

MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING AGM held at 7.30pm on 18th May 2017 in the Warnford Village Hall.

Chairman: Mark Rogers

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Lucy Hutchinson

1. Apologies: Julie Brooks-Hill, Anne Corden, Karen Cornelius, Stuart Forsyth, Caroline Lushington, Will MacKenzie, Sarah Medd, Candi Sellick.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2016: proposed by Andrew Baynes and seconded by Diana Hogg, these were approved and signed.

3. Police: PS Stuart Gilmour reported on incidents since November, recently there have been two outbuilding burglaries in Warnford and a number of cars have been broken into at beauty spots. As regards motor bike noise etc., he reported on the disappointing meeting with the PCC in December but was encouraged by the involvement of George Hollingbery MP, to whom parishioners could write with their concerns. During questions he confirmed that legal action such as putting up a box which resembled a speed camera was permissible (subject to any planning issues) and that all should dial 101 to complain of the noise etc.. The Chairman said that would be a meeting involving a number of the parishes affected by the motor bike noise etc..

4. Chairman's Report: He thanked those who had been working for the village, Derek Chapman, Andrew Baynes, the Clerk and Cllr. Huxstep. and reported on various matters including:

-The Meeting had been thanked for monies granted by the 3rd November meeting and recently paid to the Parish News and the First Responder.

-The Meeting had given its remaining funds in WCC's Open Space Sports Pot (just over £2000) to the West Meon and Warnford Sports Club, to help pay for works to the sports pavilion roof. The Meeting has previously allowed the money to be used by the sports club this as there is no organisation based in Warnford which can use this money.

-The approach to planning applications etc. continues to be to make this as open as possible.

-He encouraged all to use the village website.

-The defibrillator is currently in the pub but will soon move to an outside wall of the Village Hall as we now have a box for it, given free by Hambledon PC.

-Internet connection, there has been some improvement but at a cost and not in all parts of the village; and

-Motor bikes noise etc.: he encouraged people to write to George Hollingbery MP.

5. Accounts for the year to 31 March 2017: These are on the website and copies were available at the meeting. Proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Peter Short, these

were approved.

Internal Auditor: it was noted with appreciation that Jane Crawshaw continues to act as Internal Auditor and has signed off the accounts.

6. Election of Officers: As there were no other candidates, the Chairman and Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer were re-elected unopposed.

7. Planning: The Clerk spoke to the Planning schedule. Copies were available at the meeting as well as being on the website.

8. Rights of Way: Derek Chapman (whose detailed note and report for this meeting (copies of the latter were available at the meeting) are both on the website) referred to a meeting in December, chaired by Cllr. Huxstep, at which HCC had agreed to issue a Traffic Regulation Order on the Green Lanes. The process provides a right to object and as the 4x4 lobby may well do so, it would be most helpful if local people/groups could write in support of the TRO. Details of how and when to do so will be provided on the website and by email when the process commences, probably in early June. He thanked Cllr. Huxstep and the neighbouring landowners for their support.

He also spoke about the footpath on the boundary with Kilmeston, where the Countryside Service has responsibility for negotiating a change to the legal route to avoid the tennis court which has been built on it. He confirmed that he is training as a Footpath Warden.

9. River Lane: The Chairman outlined the history of the damage caused over the last two years. At previous Parish Meetings the proposal to build/bank up the verge on the pub side to where it had been in late 2015, and perhaps put posts in had met with approval. Now another option was being considered ie do not build the verge to where it had been but put in curves opposite the entrance and exit to High Barn to allow large vehicles to turn in and out without damaging the verge, taper the verge rather than having a small bank and make the verge as hard as possible. It was agreed that the latter option should be adopted, with a plan showing the suggested line of the verge going on the website so it can be considered by parishoners. Once the line is agreed, it is hoped that the Parish Lengthsman can do the necessary work. On the other side of the road, the owners may put shrubs on the verge, perhaps with temporary stakes to protect the young shrubs. That was not a matter for the Parish Meeting.

10. HCC Cllr Huxstep's report: The matters eg Green Lanes and Motor bikes, where he was involved had already been covered, he was thanked for his help on these.

11. WCC Cllr. Ruffell's report: This was on the website and copies were available at the meeting, he spoke to it.

12. The Touchet Trust: A note prepared by Candi Sellick, Warnford's rep. on the Trust, giving information and contact details was available. In her absence, the Rev. Lionel Stock (Touchet's Chairman) spoke about the work of this local educational charity.

13. Any Other Business

a) Parish Lengthsman: The Clerk reminded the Meeting that through the scheme the Meeting gets' free 'insurance cover, which is very useful eg for the defibrillator, by giving up a day's worth of work. Peter Short said that the days provided had been reduced so Warnford would get 5 days this year. He asked for suggestion for work for the Lengthsman.

b) The Playground: Stephen Short reported that it had drawn down almost all the funds granted by the WCC Open Space Play Pot a few years ago.

SDNP should be releasing some water voles in the Playground in August, signs about this will be put up.

The Playground Committee plans to plant some vines, to be used for educational purposes, involving the West Meon and another local school. It also plans to have an Open Day in the autumn with talks on the vines, bees nests etc. plus, as last year, a November 'bonfire night' bonfire.

The Playground Committee is also looking at improving the access, perhaps by putting in a gateway onto Lippen Lane where the hedge is staggered. This should not decrease the amount of parking space available to local residents. He said there were no planning issues in doing this.

c) David Corbett asked about the **damaged bridge parapet on the A32**, Andrew Sellick said he understood the remedial works would be started on 5th June.

d) Accidents on the A32: PS Gilmour will see if he can find out if the recent accident has been reported so that it affects the statistics of those who review speed limit etc. Derek Chapman will look at whether we might press for a reduction to 30mph.

e) Transport Forum on 26th June: Anyone wishing to attend this should contact the Clerk.

f) Gerry Corden thanked the Chairman and Clerk for their work.

g) Clare Swinstead asked if the website could have a link to 'freecycle', she and Andrew Baynes will discuss this.

h) The telephone box: Kit Power asked if we could get rid of it. The Parish Meeting does not wish to buy it as it would have to pay for its upkeep. The Chairman agreed to look into this.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm