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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

**TUESDAY 6TH JUNE**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017**

**Meeting starts at - 7:30 pm**

Light refreshments\* will be available upon arrival in the entrance reception area from 7:15 pm  
i.e. before the start of the meeting and there will be no interval break.

### AGENDA

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME - Vince Moon ( including Apologies for Absence )**
2. **To receive and approve the MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016.**
3. **OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS ( written and/or verbal as appropriate )**
  - 3.1 **CHAIR ( Vince Moon ) ;**
  - 3.2 **HONORARY SECRETARY ( Geoff Smith / Sally Weald ) ;**
  - 3.3 **HONORARY TREASURER ( Geoff Smith )**
  - 3.4 **CHAIR OF PLANNING ( Alan Smith )**
  - 3.5 **CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT GROUP ( Roger Proudfoot )**
4. **ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS**

THERE ARE 10 ELECTED POSITIONS ON OUR COUNCIL - SEE DETAILS ON THE SEPARATE SHEET PROVIDED.  
Those of the existing members seeking re-election/consolidation have received Council support as well as an individual nomination from Ms Sally Weald. Any other nominations must have been submitted on the official form and in the possession of the Chairman or Secretary by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.  
THE CO-OPTED MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED ANNUALLY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NOT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.  
[ NB - THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL CO-OPTED PLACES WAS INCREASED TO A MAXIMUM OF 6 AT THE 2007 AGM AND NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED ].  
OUR WARD COUNCILLORS ARE AUTOMATICALLY INSTALLED AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
5. **ANNUAL AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

It is anticipated that these will include the following :

  - 5.1 **THE WERRINGTON AWARD**
  - 5.2 **THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD**
  - 5.3 **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS (2)**
  - 5.4 **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS (2)**
  - 5.5 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD**
  - 5.6 **ENVIRONMENT AWARD**
6. **GUEST SPEAKERS :**

**WERRINGTON BROOK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**  
**ROB PRICE ( ENVIRONMENT AGENCY )**

**WERRINGTON GRADE SEPARATION WORKS**  
**DAVID VERNON ( NETWORK RAIL )**
7. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ( and not covered under earlier agenda items )**

Matters to be considered under this item must be received by the Secretary by no later than 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and may be included only at the discretion of the Chairman.

**PLEASE NOTE :** It is intended that this meeting will end at 9:30 pm in order to vacate the hall by 10 pm. The award winners may leave after the presentations have been completed if they so wish ( agenda item 5 refers ) .



## CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

### 2017

#### VINCE MOON WRITES .....

Before giving my take on the year so far and the challenges that lie ahead I think it is important to acknowledge the tremendous contribution that my predecessor, David Hedges made in his work for the people of Werrington. David ably applied his many talents and skills and gave freely of considerable amounts of his time to numerous tasks in the service of the community over several years. It is a sad loss that he finally decided that it was time for him to step down, although I appreciate his reasons for doing this.

He is a hard act to follow and Werrington has been extremely fortunate in having many very able leaders over the years from Alfred Savage, the first Chair, onwards. That Werrington is a great place to live is in no small part down to the efforts of the many Neighbourhood Councillors over the last forty plus years. It was therefore with some trepidation that I eventually put myself forward to fill the position. I had been Vice Chair for a few years and fulfilled a holding role for some months. However when it was clear that the Council needed someone to fill this role I decided to act, although I've always made it clear that I am happy to step aside if a more qualified applicant appears in the future.

There has been much to be celebrate in the last few months. Here are just a few examples: Our superbly refurbished village sign makes a proud and impressive centre piece to the village. The excellent environmental improvements to the Werrington Brook and to the lake in Cuckoo's Hollow has really enhanced these features as well as aiding wildlife and the other natural aspects of them. Our Drop-in events are proving increasingly popular and are providing valuable information and community feedback for ourselves and our City Councillors. It was also great to see Geoff Smith's 27 years of service to our Council and the community recognised by a Civic Award. Alan Smith has also continued to do sterling work on planning matters and in our strategy group. Well done to Roger Proudfoot for his many efforts with our Environment Group. Last and no means least, the secretarial input from Sally Weald after joining the Council has already made a significant difference to our Council's ability to serve its residents.

So a good deal has gone well. Even so there are also major challenges on the horizon for the Community. The proposed rail developments in Werrington are an issue of concern for many of our residents. The community asset transfer policy of the City Council also means that we can no longer assume that we can continue to enjoy the assistance in funding of these facilities that was previously available. If alternative solutions cannot be found there is a real danger that we could lose some of these facilities. Likewise Werrington Neighbourhood Council (WNC) is rapidly running out of funds following the loss of our grant some years ago. To lose this tier of representation will be a major loss to the area. We are therefore trying to obtain funding so that we can inform the local population about the options and conduct a community consultation in the coming year to produce a final answer about how people feel about this issue. Basically we have 3 choices – to disappear completely, to find a new way of funding WNC that does not compromise its position of impartiality, or to establish a legally recognised Parish/Community Council. It will be vital to have a significantly large response if either of the last two options are to be pursued.

In closing I would like to my express my thanks to all my fellow Neighbourhood Councillors and to our Werrington Ward City Councillors for their attendance at meetings together with the other forms of support that they have given to WNC over the past year.

*Vince Moon*

CHAIR

# Werrington neighbourhood council

**MINUTES**

..... over 40 years serving the Residents of Werrington

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WERRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2016

**PRESENT** - David Hedges, Vince Moon, Geoff Smith, Pauline Fury, Alan Smith, Martin Greaves, Lawrence Wright and residents of Werrington.

