

Parish Council of Waresley-cum-Tetworth
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 22 May 2025,
8.45pm Waresley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Richard Jerman, Eleanor Jack, Malcolm Gordon & Jon Hutton.
Also present were County Councillor Sarah Caine, Nete Brogaard, Craig Safford,
Wendy Phillips, Mark Ponder & Rod Kerr

Apologies for absence. Councillor Josh Morris-Lowe & District Councillor James Catmur.

Election of chairman Councillor Jerman was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Jack & Seconded by Councillor Gordon & elected.

Councillor Jack was proposed as Vice – Chair by Councillor Gordon & Seconded by Councillor Jerman and elected. They both signed the declaration of acceptance of office as did newly co-opted Councillor Jon Hutton.

Register of interests – this has been reviewed and there were no changes from last year.

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interests - None recorded

To appoint parish council representatives to other bodies and responsibilities

- **David Morgan was reappointed as Tree Warden**
- **Richard Jerman was reappointed as Village Hall Representative**
- **It was decided not appoint a Little Gransden Airfield representative at this stage – Councillors will attend if required.**
- **A Responsible Financial Officer is needed – the clerk is unable to undertake this role due to his employment with HMRC. It was suggested we contact Chris Bloss, Julian Badcock or David Taine to see if they would take the role on.**

Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment. The inventory was reviewed and the MVAS unit was added.

Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks. The insurance was reviewed and confirmed sufficient – the clerk will check if the MVAS unit will increase the cost of the cover.

Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies. The memberships were reviewed, and none were considered prejudicial to the running of the council.

The rest of the Governance Procedures will be completed at the next meeting in June.

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 10 April 2025 were approved and signed.

Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: The Willow Farm planning application has been approved by tilted balance – has to be started within 2 years & it has to be a self-build. It cannot be sold as a plot with planning permission.

- Councillor Jerman has contacted the potential purchaser of the Duncombe Arms, he said it was moving forward but very slowly – it should be completed shortly.
- There was an error in our narrative response to the application at Long Furlong Farm – the missing “not” was corrected.
- Permissive path at Waresley Park – Councillor Jerman was to contact Ben Griggs about the possibility of creating an access – he will contact him.

Highways Matters:

Updates from recent correspondence & meetings with highways officer. Councilor Jerman went through various things during the last visit – the potholes on the back road to Abbotsley were marked up and will be done on 4 June. Faded markings will be repainted. A dropped kerb at The Square & a chicane were mentioned and suggested to be included a future LHR bid. Wear & teat on the main road – especially at the Garden Centre – will be repaired - an overnight road closure will be necessary. Photos of the accident of 28 February will be used as evidence in future bids.

Jubilee Lamp Repairs:

A new panel has been installed & is looking good. The final bit of work is further conservation work on the rest of the monument. It is to be cleaned by a Specialist conservator Matthew Beazley. Councillor Jack was thanked for her efforts.

Finance:

Enquiries are still ongoing regarding a new bank account. The Clerk will discuss this with the RFO at Toseland Parish Council

The meeting noted receipt of the Precept of £6600

The following payments were approved - proposed by Councillor Jack & Seconded by Councillor Jerman:

- Zurich Municipal Insurance: £297.70
- Clerking Services. £60.00
- PAYE £15.00

AOB : Councillor Gordon said the village planters have been painted and replanted – money from disbanded Waresley Gardening Club(£55) – went towards this – thanks to Ingrid Sims for this. The helpers were thanked as was Craig Safford for strimming the grass around them and the benches.

Google – Councillor Caine has a Google contact who may be able to help with diverting the Sat Nav directions through the village – she will liaise with Councillor Hutton.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 26 June 2025