

**Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth**  
**Huntingdonshire**

**Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting of the Parish Council**  
held in the Waresley Village Hall following the Parish Council AGM on  
Thursday, 5 June 2014.

**Parish Councillors present:** Eleanor Jack (Chairman), Chris Thorne, John Archer, Helen Richardson, Val Coleman and the clerk Geraldine Fensome.

**Also present:** Leon Coleman, John Howkins, Janet & Dennis Tevan, Diana Taine, Louise Wigan, Mel Childs, Charles & Jo Mear & Shelley Lipman. County Councillor Julie Wisson, District Councillor Barbara Boddington – arrived at 8.30pm.

**Apologies:** District Councillor Richard West

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013:** These were read and signed as a true and correct record

**Matters Arising:**

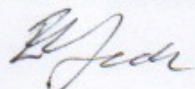
**Wildlife Trust: Access to Sugley/Gamlingay Wood from the Avenue**  
After almost a year, a site meeting was finally arranged between Oliver Burke and Matt Hamilton of the Wildlife Trust and parish councillors Eleanor Jack and Tony Daniels, at which Eleanor and Tony were able to make a number of suggestions which would enable access from Waresley. After more than a month, we still await their decision but their stance until now has been that no access could be allowed from the Avenue, unless the Avenue itself was open to the general public. As this has never been a possibility, it is regrettable that the Trust did not make this condition clear when they attended our previous open meeting in May 2013.

**Ivy in Old Churchyard**

This has been treated and Chris Thorne reported that the wall has not been damaged as yet.

**District and County Councillor's report:**

Barbara Boddington advised that she had relinquished her post as Chairman of Huntingdon District Council and is now taking up the

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position of Chairman of Planning. Barbara also suggested that Parish Councillors should visit HDC to get an idea of how the Council operates. Julie Wisson advised that the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon is now a registered charity but it does need local support. Julie also mentioned that Cambridgeshire County Council is inviting applications from communities for the Local Highway Improvement Initiative, the level of funding for the initiative is subject to budget approval but in previous years the Countywide budget has been in the region of £500,000.

#### **Chairman's report:**

The chairman reported on the Council's achievements over the past year as attached Report.

#### **Financial Report**

A financial statement for year ended 31/3/2014 was circulated – copy attached.

#### **Highways – Traffic Calming**

There was a large turnout from the village and the main concerns were the speed of traffic coming into the village along the B1040 from Gamlingay and the speed of traffic coming up the Gransden Road past the Village Square. This latter is especially a problem, because cars coming out of Vicarage Road have no visibility down Gransden Lane, but – much more important- children getting off the various school buses which stop outside the Duncombe Arms have to cross to Vicarage Road without being able to see if anything is coming. A petition was presented to the Parish Council regarding this with various suggestions which may help reduce speed.

It was agreed that speed bumps or chicanes were not an option on Gransden Lane, but possibly an image on the road– or a picture of children crossing – on the Gransden Road coming up to the junction- might alert drivers to the problem. On Gamlingay Road, it was clear that no-one wanted speed bumps, but that a chicane, if sited between the Avenue and the houses could be an option.

Nothing can be achieved without agreement from Highways, so a meeting with Highways management is to be arranged. Also funding is unlikely to be available for any scheme unless the community is prepared to fund a proportion of the costs itself and the recent Local Highway Initiative from the County Council does seem the best chance of getting anything done. To have any success with this, we need

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statistics to prove that there is a problem and these are best acquired through Speed Watch.

For Speed Watch, residents, after police training, work in pairs to monitor traffic speeds and record the license numbers of speeding cars. Volunteers are needed for Speed Watch, to sign up for training. Also it was agreed that a Traffic Support Group needs to be organised and a show of hands indicated residents would be willing to volunteer.

**Any other business:** None raised

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

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