**WARD COUNCILLORS** -

**GUESTS** - Paula Thacker MBE, and the Award Winners with their family/friends.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** : Mick and Lynda Mead\*, Cllr John Fox\*, Cllr Judy Fox\*, Cllr Andrew Bond, Ivan Hammond\* Kay Molyneux, Bill Mercer and the local police representatives. [ All of those shown thus \* are on holiday ]

MEETING COMMENCED AT 7:35 PM

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME ( including Apologies for Absence )** David Hedges welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies for absence were received and noted ( as above ). David thanked Geoff, Vince and Alan for their hard work and support throughout the year and his full report followed later.
2. **MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015** - were received and approved. Proposed by Paula Thacker and seconded by Martin Greaves
3. **ANNUAL AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**
  - 3.1 **THE WERRINGTON AWARD 1 - JANET ( JAN ) DEVINE**  
Presented posthumously to Jan's family and accepted by her daughter Anne Anton. Jan had been a member of WNC for about five years since 2002 and continued to help with refreshments for our AGMs. She had also worked with other local organisations for which she was remembered with a great deal of affection. A donation will also be made in her memory to Railworld.
  - 3.2 **THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD**  
Presented to student representatives from Ken Stimpson Community School together with their tutor in recognition of their fundraising efforts in securing £2,629 for Sports Relief.
  - 3.3 **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD(S)**  
Presented to Paula Thacker MBE in recognition of her services to our community and the continuous support given to the WNC over her time in office - Paula was the elected Councillor for South Ward for nine years
  - 3.4 **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS**  
Three awards were presented in this category, namely :
    - 3.4.1 The first award was presented to twins **Lewis and Nathan Taylor and Connor Morton** for their work in litter-picking every week in Werrington for just over a year initially as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme but have continued to do it even though they had completed the required amount of their DofE Award time. They were nominated by Cllr Judy Fox.
    - 3.4.2 The second award goes to **Maggie Mooney and Sheridan Gaunt**, who unfortunately were unable to be present. The two Werrington residents have run an annual charity ball for the last five years raising nearly £40,000 towards Addenbrookes Liver Unit. They will be presented at a later date . Nominated by the Werrington Ward Councillors.
    - 3.4.3 The third award goes to **Jacqueline Weaver**, who unfortunately was also unable to be present. This lady has been the manager at Noah's Ark Play Group at Loxley for 25 years - this presentation also to be made at a later date . Nominated by Cllr John Fox.
  - 3.5 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD**  
This award was presented to **Ken Stimpson Community School - Legacy Young Enterprise Team**. They had won the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire schools enterprise competition and are now in the Regional finals. This was the third year an Enterprise Team from the School had won locally.

**3.6 THE WERRINGTON AWARD 2 - DAVID HEDGES**

Presented to **David** in recognition of all his hard work both for the community and the WNC, and in particular as recognition for his seven years as our Chairman.

Geoff took photographs of all of those attending copies of which will be forwarded to the recipients in due course.

**4. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS**

**4.1 CHAIRMAN** - David Hedges presented his written report and in so doing stated that he would be standing-down as the Chairman but wished to be re-selected as an elected member. See full report in the appendices to these minutes.

**4.2 HONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Geoff Smith had circulated his annual report and also that of the year's financial statement and thanked Richard Collingridge for once again auditing our accounts. He stated that at the earliest convenient time he would be standing down as the Secretary of the WNC but was seeking re-election as a member and is happy to continue in the Treasurer's role for the immediate future. Questions on the accounts were invited but none received and they were duly approved. See full report in the appendices to these minutes.

**4.3 CHAIR OF PLANNING** - Alan Smith had provided a written report on highlights of the year featuring planning matters effecting Werrington, these were as follows :

**Proposals to convert the former school sports pitch off Brookside to a 3G artificial floodlit pitch and to use it intensely weekends and evenings.** This proposal was of great concern to residents fronting the site and they led the objections. It went to Planning Committee where we all objected but it was granted consent subject to an hours condition. This condition apparently made the proposal unviable and in spite of a subsequent appeal to Committee to allow later evening usage it was upheld by the committee and the proposal has been dropped. In February a **new Local Plan for the City** was commenced and representations invited. We submitted representations on the Spatial Strategy which is unchanged and which we support. However we did stress the importance of having regard to the long-term health of Werrington Centre. In respect of transport policy we suggested there needed to be strong attractive radial routes for cyclist and mobility scooters into the City centre. We also made representations regarding green spaces and wedges. We asked that the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan for Werrington should be listed as a potential scheme. There was an application for a **2-bed bungalow in the garden of 1371 Lincoln Rd.** We objected, as did former Councillor Thacker and it has been refused.

**Other applications** of note we have commented on included tree works at various locations, a change of use to **Werrington Police Station** ( pending decision ), **additional medical facilities at the rear of 90 Church St.** (Pharmacist), replacement windows on protected properties and a renewal of the consent for a **new dwelling at the rear of 46 Church St.** **The most significant current application** is not in the old Werrington Wards but will have an impact on Werrington. This is an application to replace the current large warehouse ( former Kiddicare store ) on the old Lincoln Road next to Mancetter sq. with a **2,460 m sq. Lidl store and 130 car parking spaces.** A representative from Lidl made a presentation to us and said that their public consultation had shown over whelming support for the proposal. In response to our concerns about the impact of such a store on the Tesco at the core of the Werrington Centre, he said that the impact would be minimal, as the store would draw more from the stores to the south on the main Lincoln Road. In our submission to the Planning Department we asked them to have particular regard to this and also the impact of lorries waiting to deliver to the adjacent factory. We also asked that pedestrian and cycle access to the store be improved. Bus access from the catchment area is not good and although there is an underpass under the dual carriageway giving a route to Werrington Village and new Werrington, it had a serious weakness in terms of the crossing of the bottom end of Lincoln Road Werrington. We asked for a formal crossing and access to the existing cycleway going towards the residential areas to the east; and consideration that this could be used to slow traffic to 20mph entering the village from the south.

**Anniversary Park Proposals** - We have to report that no progress has been made on this scheme during the year. Ken Stimpson School was pressured by OFSTED to strengthen the security of the school given the unsupervised access to the public library while the school was in use. We met with the City Council to discuss using the park as the main route to the library, constructing a path across the green area and then fencing off the access to the library from the school. However that idea was not accepted perhaps in part because it did not address the access there was to the school with out going into reception. New additional fencing was erected which closed this off with out stopping people reaching the access to the library. This pathway to the library has been kept wide and has not shut the library away anymore than was the case before. It could be seen as an enhancement as it makes a more definitive route to the library. This issue discouraged us from progressing the scheme, and the uncertainty as to whether we would be seeking to have a Parish Council that would be in a stronger position to progress it and be the responsible organisation, continued to over shadow the project. Doing something on this site to commemorate the 40 years of WNC remains a prospect and as the tops of the planted daffodils are cleared away for another year we need to consider how best to respond to the changing physical and organisational position we are now in.

