

PARISH COUNCIL OF WARESLEY-CUM-TETWORTH

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 25th September 2014 in Waresley Village Hall.

Parish Councillors present: Eleanor Jack (Chair), Chris Thorne, John Archer, Helen Richardson, Valerie Coleman.

Also present: Laurence, Ingrid and Oliver Broderick, Rosalind Nash, Graham and Shirley Ward, Gerry and Ann Sugars, Louise Wigan, Charmian Chapman

Apologies: District Councillors Barbara Boddington and Richard West, County Councillor Julie Wisson

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 31st July: signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

Closure of automatic rail crossings: The Tempsford crossing is scheduled to be closed, but Eleanor Jack and Julie Wisson have been unable to find any information on the alternative proposed for road traffic.

Lorry using Vicarage Rd in the early morning: it turns out that this is the egg lorry. Helen to have a word with the driver to ask him if he could slow down along Vicarage Rd in order not to disturb residents. The pothole, which was part of the problem, has been fixed.

Telephone Box: John Archer has continued to chase BT about a new door and has now been informed that 3 K6 boxes are to be replaced in Norfolk and an order has been raised requesting a door from one of these for Waresley.

Open Session:

*Ingrid Broderick mentioned the lack of light in the centre of the village, as the memorial light was not on. **John Archer to reset the timer in the Duncombe Arms, which is still set to summer daylight hours.***

*Oliver Broderick complained about branches overhanging the pavement at 2 Gamlingay Rd, which forces him off the pavement. **Parish councillors to assess the problem** but meanwhile it was suggested that Oliver contact the residents involved. Oliver also reported that the drain outside 2 Vicarage Rd is blocked again. **John Archer to follow this up with Highways.***

Laurence Broderick enquired about frequent lorry movements to Wood Farm: Helen Richardson advised him that Wood Farm was receiving topsoil from building work in Gamlingay.

Councillors' interests: no conflicts of interest were declared

Planning:

140139FUL: Home Farm: Conversion of office to residential

The Chairman said that as Home Farm was a listed building, in her view Listed Building Consent was required for this application, since the listing applied to all pre-1948 buildings within the curtilage.

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She had contacted the Planning Office, but no conservation officer was available to advise. Planning had later relayed a message that LBC was not required, as there was no structural change to the building. However Mrs Jack did not feel that this was a valid argument, as major changes were proposed to the windows and door. The windows currently consist of small panes of glass but the proposal was to replace them with glazed doors consisting of a single pane of glass. She was still awaiting a response from the conservation officer.

John Archer pointed out that the barn conversions adjacent to Home Farm had changed the windows, but Eleanor Jack said that the Tetworth barns had been split off from Home Farm before Home Farm was listed. The barns were therefore a separate unit, not part of the curtilage, and therefore not listed and so less stringent rules applied.

The council approved the application but noted that if listed building consent was required, extra consideration would have to be given to the proposal for the windows and door.

1401546FUL: Little Lodge: Erect double car port

The proposed carport, though in the same position as the previous application for a cartlodge was felt to be less intrusive in design and would be more effectively screened. A letter of support was received from Craig Safford and an objection from Sandra Garner..

The council approved the application.

Highways:

Speed reduction measures:


The Local Highway Initiative funding application for Gamlingay Rd has been submitted and is currently being assessed. If our application passes this stage, representatives of the parish council will be invited to put our case before a Members Panel in late October or early November. John Archer felt that the speeding data gave us a strong case.

John had prepared a draft application regarding Gransden Lane to be submitted by the Vicarage Rd volunteers, but while trying to get the necessary ratification from Derek Crosby, Police traffic Management Officer, Jo Mear was advised that this was not the best method to achieve the objective. Derek said that the County Council had a duty of care and should fund such a scheme entirely without a parish contribution. He promised to write a letter of support. The application was not therefore submitted. **John Archer to follow this up to see if more action is required from the Parish Council.**

Graeham Broderick had also come up with the idea of a raised area at the junction by the pub, which would slow the traffic down at the corner, but unfortunately it would not slow the traffic early enough on Gransden Lane or on Gamlingay Road and would moreover cost in the region of £20,000. Eleanor Jack suggested warning lights which flashed at school bus times and/or children signs painted on the road.

Eltisley PC: mobile traffic warning sign:

Eltisley PC has asked for the parish council's participation in a scheme to purchase a mobile speed warning sign to be shared amongst participating villages. However it was felt that security would be a major problem as there appeared to be no way of protecting the equipment from damage or theft. As we have had no difficulty in borrowing similar equipment, free of charge from the police, it was agreed that the expense could not be justified. **Chair to inform Eltisley Parish Council**


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Appointment of Parish Clerk:

As there has been no response from the village, Eleanor will approach Sylvia Sullivan, clerk of Little Gransden PC to see if she is still willing to help us out on a temporary basis.

Parish Website: Chris Thorne had a meeting in August with a website designer, who offered us the alternatives of either new sophisticated software, involving a monthly fee or a simpler freeware. The parish decided to go for the freeware and Chris will continue with this.

Finance: No invoices received since the last meeting.

AOB/ Date of the Next Meeting:

Register of community assets: Councillors discussed whether this would be an appropriate action to take to protect village amenities such as the pub and the village hall, but there are difficulties in implementing such a scheme in a small community. It was felt that this might be the subject of the next open meeting.

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan:

Chair to reply to Gamlingay Parish Council's letter to the effect that we agree with their boundaries, but would like to be consulted on any part of their plan affecting the vicinity of those boundaries eg Gamlingay/ Sugley Wood, Bridleway number 6 and the Drove Road.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 27th November 2014 at 8.00pm in Waresley Village Hall (*later brought forward to November 10th*).

W Jack 10/11/2014