

Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth
Huntingdonshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday, 16 January 2014.

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

Also present: County Councillor Julie Wisson, David Morgan, Ian Keeves, Laurence & Ingrid Broderick, Janice Poulton, Keith Drew, Shelley Frost and Charlotte Moretti

Apologies: District Councillors Richard West & Barbara Boddington.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2013:

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

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

Highways

Following a suggestion from the floor, parish councillors discussed the possibility of a convex mirror installation at the end of Vicarage Road to enable better vision of traffic coming up Gransden Road. County Councillor present advised that Highways were unlikely to agree to street furniture of this nature. John Archer to enquire with Highways, CCC.

Potholes

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways have advised they will only repair potholes if they are safety hazard the cost of which will come from their emergency funding.

Gamlingay Road Ditch

Brian Murdoch & Ian Winfield have looked at the ditch and agreed there must be a blockage but they will not send a vehicle out unless it floods the road. The drain by the Church may be partially blocked by debris following clearance of the ditch.

It was also reported that outside no: 2 Vicarage Road the drain was blocked and water was running down Gransden Road. John Archer to report to Highways.

Phillip Mapson's family have started to erect a fence and have promised to clear the large heap of debris left after clearance of the ditch.

John Archer reported that Luke Minney (the owner of the land adjoining the ditch and responsible for the clearance) had sent a personal gift of £100 to him at Christmas in recognition of the substantial support John had provided in organising

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the clearance. John proposed to share this gift with Helen Richardson but was advised that it might not be acceptable under the NALC Code of Conduct.

Public Transport

David Morgan reported on the outcome of County Council's withdrawal of subsidies for public transport. There will be two services – daily the no: 18 in the morning to Comberton where passengers can change to a bus to Cambridge with two return options late afternoon and evening.

The no: 28 will run once a week to St Neots on a Thursday, leaving 10am and returning 1pm. As this will be a small bus picking up passengers at Gamlingay before Waresley it would probably not meet the demand on a Thursday with passengers and shopping. David asked the Parish Council to write to County Hall and maybe suggest a Saturday service.

There will also be a 'demand & response' service available for residents.

These changes will take effect in April/May.

Village Square

The Parish Council has now received the new Title Plan from Land Registry which shows a new boundary around the Duncombe Arms and the piece of land in front of the pub (Village Square) is now unregistered land again. As such the risk of any future development has been eliminated.

There is a process called 'Caution Against First Registration' which Land Registry say is not strictly relevant but it does mean that should anyone try to claim ownership in future we will be informed and therefore be able to contest it.

John Archer will complete the CT1 Form and the Parish Council approved the fee of £40.00 to Land Registry to accompany this form.

The Parish Council approved the purchase of a case of wine for Hewitsons (Solicitors) for their help and advice in this matter.

Thanks were extended to John for all his efforts and hard work which has achieved a successful outcome.

Suggestions were also requested regarding improving the appearance of the Village Square – maybe flower beds & dusk to dawn bulb for the memorial.

Wildlife Trust

Chairman had received a response from Oliver Burke in which he repeated his statement that the Wildlife Trust would not allow access at the Sugley Wood entrance, unless this was open to all members of the public. As this has never been an option, and the Wildlife Trust refuses to negotiate on this issue, there was little point in having a site meeting.

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Village Hall Ceiling

Chris Thorne reported that the Village Hall Committee had received a quote for suspended ceiling but the supplier had been taken over by another Company and the quote had doubled. The Parish Council agreed to a contribution of £500. 00.

Community Infrastructure Levy

After discussion, the Parish Council decided it would administer the 15% CIL itself, should there be a development large enough to incur the charge, rather than allow the District Council to spend it on their behalf.

The CIL must be spent on local infrastructure such as streetlights, village amenities etc within 5 years of receipt and the Parish Council would have a legal obligation to prepare a report for any financial year that the CIL was received and publish it on their or the District Council's website. The Parish Council agreed that it would be able to fulfil these obligations.

Clerk to return form to Huntingdon District Council indicating this decision.

Finance:

Payments approved:

EO'n - £45. 49

Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 February 2014 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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