4.4 OTHER REPORTS - there were no other reports presented.

**5. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS**

The following people were elected onto the Council for a further two year term of office :

**VINCE MOON, GEOFF SMITH, BILL MERCER and PAULINE FURY. ROGER PROUDFOOT was elected as a new member. No other nominations were received.**

Proposed by : Martin Greaves. Seconded by : Lawrence Wright.

David welcomed Roger to the WNC and said his Environment Agency experience would be very welcomed. He hoped he might become Chair of the Environment Committee ( currently vacant ) in due course and hopefully co-opt one of his members. David also thanked the Chairs of the Committees for their hard work throughout the year.

**6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

PROPOSAL - as ratified under item 2.2 at the Full Council meeting held on Monday 16th May 2016 :

***" The Area of Benefit shall be that of the Werrington Ward of Peterborough City Council and those parts of Gunthorpe Ward that formed the previous South Ward area of Werrington - see plan on Page 4 hereof.***

REASON : To update our Constitution to accord with the latest boundary changes made by Peterborough City Council.

Proposed : Paula Thacker Seconded : Lawrence Wright

AGREED unanimously

**A SHORT COMFORT BREAK OF 10 MINUTES WAS TAKEN AT THIS POINT IN THE PROCEEDINGS**

**7. THE WERRINGTON DEBATE**

An open discussion on " THE FUTURE OF GRASS ROOTS REPRESENTATION IN WERRINGTON " then took place.

David opened the debate by reporting that the WNC is now unfunded and there are no new members willing to come forward. Young people don't seem to be interested, or haven't the time, in helping in our groups. The question was put " Do we have a Parish Council ? " A concerted effort had been made to find out with 80 letters and a survey having been sent out to local groups and businesses inviting feedback on the idea but only five replies had been returned. Geoff reminded those present that it was essential that we soon make progress on laying suitable financial foundations if we are to remain as the WNC because funds will be exhausted in the next couple of years.

Discussion then took place about whether a Parish Council would become political, could the WNC do fundraising, could donations be sought, - noted that Tesco have a community fund but it was felt that this may result in the WNC being compromised in some way Other comments were "do we need another tier of community involvement between PCC and the local ward councillors ". It was also noted that if we end up with a Parish Council then the precept is not capped unlike the Council Tax. Youth council or School Student Council involvement was queried . Would it be possible to make another approach to PCC for funding but it was considered that this would not now be possible and therefore unlikely. It was suggested that future agenda items may be added to Council agendas so that local people may come along to discuss problems.

**Members considered that this debate had proved valuable and that there was a degree of positivity prevailing but that matters were getting ever more serious with regard to our future sustainability and ability to be there for our community .**

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

It was noted that the local Parish Church is conducting a survey about supporting the local community.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:28 PM .

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**AGENDA ITEM 4.1**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4.2**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**



David Hedges reported :

A comparatively short report this year as we continue to feel the effects of losing our grant from the City Council as a result of general cut-backs.

Sadly, much of what had been achieved in the past, particularly in relation to the environment, is no longer possible and we hope that solutions will be found in the near future.

Much has been done on the planning front and thanks are due to Alan Smith and his team for their sterling work. Most notable was the ultimately successful objection in respect of the all-weather football pitches, where the representations of the council and others led to a curtailment in usage which eventually resulted in the withdrawal of funding for the project. This was an excellent example of resident action and all those involved are to be congratulated.

Currently on the agenda for the planning team is the development of a Lidl store adjacent to Mancetter Square and whilst it does not actually fall within our area, we will be working hard to mitigate any effects on our residents, most notably by seeking measures to prevent Church St. and Lincoln Road from becoming rat-runs. Included in our agenda this evening is an item amending our constitutions to ensure that, despite boundary changes, we continue to represent the area for which WNC was established.

During April and May we circulated nearly 100 letters and emails to the 'movers and shakers' in the community; the organiser's of local groups and the managers of businesses. The objective was to ascertain whether there is sufficient support for the formation of Parish Council and seeking volunteers should the decision prove in favour. The response to date was 4 replies, and a reminder letter has been sent, this time a very sorry reflection of local community interest.

We have to be clear about one thing, WNC is fast running out of reserve funds and a solution must be found, even if a decision to become parished was made immediately there is only just about enough money in the kitty to sustain the existing organisation until the earliest time that a PC could be established. Without a solution there won't be a coordinating body to represent the community when major planning proposals come forth, nor will we ever be able to provide local facilities and support the local environmental teams as we once did... DO YOU WANT TO LOSE THAT ? one sure way to ensure it is continued apathy!

In closing I must thank all of the members of WNC together with those local councillors who have given up their time to attend meetings and support us in many ways. Most especially thanks are due to Geoff Smith our longstanding (and long suffering) Hon Secretary and Treasurer, without his support over many years WNC would no longer exist.

**HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**



Geoff Smith reported :

Once again my sincere thanks are extended to fellow officers, those past and present Ward Councillors who remained committed to our cause, and the loyal and hard-working members, for their continued commitment to our Council's well being and the furthering of its objectives for the benefit of our community.

I would extend particular praise and thanks to David Hedges, our Chairman and PR & Press Officer, who has steadfastly and very effectively continued in these roles despite ongoing health issues. He is due to step down from both of these key positions at the post-AGM meeting and will be sorely missed after his near seven years tenancy. Its been a great pleasure to work with him and fellow officers and members - an all round excellent team effort by one and all given the difficult circumstances we have had to work under. This year's attendance record is included below, and my thanks to Pauline Fury for helping me with the secretarial duties. Remember we are all volunteers with no political agendas and certainly no City Council handouts or fees for us !!

This is a particular sad time for me as it will definitely see the end of my time as Secretary - I feel that now really is the appropriate time for me to step down in favour of an 'injection of new blood'. After joining the Council on 13th November 1989 I have occupied this position for many years in and around also being Chairman for nearly ten years ( *the second longest ; Alfred Savage being the longest* ), Vice-Chairman, Treasurer ( *which I hope to continue with for the time being* ), Press & Publicity Officer, Planning and Environment Committees Chairman, and many representative roles including chairing the old Police Consultative meetings - but I've mentioned these all before so I won't make any further references now. In February of this year we were deeply saddened by the unexpected loss of Janet (JAN) Devine who was a great WNC stalwart, key supporter and good friend - it is very fitting and gratifying that we are honouring her memory tonight.

