

**MINUTES OF THE WARNFORD PARISH MEETING held at 8pm on 20 November 2014 in the Warnford Village Hall.**

**Chairman: Mark Rogers**

**Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson**

**1. Apologies:** Caroline Lushington, Sarah Medd, Candi and Andrew Sellick, Rev. Lionel Stock, Marja and Edward Wilton.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2014:** Proposed by Peter Short and seconded by Anne Corden, these were approved and signed.

**3. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman expressed his thanks to the previous Chairman, Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, for all his work over many years. The Chairman referred to the reports he emails each month when there is no Parish Meeting and urged parishioners who have not already done so to sign up for these. He said that some progress is being made as regards the motorbike noise and speed nuisance, Warnford is working with other villages in the Meon Valley on this, and he encouraged all to attend PACT meetings.

**4. Cllr. Bodtger's Report (WCC):** This had been circulated by email in advance and hard copies were available. She highlighted some points from it and said that she would be standing for re-election in 2015 and probably in 2016, when the overall number of councillors will be reduced and the boundaries changed.

**5. Cllr. Huxstep's Report:** This had been circulated by email in advance and hard copies were available, he spoke to it, focussing on Broadband. He reported that works to prevent flooding were due to on 21 November at the bridge on Peake Farm Road. Sarah Mosse said that trees/wood removed from the railway line was being put on the verge, creating a great deal of mud, wood was also being removed, but not by the Council. Cllr. Huxstep said that HCC owned the wood and he would investigate and try to resolve the mud problem and also find out what should happen to the wood. He confirmed that the plan to rebuild the bridge was not going ahead as it was too expensive.

**6. Police/Neighbourhood Watch:** The Clerk, who runs NW, said the Police were unable to attend, had sent their apologies and asked her to mention the following:

a) Recently there had been 5 arrests for poaching offences, Hampshire Police try to impound dogs used by poachers etc., which is a real deterrent. Anyone with information about poaching etc. should contact the Police;

b) Recently there had been a burglary at Ideal Garage; and

c) Sarg. Gilmore is very aware of the problems caused by motorbikes on the A32 and is trying to address it, it helps to have pressure to do this put on those higher up the Police hierarchy and so it is good that Warnford and other villages are taking up this issue with the Police Commissioner etc.. The local police hope to have some training next year so they can

do more about the motorbikes.

The Clerk said that anyone who wished to join Warnford's NW should contact her.

## **7. Financial:**

**Accounts for the period 1 April -30 Sept. 2014:** copies were available. Proposed by Clare Swinstead and seconded by Gerry Corden, these were approved.

**Budget 2015-16:** The Clerk took the Meeting through this. Proposed and seconded as above, it was approved.

**Precept:** The Chairman recommended this remain unchanged (£950), this was agreed.

**Donations:** Stephen Short spoke for the Playground and Jeremy Barber for the Village Hall. Proposed by Amie Boyes and seconded by Clare Swinstead, the Meeting resolved to give the Playground £500 and the Village Hall £400. The Meeting recognised that, taken with the expenses in the budget, this meant the Meeting would be spending approx. £40 more than its income,

**Clerk's expenses:** Proposed by Peter Short and seconded by Gerry Corden, these were approved at £50.

The Chairman will work with Stephen Short to see if the Playground can reduce the cost of its insurance.

**8. Planning:** The Chairman said that as planning applications could be made and determined between Parish Meetings, he will cover these in his monthly email reports. The Clerk took the Meeting through the schedule, copies of which were available.

Percy O'Dell raised the planning approval at Coronation Cottages, he had objected, as had Hanover Housing Association, in relation to the foul drainage/cesspit. This issue had been dealt with in the conditions imposed when planning permission was granted. He asked why the Chairman had consented to the application and the Chairman explained that he had consulted with a number of parishioners and that there were no grounds on which the Parish could object, he had also investigated whether the village could receive any funds as result of the new cottages being built, but this had not proved possible.

**9. Bottle Bank:** The Chairman reported that there had been a complaint to the Council about the noise, the village may lose the bottle bank if another location cannot be found, he will speak with the pub again in the hope of resolving this.

**10. A32 and the lanes:** The Chairman reiterated that on behalf of Warnford, he and other villages are addressing the motorbike issue, there is a meeting next week with the Police Commissioner. Bicycles are also an issue, especially on the lanes, the Police have been made aware of this.

**11. Footpaths:** Richard McConochie said that Warnford has approx. 10 miles of footpaths and 2.5 miles of bridleways, which he said were all in good condition. The condition of Green Lane was raised, he will check this. The Chairman said he would be addressing off-roaders in his next email report, the Police are getting involved in this now.

**12. Parish Lengthsman scheme:** Peter Short said they would next be in Warnford in January and asked people to contact him with suitable jobs. He noted Clare Swinstead's concern that the Lengthsmen had put mud etc. into the river in River Lane.

**13. St. John's House:** Peter Short read out a note prepared by Andrew Sellick about English Heritage's proposed stabilisation and restoration, which requires funding for which EH will apply. On a show of hands, the Meeting was very much in favour of such works and agreed that the Parish Meeting should write in support.

**14. Saxons in the Meon Valley:** Gerry and Anne Corden gave presentations about this and the various projects the group runs, and encouraged people to participate.

**15. The Touchet Trust:** The Clerk reminded the Meeting of what the Trust does and said that Warnford residents had received grants totalling £1650 this year, Warnford also benefits from the annual grant to the West Meon school.. She said that, as mentioned at the last meeting, she was stepping down as Warnford's representative, after 9 years. Candi Sellick had agreed to take over, the Meeting welcomed this.

**16. A.O.B.**

**a)** Percy O'Dell said that the tractors were now not causing problems by leaving on **mud on the roads**, as had been the case previously; and

**b)** Vera Short reported that the village **Welcome Pack** was being revised and reprinted, she asked people to let her know of any newcomers to the village so they can be given one.

**17. Date of next Meeting: 7.45 for 8pm on 21 May 2015 in the Village Hall.**

After the meeting the DVD 'The Meon Valley-a Journey of Discovery' was shown.