

Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2015, 8pm, Waresley Village Hall

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

Also present: District Councillor Barbara Boddington, Ingrid Broderick

Minutes taken by S Sullivan

2015

15 Apologies for absence were accepted from Parish Councillor Chris Thorne, District Councillor Richard West and County Councillor Julie Wisson

16 Minutes from meeting of 5 February 2015 were agreed as a true record and were signed.

17 Matters Arising

Planning – Wisteria Cottage – it appeared that no decision had been reached – B Boddington undertook to check

Telephone Box – work was not expected to start until later in the year.

Parish Planting – the hedge at paddock along Gamlingay Rd had been planted.

Tree works – there had been no reply to J Archer's letter regarding tree works.

18 Open Session

The Chair invited contributions from the floor.

Councillor Boddington reported as follows. She had attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting. The site for the proposed roundabout at Offord would be reconsidered. The District Council was about to inform residents that District Council tax would not be raised. The County Council tax would be raised by 1.99%, Budgets were currently being worked on. The next steps regarding the A428 road would be the publication of the delivery plan by the Highways Agency. The community Chest would be doubled to £60,000, which would allow many parishes to apply for grants towards the purchase of defibrillators.

There being no further matters to be raised, the Chair closed the Open Session.

19 Councillors' Interests

Councillors' declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda items.

None.

20 Local Development Plan

Councillors had examined the plan and agreed that it was a very thorough and all-encompassing document and that in principle they agreed with much of its content. In contrast to the statement in the minutes of 5 February, they noted that Waresley was

indeed mentioned – as 'a small settlement'. ACTION: E Jack to draft response, expressing views on the impact of proposed development East of St Neots on traffic on the A428 and B1040 roads, and the need for the A428 programme to consider the B1040 junction; the A428 proposals did not take account of Wyton on the Hill; development outside the LDP area but in the neighbouring village of Gamlingay would also have an effect on traffic through the village on the B1040 road; the Parish Council supported the policy of redeveloping brownfield sites; the Parish Council felt that the policy on housing for rural workers was open to abuse. The draft response would be circulated to councillors before submission on-line by 20 March.

21 Planning:

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

22 Highways

Gransden Road Traffic Calming – to be brought forward to next meeting. ACTION: J Archer.

Litter picking – It was noted that fly-tipping on verges and entrances to public rights of way could be reported on line. A date for picking up litter from the Village was set for Sunday 29 March. Sticks, gloves, bags and Hi-Viz jackets would be obtained from the District Council. Volunteers to be informed. ACTION: E Jack to organise; J Archer to receive equipment.

23 Streetlights

E Jack reported that she had received an estimate over the telephone from Maurice at K&M Lighting of about £65 per light to clean and to fit with photo cell/time switches. ACTION: J Archer to check which if any lights turned off automatically at 12 pm; to bring forward to next meeting.

24 Parish website

E Jack reported that she had spoken to Andy, the Webmaster, and that she had scanned most of the minutes for the past year. All councillors had sent details to him.

25 Finance:

Payments: payment to S Sullivan for temporary clerking services to 31 March 2015 (5 x £75) £375.00 APPROVED: Proposed by J Archer, seconded by V Coleman.

Barclays Bank – banking arrangements. E Jack reported that the new arrangements should now be in place.

VAT had not been reclaimed for a while. ACTION: Clerk

26 New Model Financial Regulations

E Jack had circulated. ACTION: All Councillors to read before considering whether to adopt them at the next meeting

27 AOB None

28 Date of the Next Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th May, at 8 pm in the Village Hall. ACTION: Clerk to book hall

Meeting closed 9.35 pm