This year I have resisted commenting on all of the various administrative and representative work done over another busy year - its all been said before, and my WNC colleagues/friends have all seen and know what's been involved, and there's always loads of files to prove it !!

Finally I would like to wish my successors, the WNC, and the community and its environment, that we try so hard to serve, all the very best for the future .. whatever that is !! Attendance details and my Treasurer's annual report follows overleaf .....

GEOFFREY R SMITH mrsph

AGENDA ITEM 4.2 - CONTINUED

WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD 2015-16 ( FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLY - COMMITTEES NOT INCLUDED )																			
NAME	POST	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	AGM	MEETINGS ATTENDED	AGM	AGM
DAVID HEDGES	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10	MAX
GEOFF SMITH	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10	MAX
VINCE MOON	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Unwell	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Unwell		10	8	-2
PAULINE FURY	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Holiday	S	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			10	9	-1
MARTIN GREAVES	E		Y	Work	Y	Y	Y		Y	Work	Work	Y	Y				10	7	-3
ALAN SMITH	E		Y	Y	Y	Holiday	Y	N	Y	Holiday	Y	Y	Holiday				10	7	-3
KAY MOLYWEUX	E		Y	Y	Y	Apols	Y	E	Work	Apols	Y	Unwell	Y				10	5	-4
BILL MERCER	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	W	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			10	10	MAX
IVAN HAMMOND	E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			10	10	MAX
DAVID COOKE	E		Apols	Apols	Apols	Apols	Apols	Y	LEFT [2]								5	0 [*2]	-5
ROSALIND HAYCOCK	CO		Apols	Y	Apols	Apols	LEFT [2]	E									4	1 [*2]	-3
LAWRENCE WRIGHT	*1		n/a	Y	Away	Y	Away	R	Y	Away	Away	n/a	Away				9	3 [*1]	n/a
ANGUS McDONALD	*1		n/a														6	0 [*1]	n/a
<b>UNWELL/ON HOLIDAY</b>																			
JOHN FOX	EO		n/a	Y	Y	Y (7-15)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			9	9	MAX
JUDY FOX	EO		n/a	Y	Y	Y (7-15)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			9	9	MAX
STEVE LANE *	EO		n/a	*2	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3	*3	*3	*3	No Apols			9	0 [*3]	-9
PAULA THACKER MBE	EO		n/a	FAMILY ILLNESS	FAMILY ILLNESS	FAMILY ILLNESS	Unwell		Unwell	Unwell	Y	FAMILY ILLNESS	NOT ELECTED				8	1	-7
DARREN FOWER *	EO																9	0	-9
JULIA DAVIDSON *	EO																9	0	-9
ANDREW BOND (new)	EO														No Apols		1	0	-1
TOTAL ATTENDING			9	12	11	10	9	2016	11	8	11	10	9						

KEY TO THE ABOVE CODES : Y = PRESENT E = ELECTED MEMBER EPF = ELECTED POSITION FILLED DURING YEAR CO = CO-OPTED MEMBER S = SPECIAL MEETINGS \*1 = ATTENDS WHEN NEEDED \*2 = RESIGNED \*3 = 'OPTED OUT' OF MEETINGS NOTE : ASSOCIATES / INVITED GUESTS ARE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE - ONLY WNC ELECTED (E), CO-OPTED (CO) + EX-FICIO (EO) MEMBERS N/A = NOT ELIGIBLE

HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT YEAR-ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015

I have pleasure in presenting this my Annual Report for our previous year of operation. You will see that the only income we received over the year was the personal sponsorship made by Ward Councillors John and Judy Fox of the Good Citizenship Youth Award for which we are once again most grateful - no award was actually made at last year's AGM so this sum has been carried forward to this. The insurance premium continues to be our single largest item of expenditure and in this respect our payment timeline is as follows : 2007 - £220.50 ; 2008 - £231.89 ; 2009 - £251.41 ; 2010 - £273.63 ; 2011 - £285.83 ; 2012 - £291.26 ; 2013 - £294.43 ; 2014 - £294.43 ; 2015 - £297.13. You will note that the premium we paid only increased by the very small amount of £2.70, which was good news. CLF income is no longer available to cover this expense so, and as forecasted last year, this has had to be met from our reserves i.e. our general funds, because there is no alternative income source for this purpose. Therefore I would recommend that we now discontinue this policy as it is no longer affordable or required. A residual sum of £205 held in trust, and denoted as a 'ringfenced' amount for Youth Services in the previous year's accounts, was donated by them, via us, to another local youth initiative namely, the Werrington Friday Football Fund. As I said last year it is now difficult to see any long-term future for our local Council in its present form, and the future looks bleak without any income or alternative funding sources on the horizon. The help provided by Richard Collingridge in auditing our accounts is once again much appreciated as is that of Ken Stimpson Community School in respect of the continued use of their excellent facilities for our meetings. My report concludes below with the usual relevant facts and figures, and finally I would once again take this opportunity of extending my very best wishes to fellow officers, members, and the extended Werrington community, for now and into the future.

COMMENTS ON ANNUAL RUNNING COST ITEMS ( REVENUE )

A PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT ( 2013 ) COVERING 12 YEARS OF OPERATION SINCE 2001 ( inclusive ) INDICATED THAT IN THE REGION OF £1,030 IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COVER OUR RUNNING COSTS - SINCE THEN THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE SHOWN AN AVERAGE OF £1,034 ( £4 UP ON THE PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT. NO FURTHER CLF INCOME FROM THIS SOURCE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED OR IDENTIFIED.

A FINANCIAL TIMELINE was included here in the original report to AGM but space constraints have not made it possible for it to be repeated here - please contact the Honorary Treasurer if you would like to see a copy.

