

Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth
Huntingdonshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday, 12 September 2013.

Parish Councillors Present: Eleanor Jack (Chairman), Chris Thorne (Vice Chairman), Helen Richardson, Tony Daniels and the clerk Geraldine Fensome.

Also present: District Councillor Richard West, County Councillor Julie Wisson, Ingrid Broderick, David Morgan and Ian Keeves.

Apologies: John Archer & Barbara Boddington.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 July 2013:

These were read and signed as a true and correct record.

Open session:

Julie Wisson advised the meeting of the forthcoming Public Exhibitions regarding the A14 upgrade and distributed details of venues/dates. These exhibitions are part of an informal public consultation before the work is due to commence late in 2016.

Richard West mentioned possibility of solar panels at Wood Farm. He was also concerned regarding fracking/gas exploration which could come to parts of Cambridgeshire and has written to the local MP asking him to provide scientific evidence. Local County & District Councils have no control over fracking licences – only national Government.

Richard also mentioned the savings that Huntingdonshire District Council need to achieve over the next 5 years which amount to approximately 8 million pounds and this would lead to changes in services.

David Morgan, Tree Warden, stated that it was time to think about suitable locations for parish planting, ready for an application to the District Council for our free allocation of trees and hedging later in the year.

Councillors Interest – To receive from Councillors declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda items.

None declared

Village Square

John Archer and Eleanor Jack had a meeting with Greene King on the 13/8/13 to discuss the Village Square and presented a great deal of documentary evidence to them. Greene King responded very positively and promised to initiate a process to return the land to the status quo which existed before the registration in 1993. However, the Parish Council is awaiting written confirmation from Greene King.

A vote of thanks and congratulations was made to John for the tremendous amount of work he has carried out on this issue.

John Archer 7/11/2013

Planning application 1300866LBC – Vicarage Barn

Following the refusal of this application by the District Council, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Planning and Conservation Officers asking for an explanation as to whether UPVC would ever be acceptable for use in a listed building.

Wildlife Trust - Sugley Wood

At the open Parish Council meeting in May representatives of the The Wildlife Trust had proposed a site meeting to discuss access to Sugley Wood from Waresley. After a delay of several months without a site meeting they informed the Parish Council that they could not agree to an access which was not open to all members of the public. Chairman to write to the Director of the Trust to express disagreement with their actions and disappointment at the Trust's failure to honour their proposal of a site meeting.

Community Transport

David Morgan, our public transport representative, reported on a recent Community Transport meeting in Gamlingay. The County Council is committed to a 50% budget cut to schedule services. A consultation group deals with bus services locally and two services will be maintained - No: 18 Gamlingay to Cambourne and no: 28 Gamlingay to St Neots – although they could be reduced in frequency and replaced by a 'Demand Response Transport' system. No changes will be implemented until April.

David did say that the public transport issue was looking a little better than it had previously.

Repair of Pump

The Chairman reported that Simon Jarvis was due to start work on the pump next week.

Finance:

Payments approved:

Hewitson Solicitors - £249. 60

Copies of documents at the Record Office (Mrs E Jack) - £16. 50

Land Registry (John Archer) - £11.00

Churchyard Maintenance (S Slater) - £250.00

Any Other Business

Highways

Gamlingay Road - ditch

John Archer has been in contact with the owner, Luke Minney, who has accepted it is his responsibility to clear the ditch. The work be managed by the other landowners concerned but will not start until October. Half the road will need to be closed and traffic lights installed to control traffic.

The issue of disposal of the debris was discussed. It was felt that the young trees that had grown up in the ditch would have to be removed and burnt, and the earth could possibly be dumped in the field, as the verge was rather narrow.

Next meeting

Provisionally set for Thursday, 7th November 2013 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

