

PARISH COUNCIL OF WARESLEY-CUM-TETWORTH

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 5 February 2015, 8 pm, in Waresley Village Hall.

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

Also present: County Councillor Julie Wisson, Philip Polony, Ann and Simon Ward.

Minutes taken by S Sullivan

1 Apologies for absence were accepted from District Councillor Richard West, and David Morgan. District Councillor Barbara Boddington indicated that she would be late.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 3 December, 2014 were amended, then accepted as a true record and were signed.

3 Matters Arising

Electoral Roll: EJ reported that she had submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council – she had received an acknowledgement. She understood that there would be a further round of consultation.

4 Open Session - The Chair invited members of the public to bring any matters or concerns to the attention of the Parish Council.

County Councillor Julie Wisson said that some Parish Councils had been sent a consultation document about out of hours doctors services and the 111 service – the deadline for response had been extended to 6 March: a meeting would be held on 11 March in March town hall. The consultation could be completed on line.

So far as local issues were concerned, the Waresley Road/Gransden Lane was to be resurfaced and would be shut. The work was due to be carried out before July.

On traffic issues, Eltisle Parish Council might have been in touch regarding speed cameras (EJ confirmed that this was so).

The determination of consent order for the A14 road scheme had been accepted by the Government. Any comments needed to be registered now. The scheme was due to start at the end of 2017 and finished in 2019. In anticipation of the potential effects on A1 and A428 traffic, work was due on these roads beforehand.

The Open Session was closed.

5 Councillors' Interests – 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

6 Planning:

Signature

EJ

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1401906FUL Wisteria Cottage, Vicarage Road The Chair adjourned the meeting while Councillors considered revised plans. When the meeting was reopened, it was noted that a letter of objection had been copied to the Parish Council. Councillors felt that the applicants had made significant compromises to meet the objections. They recommended APPROVAL, with the comment that a should the planning officer continue to disagree with the Parish Council, a formal request should be made that this application should be considered by the Planning Committee.

Local Development Plan Briefing on 2 February. Eleanor Jack reported that she and John Archer had attended this meeting on what was planned for Huntingdonshire up to 2036. Huntingdonshire had a predicted growth in population of 18% by 2031. Major areas for housing development had been identified. There was no mention of Waresley-cum-Tetworth. Responses had to be completed on line by the Chairman or Clerk. Members of the public would have to make their views known through the Parish Council. ACTION: For discussion next Parish Council meeting. EJ to circulate hard copy of initial documents to Councillors.

District Councillor Boddington arrived at 8.45 pm and was invited to report. She said that she had emailed information about: Littering from Vehicles; changes to affordable housing requirements and agreements; the drains in Manor Farm Road were due to be repaired. The Council was busy with budgets; the total size of the community chest had been increased to £60,000 and could be accessed for purchase on items such as defibrillators.

7 Highways

Traffic Calming Measures – Minor Roads Improvements bid. Eleanor Jack reported that the Parish Council's bid had not been unsuccessful. This was very disappointing after the amount of work that had gone into it. The Council could reapply in 2015/16.

Gransden Road Traffic Calming John Archer reported that this had still not been addressed. It was felt that there might now be financial support available from the Precept as the other bid had not been successful. ACTION: JA and EJ to meet with Jo Mear and invite members of the Vicarage Road Group to the next Parish Council meeting. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

8 Streetlights It was noted that the light outside The Studio in Manor Farm Road was not working. EJ had also received a statement from National Power regarding an inventory of unmetered supplies. ACTION: Clerk to write to maintenance contractors, requesting them to quote for checking all street lights, cleaning glass, and ensuring that they were fitted with a switch that enabled them to start automatically at dusk, and a timer that switched them off at midnight. In addition, on acceptance of quotation, they should repair out of order street light on the same visit, in order not to incur two call out charges.

9 Renovation of Telephone Box John Archer reported that the telephone box would be repainted – a works order had been raised for the work to be carried out between March and October. ACTION: JA to check any progress in July.

10= Parish Planting Eleanor Jack read out a report from David Morgan, Parish Council Tree Officer, that trees and hedging had been received and planting had been carried out. The Parish Council recognised the huge amount of hard work carried out by David Morgan and other volunteer and formally thanked David Morgan and Bridget Halford, the Landscape Officer and Tree Warden Coordinator for their efforts.

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EJ

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11 Parish website ACTION: All Councillors to submit photos and relevant information as soon as possible to Andy. Eleanor Jack to submit history. To be brought forward to next meeting.

12 Finance: Eleanor Jack reported that she had written to the bank three times about change of address and signatories.

Payments: E-ON (streetlighting) £45.49 Proposed by Chris Thorne, seconded by Valerie Coleman.

13 AOB John Archer had circulated a draft of a letter to the Head of Planning regarding consultation over tree works. The letter was approved by the Parish Council.

14 Date of the Next Meeting Tuesday, 10 March 2015, 8.00 pm, Waresley Village Hall

Meeting closed 9.20 pm

Signature



10/3/2015

Date