

# WERRINGTON Neighbourhood Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 AT WERRINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE MINUTES

PRESENT: Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon,  
Roger Proudfoot, Lawrence Wright, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald  
WARD COUNCILLORS : Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Steve Lane (from item 2.1)  
VISITORS: Sam Smylie, Mick Wheatley  
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Kay Molyneux  
MEETING OPENED: 7.05pm

### 1. CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:** Vince Moon welcomed everyone to the new meeting venue. Whilst initially agreed that this would be promoted as a public meeting, it had been agreed not to publically advertise due to the pending elections. It was agreed to advertise the AGM and the July meeting, but to keep the April meeting and the Post AGM meeting at Ken Stimpson and not to actively promote these. Geoff advised that the meetings have always been open to the public and in fact a local reporter often attended. It was agreed that a public Item would open the meeting but to limit this to five minutes per issue.
- 1.2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Roger Proudfoot, Lawrence Wright.
- 1.3 **INTRODUCTION OF POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS:** Vince introduced two visitors who had expressed an interest in the Neighbourhood Council – Mick and Sam. He gave some background information about them and members were introduced.

### 2. KEY BUSINESS

#### 2.1 **STRATEGY GROUP INCLUDING VACANCIES/ 2.3 PARISHING GROUP**

Sally advised that the Strategy Group hasn't met since February. A key aspect from that meeting was to raise the profile both to continue as a Neighbourhood Council and to progress Parishing in the longer term. This has been progressed using Facebook, posters and Spotlight. From this, there were three enquiries but interest must be maintained especially in the crowdfunding. Sally said she regularly put messages on Facebook and, asked that these are 'liked' and 'commented' on by members on Facebook to keep the posts active.

It had been agreed that nothing could be progressed with Parishing project until the funding had been sorted out. Sally had sent the crowdfunding details to Cate Harding who then responded that she felt this was our only option at this stage. An email to Ian Dewar has had no response. The Crowdfunding project page looks good and is very easy to operate. There have been some generous donations from group members but had only four responses from outside the group. The details need to be circulated widely. The project can be extended or relaunched at any time. It had been suggested that Neighbourhood Watch would be interested in the crowdfunding and Lawrence took some leaflets for their AGM.

#### 2.2 **PLANNING – SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS AND GENERAL REPORT**

##### 2.2.1 **Proposed Werrington Grade Separation Orders and associated matters**

###### **UPDATE ON RAIL INQUIRY**

- i) Sally advised that nothing had been heard about the inquiry especially as it wasn't expected until July although Bill had heard that it might be sooner.
- ii) David Vernon has arranged some monthly drop in sessions on the last Friday of every month between 2pm and 6pm at Loxley Centre. Despite the one in March being arranged very hastily, there was still a good attendance. She had agreed to help David to promote this via Werrington facebook. John Fox had already put up a link to Network Rail's general information website which detailed these events. John asked if there was a WNC facebook page and Sally confirmed that there was to share posts onto the Noticeboard page.

###### - **UPDATE FROM ACTION GROUP**

- Bill expressed concern about the potential for illegal entry into the vacant properties now owned by Network Rail as they weren't secured. John Fox advised that they weren't in Werrington but that this matter had been raised at a recent meeting when Glington and Werrington Councillors met with David Vernon. David had reassured Councillors over this and other issues such as the unexploded bomb potential. David repeated that evidence has shown that trees are not an effective sound barrier.
- The two newt ponds are developing nicely
- There are some trial excavations for the upgrade of the cycleway to a road.

- There is an expectation that the rail traffic will increase by up to 30% following other bridge work along the line. Ivan said that trains are already increasing from 3 to 4 a night.

## 2.2.2 REPORT FROM PLANNING GROUP MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### - WERRINGTON GREEN POST OFFICE PETITION

A petition had been received about the alcohol licensing application from a Chapel Lane resident, so the planning group with Vince, Geoff and Sally had met to consider this in detail. Following this it had been agreed that the Neighbourhood Council could not support the petition. Sally then advised the resident and a copy of the meeting notes was put on the website. Sally said that Kay had spoken to one of the petition signatories and disappointingly they were told that the premises would have extended opening until 11pm. The application states 10pm but the owner has suggested that it would only be open until 8pm. Geoff and Steve Lane both complimented the comprehensive notes made from that meeting.

