

# Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth

Minutes of Meeting Monday 28 September 2020

Held at online via Zoom 8.00pm

**Present:** Councillors Eleanor Jack, Jonathan Lawton John Archer, Richard Jerman & Malcolm Gordon.

**In attendance:** County Councillor Julie Wisson & District Councillor Richard West.

**Minutes:** Rod Kerr (Clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Richard Price

**Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests.** None declared.

**Minutes of parish council meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.**

These were read by the councilors prior to the meeting & signed as a true & correct record by Chairman Eleanor Jack.

**Matters arising not on the agenda.**

Dorothy Leach has been contacted by East-West Railway for permission to gain access to the Avenue. Ben Griggs from Waresley Park has not had any contact from them.

Reports from County & District Councillors:

District Councillor Richard West has concerns about the proposed reforms to the planning system – it is based on algorithms and numbers rather than the suitability of places. Hunts DC have had a group meeting and made their feelings known to the government.

County Councillor Julie Wisson did not have anything to add but shared concerns regarding the planning reforms.

**PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 20/01569/S73  
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/00351/FUL  
Woodfield Farm, Gamlingay Road Waresley Sandy SG19 3DB:**

The councillors unanimously agreed to APPROVE the application. The councillors did ask for it to be noted that in future, variations of plans should be clearer and the differences between the original & amended plans be shown specifically with more explanation needed. In this case, it was hard to tell what had been changed from the original plans.

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## Accounts 2019/20

- a. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment
- b. Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.
- c. Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies.
- d. Review of effectiveness of the system of internal control
- e. To consider findings of the review
- f. Resolution: to approve the Annual Governance Statement
- g. Finance and adoption of accounts
  - I. To consider accounting statements
  - II. Resolution: To approve the Statement of Accounts for 19/20
  - III. To note inspection period to be advertised
  - IV. To appoint internal auditor for 20/21

The councillors reviewed the annual governance statement, the annual statement of accounts, the inventory and risk assessment as detailed above and agreed to approve them all. Regarding memberships, Councillor Jack said she was a member of the CPRE while councillors Jerman & Gordon confirmed that they are both committee members and trustees of the Village Hall. LGS had already been approved as internal auditors.

## Finances

### Payments –Approval of following payments

- i. R Kerr – Clerking Services £180.00
- ii. HMRC – PAYE £45.00
- iii. Website Hosting Fee (payable to R Kerr) £30.00
- iv. K & M Lighting – annual contract £237.12

The approval of these payments were proposed by Councillor Archer & Seconded by Councillor Lawton and confirmed unanimously.

### Consultation- Planning for the future consultation to reform the planning system:

The councillors discussed the proposals on the government White Paper – the most concerning issue was the use of one size fits all algorithms. There were worries that large numbers of additional housing would be foisted on districts after local plans had already been agreed. This policy would work against rural areas. The plans are trying to make the process easier for small builders.

The councillors thought the government should be trusting local councils to decide where best to put housing. It was agreed that Councillor Jack will draft a response to the proposals and circulate them round the other councillors before submitting it.

**Consideration of future Parish Council Meetings being held in the Village Hall & date of next meeting- update.**

A number of the councillors were keen to get back to face to face meetings as soon as possible. It was agreed to set a provisional date of Thursday 19 November at 8pm in the Village Hall (if permitted). This was later changed to Thursday 26 November.

**AOB**

Councillor Gordon noted that a number of the self adhesive letters on the signs in the village were becoming detached, mainly the south facing ones. Councillor Archer said Highways become involved if the sign becomes misleading. It was agreed to advise Highways as soon as this happens.

The timer on the light on the Jubilee Lamp has been interfered with again. Councillor Archer will check this and reset and put a cover over the timer so it cannot be touched in the future. Some of the lamp posts around the village need to be repainted black. – this is a job for the future.

The meeting was declared closed at 20.52.

*Jack* 26 Nov 2020