

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

**Minutes of meeting Thursday 19 January 2017, 8pm,  
Waresley Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors E Jack (Chair), C Thorne, J Lawton, H Richardson  
In attendance: District Councillor R West, County Councillor J Wisson, Louise Wigan, Diana and David Taine, Ann Dugdale, Gerry Sugars, Jim Keys (Treasurer, Waresley Cricket Club), Gareth Thomas (President, Waresley Cricket Club), Phill Masdin (Secretary, Waresley Cricket Club), Ian Jack

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1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor J Archer and District Councillor B Boddington.
2. **Minutes of parish council meeting on 17 November 2016** were read out by Councillor Thorne. They were amended, then APPROVED and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**  
Item 126d Rural Services Survey The Survey had been completed.  
Item 127a 16/02362/HHFUL Hollybank, Eltisley Road, Waresley. It was noted that this application had been approved by the District Council.
4. **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests** J Lawton declared an interest in Item 7a; E Jack declared an interest in Item 9.
5. **Open Session** R West reported that the tree warden's services had been granted a six-month extension until September. This would enable a review of the service to provide a tree strategy for the area five-year plan to be implemented. He would be part of a working group formed – the first meeting would be on 30 January, to discuss planning and operations. The five-year plan would be relaunched in March. Councillor West thanked the Parish Council for help and support in this issue. He trusted that Daniel Buckridge's letter regarding Assets of Community Value had been helpful advice.  
County Councillor J Wisson reported that the Council had been in discussion with Network Rail about the level crossing at Offord; the winter gritting programme on the roads had been reinstated.  
It was noted that the waste bin collection day was due to change and would be advised in February.
6. **Consultations and procedures** None.
7. **Planning:**
  - a) Waresley Cottage Eltisley Road Waresley (ref 16/02575/HHFUL) The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL – the application would have no visual impact and improve a derelict area of the property. Proposed by Councillor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Richardson.
  - b) Tetworth Hall Tetworth Hall Estate Road Tetworth (ref 16/02637/LBC). The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL Proposed by Councillor Lawton, seconded by Councillor Thorne.
8. **Duncombe Arms** The public house had recently been offered for sale on the open market. E Jack had sought advice from Daniel Buckridge at Huntingdonshire District Council. It was AGREED to nominate the pub as an Asset of Community Value, in the hope of ensuring that it remained as a public house, which in recent times had been a thriving

- business. Proposed by Councillor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Richardson. ACTION: E Jack to process form as a matter of urgency.
9. **Cricket Club** Representatives of the Cricket Club were invited to speak to the meeting. Mr Keys (Treasurer) explained that planning permission had been given for a much-needed extension and improvement to the facilities – the club had grown considerably in numbers, particularly its youth membership. The building would require a major fund-raising effort and, it was hoped, grant-aid from Sport England, the Cricket Club was keen to obtain evidence of support from the local community, including the Parish Council. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would write a letter of support to the Cricket Club. The project would also be a subject for discussion at the Parish Council’s annual meeting (date to be advised). ACTION: Clerk to draft letter.
  10. **Highways – Road Safety** (Brought forward from previous meeting.) J Archer had sent a report regarding horse & rider signs, road markings and drains. Councillors expressed continued concern for road safety. It was AGREED to apply for horse & rider signs on the B1040. It was also AGREED to request that the road markings be renewed at the entrances to the village and down the hill outside the village hall. ACTION: Clerk to draft letters.
  11. **Cast iron road sign – repairs and insurance claim** Mr Colin Croot was thanked for facilitating the repairs. The sign had yet to be repainted owing to prevailing freezing weather. The insurance company had queried the claim with the Clerk who had replied but to date had heard nothing further. Councillors noted that costs for repainting might increase the claim. ACTION: Clerk to pursue.
  12. **Tree Warden Scheme** It was noted that Councillor West had addressed this in his report. Councillors were pleased at the news that the service had been extended for six months.  
(Councillor West left the meeting.)
  13. **Milestone repainting** Councillor Jack reported that freezing weather conditions had prevented the work being carried out so far.
  14. **Annual checks – to decide who will do risk assessment and check of assets** ACTION: E Jack would forward registers to councillors – to be completed by next meeting.
  15. **Finance –**  
**Payments:** Payments were APPROVED as follows: Clerking services October, November and December (cheque no 502) £227.25; E-ON (electricity) (cheque no 504) £65.67; Clerk’s expenses (stationery) (cheque no 503) £10.28. Proposed by Councillor Lawton, seconded by Councillor Thorne
  16. **Parish Council record keeping – filing cabinet** It was AGREED to move planning applications to the new cabinet. ACTION: Clerk and E Jack to liaise.
  17. **To decide who will provide summary of meeting for Roundabout.** E Jack volunteered.
  18. **Date of the Next Meeting** Thursday, 16 March, 8 p.m., Village Hall (to be confirmed). ACTION: Clerk to book hall.

Meeting closed 9.40 p.m.

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