There was general agreement from the meeting that the old Post Office needs a variable shop business to sustain it. It was noted that the Post Office is now closed for refurbishment.

### - KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PLANNING APPLICATION

This was considered by the planning group who gave support to the expansion of the school and the proposed building. There has been a traffic assessment but the only physical recommendation is to put extra lanes at the Staniland Way/Davids Lane roundabout. It was felt that there had been an underestimation about the drop off/pick up problems down Foxcovert Road/Hall Lane/Ainsdale Drive and potential impact on Church Street, the lack of sufficient car parking spaces and the traffic congestion on both roundabouts. A response has been submitted to that effect.

A question was asked about where the extra pupils were going to come from. It was noted that there are school place pressures in other parts of the city plus there are many houses being built on the Norwood Estate.

## 2.2.3 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Sally read out the list of planning applications needing consideration:

**Ground floor and 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear and side extensions 96 Carron Drive:** No comment required.

**1305 Lincoln Road (Cock Inn) New signage:** Kay advised that last time the pub upgraded it improved the appearance and Alan hadn't objected. It looks like this is another improvement reducing the light pollution by more targeted lighting and 'wood look' frames. Real wood would be better but would require more ongoing maintenance. Reply by 27<sup>th</sup> April. No comment required. Martin asked if the Conservation Officer had made any comments. Sally said that she hadn't seen any comments but they should be on the website. (This was subsequently checked and the Conservation Officer had suggested that the signage was an improvement and had agreed to the application).

**22 Hall Lane Silver Birch Fell:** No comment required

**Werrington Healthcare 97 Church Street:** Felling and maintenance of various trees. Roger noted that the only felling was silver birches. Lawrence commented that the tall trees were blocking neighbour's light and were a nuisance extending over and under properties. It was agreed that the work would enhance the area. Steve Lane advised that the Council's arborists would be involved.

**Ballantyne Health Club Extra Parking Space:** No comment required.

Martin also pointed out that the planning application for 92 Lincoln Road had applied for some changes to the building materials.

Vince said that regretfully Nigel has decided not to join the Council so this still leaves the Planning Group short especially of a Chair. Geoff said that Sally and Kay are doing a good holding role with the planning but it is important that the Planning Group problem is resolved soon.

## 2.3 EDUCATION CENTRE UPDATE:

Geoff advised that nothing has been heard about the Princes Trust move to The Barn. Denholm from Peterborough City Council though has indicated that use can be made of The Barn in the future. Geoff will make contact with the Parish Church to ascertain the possibility of using the Education Centre. Lawrence said that the Parish Church generally want things to continue the same after February 2019.

## 3. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 3.1 HONORARY SECRETARY

3.1.1 **MINUTES of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018:** In the absence of Sally, Geoff (assisted by Pauline) had written up the minutes. These were approved as a true record.

3.1.2 **ANY MATTERS ARISING:** None

### 3.1.3 REPORT:

Sally said that she had submitted an application to become one of Waitrose's nominated charities whereby customers vote for their favourite that month.

The balance of the WCA Co-op donation has been spent on the dog mess stencils and environment equipment to support work around the Village Green and she has sent a report to the Co-op detailing the work that this donation has supported. She had nothing further to report.

#### 3.1.4 **AGM Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018:**

Geoff went through the details of the proposed awards from the nominations received so far. There was general agreement.

Pauline will arrange the refreshments. David Vernon will be doing a Network Rail update.

Roger is in contact with Froglife and Environment Agency for possible other presentations.

Posters will be circulated for the AGM one month before when the presentations are finalised. Roger suggested that one of Nix Brown's photos could be used.

There was a discussion about the format of the evening to prevent people leaving after the presentations.

#### 3.2 **HONORARY TREASURER:**

Geoff advised that the accounts have been finalised subject to final audit. He highlighted the ring fenced amounts for the village sign and Neighbourhood Plan and CLF balance. Thanks to Ivan and Bill with the sign sales, the Neighbourhood Watch balance is £331.63. There is only £2145 available to spend. As WNC didn't have to finance the materials and associated expenses for the village sign, the balances remain similar to last year. Members are now waiving their personal expenses. The most substantial amount of expenditure is the insurance but there is enough money for another two years.