CURRENT ACCOUNT DETAILS + A COPY OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE OVERLEAF



**HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017****IT'S A FAREWELL FROM GEOFF .....**

**GEOFF SMITH WRITES .....** well the time has finally come !!

I am now finally stepping down as your Secretary after many years and will miss it greatly. I've had many enjoyable and fulfilling times but its now time for a breath of fresh air both for myself and the WNC. Together with my other roles over the near 28 years of continuous service I have been very fortunate in having many good times and experiences whilst also having a few dark and frustrating times. I have served with some great people ( and sadly several of these are no longer with us ) but I will remember them i.e. both the fellow officers and also the many elected and co-opted members - all giving their time freely and without seeking any reward other than knowing they were doing 'their bit' for our community and its environment. Amongst them are my fellow Chairs - in the order of their appointment - Lawrence Wright (2 yrs), Ray Wood (6 yrs), the late Marcus Sims (1 yr), Alan Brown (1 yr), David Hedges (7 yrs) and currently Vince Moon. A pleasure to work with them all and it is nice to see Vince's remarks about our last one, David Hedges, who did a particularly good job despite having to contend with serious health problems. There have also been, and are, some very good and much appreciated fellow officers, all of whom will be suitably praised and thanked when I write my book !!



Over these years I had the privilege of attending many official functions, special meetings/events, and various representative roles including chairing some of the old police representative committees and sharing a few very interesting times with some senior officers - again sadly some of whom are no longer with us. Numerous interesting and fulfilling times were also spent with many City Council officers including some very good past and present Youth Services people. The relationship with Ken Stimpson Community School has always been very strong and mutually supportive - successive Principals, together with Chris Ware ( also an excellent former WNC Secretary ) and her colleagues, have maintained a great partnership with us and I've been most grateful for it. We have also enjoyed a similar relationship with the Community Association and Spotlight has 'done us proud' over the years.

We are blessed with three excellent Werrington Ward Councillors who have for a number of years represented and worked hard for our community and its environment for all the right reasons. They have also been extremely supportive and helpful to this Council, and to myself for which I'm very grateful. It is also great to see that the new Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough are our very own Cllrs John and Judy Fox - who better, and a well deserved honour. Also in the not too distant past Paula Thacker also did a very good job for us despite serious family and personal health issues, and my sincere thanks to her also.

Over the years I have consistently tried to maintain and lift the profile of this Council, and to continue and enhance the work started by our founder ( and one and only President ) Alfred Savage. We are now moving into a new era of who knows what but hopefully the foundations have been firmly placed and reinforced for the future well being of our organisation whatever form it takes. I am gratified that we now have some excellent new people on board who will hopefully takes us onwards and upwards and, while I can, I hope to be there to offer help and support - and also do some filing !! So its over to Sally and I wish her the same happy and fulfilling time that I've had.

The Annual Attendance Record and my Honorary Treasurer's Report follow overleaf ..... All the very best, **GEOFF**

**..... AND IT'S A HELLO TO SALLY**

**SALLY WEALD WRITES .....** Over the last six months, I have been the Neighbourhood Council's Acting Secretary. During this time I have been surprised at the number of issues that its members have got involved in ranging from the proposed Network Rail work consultations, environment improvements to individual planning concerns. The amount of expertise and commitment being given by volunteers to protect and improve Werrington's environment is astonishing.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me find my feet over the last few months and I look forward to continuing to work as part of the Council in the future.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016 - MINUTES ( CONCLUDED )**

**BASIC COMPOSITION\* OF AMOUNTS HELD IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT**

DATE	DESCRIPTION ( income received/held )	INDIVIDUAL SUMS	ALLOCATED TO
Current Statement	WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP FUNDS	£ 101 . 63 [ no payment made in 2015 ]	HELD IN TRUST [ + £ 337.13 Cash-in-Hand ]
b/f from 2013	VILLAGE SIGN RERFURBISHMENT - PCC GRANT	£ 800 . 00	Awaiting works
b/f from 2013	VILLAGE SIGN RERFURBISHMENT - RESIDUAL FUNDS	£ 66 . 73	Awaiting works
b/f from 2013	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - RESIDUAL FUNDS	£ 28 . 86	IN ABEYANCE
B/F from 2013	IT EQUIPMENT CLF BALANCE - RESIDUAL FUNDS	£ 6 . 54	IN ABEYANCE
12-02-14	CLF ALLOCATION - No.1 ( Councillor Paula Thacker )	£ 500 . 00	ANNIVERSARY PARK
02-06-15	DONATION FROM CLLRS JR & JA FOX - GCYA AWARD	£ 50 . 00	Unused Award Donation c/f
<b>RINGFENCED SUMS</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT HELD IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>£ 1,553 . 76</b>	
<b>YEAR-END TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015</b>	<b>BANK STATEMENT 11-01-16 [ NB - LAST ENTRY 18-12-15 ]</b>	<b>£ 4,095 . 57</b>
<b>2016 SUMMATION ( RINGFENCED SUMS )</b>	<b>DEDUCTING THE ABOVE SUMS FROM THE TOTAL AMOUNT HELD IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>£ 1.553 . 76</b>	<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE = £ 2,541 . 81</b>
<b>FUTURE - 2016</b>	<b>NO INCOME SOURCE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED</b>		<b>c/f £ 4,095 . 57</b>

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**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2015**

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 = £ 5,274.23 \*  
 THE CLOSING BALANCE as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 = £ 4,095.57 \*  
 ( \* the above sums include all amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations )

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2015

<u>EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )		<u>INCOME DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )	
REVENUE ITEMS	£ p	PERSONAL DONATION BY CLLRS J A & J R FOX	£ p
POSTAGE / TELEPHONE	NIL (NIL)		90 . 00
STATIONERY	45 . 64 (17.34)		
PRINTING ( including AGM )	176 . 41 (202.31)		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	6 . 00 (3.00)		
WEBSITE RENEWAL	42 . 59 (NIL)		
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297 . 13 (294.43)		
AGM EXPENSES	131 . 48 (76.61)		
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	33 . 30 (106.50)		
PREMISES ( HALL HIRE in AGM costs )	70 . 00 (NIL)		
TRAVEL / PARKING	4 . 50 (4.20)		
REFRESHMENTS ( COUNCIL MEETINGS )	74 . 65 (61.09)		
HONORARIA TO AUDITOR	25 . 76 (36.00)		
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH *	NIL (30.00)		
SUNDRIES **	320 . 00 (6.00)		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 1,228.66 (A)</b>		<b>TOTAL INCOME = £ 90.00 (B)</b>	

EXPENDITURE NOTES : (1) SUBSCRIPTIONS - INCLUDE A WEBSITE RENEWAL FEE OF £42.59 ; (2) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP \* - NO WITHDRAWALS MADE THIS YEAR ( ANY PAYMENTS REQUIRED WERE MADE OUT OF THEIR CASH-IN-HAND RESERVES HELD BY THE WNC ) ; AND (3) SUNDRIES \*\* - INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE ARE TWO PAYMENTS TOTTALLING £805 ( RELEASE OF YOUTH SERVICES FUNDS ) AND A DELEGATE ( 2 No. ) MEETING ATTENDANCE FEE ( SPALDING & DISTRICT TRANSPORT FORUM ) DONATION OF £15.

