £41,610 (twice the annual precept figure). The sale of land information requested had been provided together with details of proposed expenditure that would reduce the reserves figure to below £41,610.

d) Provision of an Internet Banking System

The clerk reported that no progress had been made with the introduction of the system pending members activation of their Warton Parish Council email address. Councillor Mrs Simmonds agreed to prepare instructions on the process for members use.

e) Public Toilet Electricity Contract

Members discussed a review of Npower electricity charges for the public toilets and agreed that the clerk discuss the likely reduction in charges if contract rates were negotiated.

**22.146: WELL LANE TREE:** The clerk reported that a quotation for the work required was awaited from David Turner.

**22.147: LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MAIN STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS:**  
Nothing further to report.

**22.148: WARTON STOCK CAR MEETING COMPLAINTS:** The clerk reported that information was awaited from Lancaster City Council Planning Control concerning any

restrictions imposed on the number and duration of meetings allowed. Additional information covered in County Councillor Mrs Williamson's report at 22.142.

**22.149. EVOLIS SPEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT:** The clerk reported that contact by Lancashire County Council officers was awaited. County Councillor Mrs Williamson agreed to discuss the current position with officers.

**22.150. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION:** The clerk reported that 10 medals were available.

**22.151. WARTON MIRES PROJECT:** The clerk reported that Robin Horner of RSPB had contacted him with regard to arranging a meeting of project interested parties to discuss progress. Suggested dates were awaited from RSPB officers.

**22.152. SMALL QUARRY BICYCLE RACK:** The chairman reported that he had continued to liaise with Ren Wallbank concerning construction of the rack.

**22.153. SMALL QUARRY DISPLAY BOARDS:** Nothing further to report.

**22.154. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SLOW DOWN SAVE LIVES CAMPAIGN:** Councillor Mrs Simmonds reported that she had organised publicity and distribution of labels in the village. Members discussed the erection of the banner and agreed that the site on the junction of A6/Borwick Lane was not suitable and that an alternative site near to the speed awareness sign in Borwick Lane would be preferable.

**22.155. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTS:** The clerk reported That the applications agreed at the last meeting of the parish council were being processed.

**22.156. QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE:** Members considered the work carried out by a group of village volunteers and agreed that the clerk submit an application for consideration by the awarding body.

**22.157. LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST CRIME (LANPAC):** Members discussed the work of the partnership and agreed that no advantage would be gained by becoming a member and that no further action was necessary.

**22.158. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS:** i) Councillor Peacock reported that low flying helicopters were causing a nuisance for village residents.  
 ii) Councillor Peacock reported that the LALC County Executive had expressed concern at the lack of police enforcement of the 20mph speed limit.  
 iii) Councillor Peacock reported that the Lancashire County Council and LALC conferences would both be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with more information to follow.  
 iv) Councillor Peacock reported that NALC was planning a publicity campaign to encourage more volunteers to take up parish council roles.  
 v) Councillor Hilling reported that Carnforth Town Council planned to construct a boardwalk along the River Keer estuary below the footbridge.  
 vi) Councillor Senior reported that an ad hoc publication covering local events taking place in the Yealands was available.

**22.159. 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 9.40pm. The next meeting of the parish council was

arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Village Hall, Warton. Items for inclusion in the meeting agenda to be notified to the clerk by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Chairman.....Date.....

Minutes subject to agreement at the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 meeting of the Warton Parish Council.