DEBIT BALANCE : 2015 REVENUE ( RUNNING COSTS ) excess expenditure over income [ A-B above ] = £ 1,178.66  
 ( \* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015 )

OVERALL BALANCES

INCORPORATED IN THE GENERAL FUNDS ( AS REFERRED TO AT THE HEAD OF THESE ACCOUNTS \* ) ; CERTAIN KEY SUMS ARE HELD IN TRUST OR ARE RING-FENCED FOR SPECIFIC WORKS THESE BEING AS FOLLOWS ..... (1) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 101.63 ; (2) ANNIVERSARY PARK = £ 500.00 ; (3) WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN = £ 800.00 ; AND (4) SOME SMALL AMOUNTS AS REFERRED TO IN MY ANNUAL REPORT WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THIS STATEMENT.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS ( WHICH HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR SOME TIME ) ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE SHOWN:  
 THE WAGS\* ACCOUNT ( \*Werrington Against Graffiti Group ) - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. Credit Balance = £ 14.87  
 THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT - income= nil ; and expenditure = nil. Credit Balance = £ 66.73  
 MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. Credit Balance = £ 6.61  
**TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE ( c/f to 2016 ) = £ 89.21**

THE TOTAL BALANCE ( as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 ) CARRIED FORWARD TO 2016 = £ 4,095.57 \*

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these accounts represent a true and fair view of the Werrington Neighbourhood Council's present financial position for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

Signed:   
 GEOFFREY R SMITH MIPSPH  
 HONORARY TREASURER

Signed:   
 RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE  
 AUDITOR

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**AGENDA ITEM 3.2 - continued**
**WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL**
**ATTENDANCE RECORD 2016-17 ( FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLY - COMMITTEES NOT INCLUDED )**

NAME	DATE	CODE	AGM 07-06	20-06 POST-AGM	18-07	05-09	17-10	14-11	2017					AGM 06-06	MAX POSSIBLE	ACTUAL	
									16-01	13-02	20-03	10-04	08-05				
DAVID HEDGES		E		Y	Away	u/av	u/av	u/av	X	u/av	u/av	u/av	u/av	u/av		10	1
GEOFF SMITH		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10
VINCE MOON		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10
PAULINE FURY		E		Y	Y	Y	unwell	Y	S	Y	u/av	u/av	Y	Y		10	7
MARTIN GREAVES		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10
ALAN SMITH		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	u/av	Y	Y	Y		10	9
KAY MOLYNEUX		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Another Meeting	Y	Y		10	9
BILL MERCER		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Unwell	W	Y	Y	Y	Y	Away		10	8
IVAN HAMMOND		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10	10
ROGER PROUDFOOT		E		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	u/av	Y	Y	Y		10	9
LAWRENCE WRIGHT		CO+		Away	Y	Away	Y	Unwell	E	Y	u/av	u/av	Y	Away		10	4
SALLY WEALD		CO							A	Y	Y	Holiday	Y	Y		5	4
LISE ALEXANDER-SMITH		TBC							R								
CHERRY BEEBY (TBC)		TBC															
<b>WARD COUNCILLORS</b>																	
JOHN FOX		EO		n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	u/av	Y	Y	Y		9	8
JUDY FOX		EO		n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	u/av	Y	Y	Y		9	8
STEVE LANE		EO		n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y		At work	Y	Work	Y	Y		9	6
ANDREW BOND *3		EO		n/a	u/av	No advice	No advice	No advice									
DARREN FOWER *3		EO		n/a	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3
JULIA DAVIDSON *3		EO		n/a	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3
<b>TOTAL ATTENDING</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>			

**KEY TO THE ABOVE CODES :** Y= PRESENT E= ELECTED MEMBER EPF= ELECTED POSITION FILLED DURING YEAR CO= CO-OPTED MEMBER S= SPECIAL MEETINGS \*1= ATTENDS WHEN NEEDED \*2= RESIGNED \*3= 'OPTED OUT' OF MEETINGS N/E= NOT ELIGIBLE TBC= APPOINTMENT TO BE CONFIRMED A= APOLOGY RECEIVED [ NOTE : ASSOCIATES / INVITED GUESTS NOT INCLUDED ABOVE ]

**AGENDA ITEM 3.3**

## HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting this my Annual Report for our previous year of operation. The audited **Statement of Accounts** for the financial year ending **31st December 2016** is featured on the next page. You will see that we are currently operating on a working capital of just over £1,200 per annum, and that our 'ring-fenced sums' total £1,258.70 - see the table below - so the predicted bottom line is that we have sufficient funds to see us through to about the end of 2018 at our current rate of spending. **So without further funding being obtained this Council will no longer be financially sustainable in its present form.** Various alternative funding options are being considered and we can but hope and wait to see if they prove successful. On the 21st March 2016 a very generous cash payment/donation totalling £301.63 was given to us by our Werrington Councillors by way of Cllrs John & Judy Fox. Effectively this paid for our biggest single item of expenditure namely our current insurance cover ( up to and including 24th July of this year ) which represents about 24% of our annual outgoings, and so we are most grateful to them for this vital support. An important decision will soon have to be made i.e. before this year's renewal date, as to whether or not we continue with this policy. I was delighted that the Village Sign renovation project finally got off the ground and its completion is well documented elsewhere. There are a few small amounts yet to be expended and thanks to the Community Association and their successful Tesco community sum bid more funds are expected that will be held in trust by us for the future well-being of this iconic local feature. Finally I am pleased to report that our Internet Banking arrangements have now been completed, and would once again sincerely thank our Auditor - Richard Collingridge - for his services.

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	RING-FENCED SUMS	COMMENTS
[1] CURRENT BANK STATEMENT	WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP FUNDS HELD IN TRUST	£ 326 . 63	PLUS CASH-IN-HAND OF £90.84 GIVES A TOTAL SUM OF £ 417.47
[2] Carried over from previous years + transferred funds	VILLAGE SIGN REFURBISHMENT £800 PCC GRANT + £500 RE-ALLOCATED CLF SUM + £66.73 RESIDUAL FUNDS IN BANK ACCOUNT	£ 903 . 21	TOTAL SUM AVAILABLE : £ 1,366.73 EXPENDITURE TO DATE : £ 463.52
[3] Carried over from 2013	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - RESIDUAL FUNDS	£ 28 . 86	IN ABEYANCE
[4] Carried over from 2013	IT EQUIPMENT CLF BALANCE - RESIDUAL FUNDS	NIL	£ 6.54 - NOW IN GENERAL FUNDS
<b>RINGFENCED SUM</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT IN CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>£ 1,258 . 70</b>	

CREDIT BALANCES c/o FROM 2016

**IN THE BANK = £ 3,490.75**
**IN CASH = £ 38.13**
**TOTAL = £ 3,528.88**

AUDITED ACCOUNTS OVERLEAF

# Werrington neighbourhood council

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2016

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 = £ 4,095.57 \*  
 THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 = £ 3,402.54 \* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £38.13  
 (\* the above sums include all amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2016

<u>EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )		<u>INCOME DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )	
<u>REVENUE ITEMS</u>	£ p		£ p
STATIONERY/POSTAGE/TELEPHONE	87 . 27 (45.64)	DONATION BY WERRINGTON COUNCILLORS	301 . 63
PRINTING [ including AGM ]	84 . 53 (176.41)	CASH TRANSFERS FROM WNWCG CIH	285 . 00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	5 . 00 (48.59)	[ CIH - CASH IN HAND HELD BY WNC ]	
WEBSITE RENEWAL	42 . 24 (NIL - incl above)		
INSURANCE PREMIUM	307 . 91 (297.13)		
AGM EXPENSES	152 . 95 (131.48)		
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	97 . 99 (33.50)		
PREMISES ( HALL HIRE )	15 . 50 (70.00)		
TRAVEL / PARKING	5 . 50 (4.50)		
REFRESHMENTS ( COUNCIL MEETINGS )	89 . 02 (74.65)		
HONORARIA TO AUDITOR	30 . 50 (26.76)		
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH *	30 . 00 (NIL)		
SUNDRIES **	293 . 12 (320.00)		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 1,241 . 53 [A]</b>		<b>TOTAL INCOME = £ 586 . 63 [B]</b>	

**DEBIT BALANCE : 2016 REVENUE ( RUNNING COSTS ) excess expenditure over income [ A-B above ] = £ 654 . 90 \***

(\* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016)

**EXPENDITURE NOTES :** (1) SUNDRIES - INCLUDE TWO VILLAGE SIGN MATERIALS PAYMENTS TOTTALLING £239.62 + £50 DONATION TO RAILWORLD IN MEMORY OF JAN DEVINE + £3.50 EXPENSES SHORTFALL FROM PREVIOUS YEAR ; (2) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP - £30 FROM FUNDS HELD FOR CARNIVAL FEES ( ANY OTHER PAYMENTS MADE OUT OF THEIR CASH-IN-HAND RESERVES AS HELD BY WNC )

### OVERALL BALANCES

INCORPORATED IN THE GENERAL FUNDS ( CURRENT ACCOUNT ) KEY SUMS ARE HELD IN TRUST OR ARE RING-FENCED FOR SPECIFIC WORKS THESE BEING AS FOLLOWS .....

- (1) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 326.63 ;
- (2) WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN = £ 1,300.00 [ INCORPORATES THE FORMER ANNIVERSARY PARK PROJECT BALANCE OF £500 ]

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS ( WHICH HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR SOME TIME ) ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE SHOWN.  
 THE WAGG\* ACCOUNT ( \* Werrington Against Graffiti Group ) - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. Credit Balance = £ 14.87  
 THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT - income= nil ; and expenditure = nil. [ Note : to be added to (2) above ] Credit Balance = £ 66.73  
 MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. Credit Balance = £ 6.61  
**TOTAL ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS CREDIT BALANCE ( c/f to 2017 ) = £ 88.21**


**THE TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE ( as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 ) CARRIED FORWARD TO 2017 = £ 3,528 . 88 \***

[ \* NOTE : THIS SUM IS MADE UP OF £3,402.54 ( BANK BALANCE ) + £ 38.13 CASH-N HAND + £ 88.21 ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS ]


### DECLARATION

*I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these accounts represent a true and fair view of the Werrington Neighbourhood Council's present financial position for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.*

Signed :

  
 GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPh  
 HONORARY TREASURER

Signed :

  
 RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE  
 AUDITOR

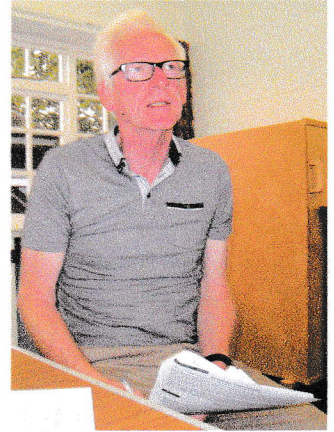
Dated : 17<sup>TH</sup> March 2017

Dated : 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

[ Comp Ref : 2016 ACCOUNTS ( for audit 17-03-17 ) ]

## PLANNING REPORT 2016-17

ALAN SMITH WRITES .....



### Highlights of the year on the planning matters effecting Werrington

#### ★ LIDLE STORE

This was finally granted consent in October and is now under construction. We were broadly supportive on the scheme but raised parking and access issues. We asked for a cycle/pedestrian crossing on the section of Lincoln Road coming into Werrington leading to the underpass under Werrington Parkway. Some thing is to be provided once an assessment has been made. It should have the spin off of slowing traffic coming off the parkway into Werrington.

#### ★ REAR GARDEN DEVELOPMENTS

There have been some rear garden developments proposed and we have opposed these where we feel the impact on the existing house or the pattern of surrounding development is unacceptable. Some have been refused which is encouraging given the pressure to use every available space for new housing.

#### ★ TREES

There has been a steady stream of applications for tree works and we have made comments where appropriate. Some of them are matters of good management practice while others relate to the impact of very large trees in very close proximity to a building. Where trees are an important contribution to the appearance of the area and visible from public space we have sought to retain them.

#### ★ NETWORK RAIL DIVE-UNDER PROPOSAL, NORTH WERRINGTON

We have been closely monitoring this Transport Works Act application. It is currently due to be heard by an Inspector at a Public Inquiry. There will be an update at the AGM from a representative of Network Rail.

We raised a number of issues in response to consultation. An outstanding matter is the impact of noise on adjacent residential properties. Currently Network Rail's position is that noise studies based on national guidance show no significant additional impact as a result of the scheme and is not proposing any permanent sound attenuation measures. Legislation requires a further assessment but the result is not expected to be any different. The problem comes from the unanticipated increase in the use of the line, which has already occurred and from which there is no protection under the law as it stands.

Network Rail view is that rail grinding and changes to rolling stock will improve matters.

#### ★ PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S NEW LOCAL PLAN

The new plan is now in an advanced state of preparation but was subject to a further round of consultation at the start of the year. The key issue for the plan is the identification of more sites for new housing. Apart from a proposal for a number of dwellings at Werrington Centre none of the proposals are in our area.

There is a new designation protecting important local open spaces. We did make further representations on this, as our ones at an earlier stage seem not to have been addressed. We are waiting to hear the outcome of this.

The next stage of the plan's preparation, once it has been back to PCC, will be a public Inquiry into outstanding objections.

\*\*\* END \*\*\*

The Werrington Environment Group (a sub group of the Neighbourhood Council) has seen a new lease of life in 2016/17 after a period of inactivity, with Neighbourhood Councillor Roger Proudfoot taking up the chair and joined on the group by fellow councillors Ivan Hammond and Bill Mercer along with residents Florence Warrington, Sarah Ward and Jennifer Orrell. The group also has the support of the Wildlife Trust, Peterborough Environment City Trust, Froglife and Rivercare with representatives providing support and expert advice.



The group has seen a busy start to re-establishing itself with support for the Werrington Brook Environment improvement programme and the RiverCare volunteer days with Roger Proudfoot and Sarah Ward taking up the role of Werrington RiverCare coordinators. The group has supported 4 events so far attracting a range of residents from across Werrington helping out with monitoring the health of the river, watching out for pollution and clearing any rubbish from around the Brook with regular litter picking activity a part of the events. The improvements have led to some encouraging results with increasing water quality and growing abundance of wildlife.

They have also been active representing residents with the city council on tree planting following the removal of older trees at Manors Walk that were potentially causing problems with a nearby building. The 21 Poplars were replaced with over 200 whips of native trees to extend the nearby tree belt. The extra habitat is a very welcome addition to the woodland that we have in Werrington.

The group continues to highlight the problem with irresponsible dog owners not picking up their mess and Ivan Hammond has been leading a concerted effort to encourage owners to take more responsibility by highlighting the problem which has led to an extra bin being sited which has helped alleviate some of the problem but persistent offenders remain!

We have been running a series of events for a Better Werrington supported by the Neighbourhood Council whereby residents can drop in and air their views about what is good about living in here, what are the challenges and what are the solutions. The events have been well attended by residents and supported by RiverCare, the Neighbourhood Watch team and plenty of homemade cake!

More recently we have been assisting with highlighting the future potential for further wildlife and habitat improvements around the Sobrite Spring area with Network Rail and the Werrington Brook. The latter has been put forward for designation as a Local Green Space important for recreation and wildlife and discussions are ongoing about potential establishment of a Local Nature Reserve with none currently designated in Werrington.

**FORWARD LOOK**

Another Better Werrington drop in is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> July which will be followed by a report for the three events. A RiverCare volunteer day is also planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> of June followed by a Bugs and Beasts weekend on the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. The group is also beginning to explore opportunities for funding further improvements including siting bird and bat boxes, establishing ponds and wildflower meadows and a bluebell wood.

The group is always looking for volunteers to get involved so please contact Roger Proudfoot for more information on 07753800431

**ELECTIONS 2017**

THERE ARE 10 ELECTED POSITIONS ON OUR COUNCIL - 5 OF WHICH ARE ELECTED ANNUALLY TO USUALLY SERVE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM. THE CO-OPTED MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED AT COUNCIL MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND NOT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL CO-OPTED PLACES WAS INCREASED TO A MAXIMUM OF 6 AT THE 2007 AGM. ALL OF OUR SIX WARD COUNCILLORS ( THREE FOR EACH OF THE WERRINGTON AND GUNTHORPE WARDS ) ARE AUTOMATICALLY INSTALLED AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND INVITED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS BUT DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. ALL OF THE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COUNCIL ARE APPOINTED AT THE FIRST POST-AGM FULL COUNCIL MEETING AND NOT AT THE AGM - THIS YEAR IT IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY 19TH JUNE**.

**2017 - SEEKING (RE)ELECTION**

SALLY WEALD  
ALAN SMITH  
KAY MOLYNEUX  
MARTIN GREAVES  
IVAN HAMMOND

**ELECTED UNTIL 2018**

VINCE MOON  
GEOFF SMITH  
BILL MERCER  
PAULINE FURY  
ROGER PROUDFOOT

1. NOTICES WERE POSTED AND NOMINATION FORMS PROVIDED ON OUR NOTICEBOARDS AT WERRINGTON LIBRARY AND THE WERRINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE. A DEADLINE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS OF FRIDAY 26TH MAY WITH A CLOSING TIME OF 7PM WAS APPLICABLE. NO NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED WITHIN THIS PERIOD.
2. FOUR EXISTING MEMBERS RETIRE BY ROTATION AND ARE SEEKING RE-ELECTION ( shown in green text above ) + SALLY WEALD'S PRESENT POSITION CONSOLIDATED AS A FULLY ELECTED MEMBER.
3. NO NEW CANDIDATES ARE STANDING.
4. NO ELECTED MEMBER POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY VACANT. THERE ARE HOWEVER SOME CO-OPTED MEMBER POSITIONS AVAILABLE - NOMINATIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE POST-AGM MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WHICH IS DUE TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY 19TH JUNE**.

# AGM PHOTO GALLERY

SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2016