#### 3.3 **PRESS AND P.R. OFFICER:**

Sally advised that the Spotlight deadline will be 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The next article will cover the AGM, Crowdfunding and the search for planning expertise.

Geoff advised that the email contact was incorrect on the City Council website.

#### 3.4 **ENVIRONMENT GROUP:**

##### 3.4.1 **REPORT:**

Roger reported on the following:

- i) Rivercare event was successful with regular volunteers turning out. Plenty of rubbish was collected. Geoff was thanked for opening the Centre which is an excellent base.
- ii) Bugs and Beasts event is arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 including Cambridgeshire Bat Group and dawn chorus walk. Sally asked about the promotion for this especially sending posters into school. Roger said that the smaller numbers are manageable and wouldn't want to get too many people.
- iii) Wildflower meadow has been flooded. A number of patches have been successful; the others may be reseeded.
- iv) He would like to get a habitat management plan put together for The Paddocks and maybe Cuckoo Hollow as a precursor to potential designation as a nature reserve.
- v) Rivercare will be at the carnival. Geoff reminded generally that WNC has gazebos available
- vi) WCA have purchased saws, loppers, sweep nets, and microscope for attaching to PC. Thanks were expressed to Co-op for their support.
- vii) John Fox asked about litter pickers. Roger confirmed that Rivercare has donated some and some have been passed to Cuckoo Hollow Group.

3.4.2 **DOG FOULING:** Ivan advised that the WCA have purchased some more stencils to add to those already purchased together with the paint. He gave a report on the areas sprayed suggesting that things have improved. Ten signs have been provided by Cllr John Fox and they will be replaced if the lamp posts are removed.

#### 4 **WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

John Fox advised:

- i) The replacement bench against the roundabout has been ordered.
  - ii) A visit is being arranged to the incinerator. It was suggested that a trip to the recycling would also be interesting.
  - iii) That he would have to send apologies for the Annual General Meeting
- Roger asked if a working group had been set up for the 20mph review as Clare George had suggested that there was going to be a meeting. Both John and Judy said that they weren't aware and said that it wouldn't have been due to the election.

#### 5 **REPRESENTATIVES AND GROUP REPORTS**

##### 5.1 **COMMUNITY LIAISON: NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT and PRINCES TRUST:**

Geoff advised there is nothing more to report.

##### 5.2 **COMMUNITY POLICING:**

- i) PCSO Martha Hurley was thanked for the crime figures for February/March (circulated by email) and March/April (tabled at the meeting).
- ii) Lawrence clarified the difference between theft, burglary and robbery.
- iii) The Neighbourhood Council's AGM is on Friday.

- iv) It was concerning that the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators hadn't been contacted about the betting shop thefts especially as there may have been information available. Members only found out about it via Facebook. CCTV would be beneficial when the Centre is developed but City Council won't pay for CCTV on private land. Youths are riding cycles in the Centre.
- v) There is a temporary speed check being undertaken in the village. Bill asked about the availability of the warning signs. John Fox said that these had been requested but the Council no longer uses them.

### **5.3 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:**

Geoff and Martin attended the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March and the former gave a brief report on the proceedings. The minutes haven't as yet been published by PCC but will no doubt be available on their website in due course. Neighbourhood Council attends these as a Parish Council and receive feedback from officers and service providers. Leonie McCarthy from Peterborough Council for Volunteer Services gave a presentation about supporting local communities and helping parish councils. It is disappointing, though, about the lack of support that she is able to give to our direct requests. Jason Ablewhite, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, gave an overview of their key objectives. He said that vulnerability issues and victim support would receive greater attention as will preventative measures. It was not about closing police stations ( bit late for Werrington ) and highlighted the easy to use website. It was surprising when he advised that it costs £36,000 per annum for each prisoner in Peterborough's prison. The next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled.

### **5.4 WERRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WCA)**

In the absence of Kay, Sally read out her report:

'13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting: Bill Tilah (the PCC subcontractor responsible for lease maintenance issues) was at the Full WCA meeting to answer questions. After answering questions, he assured the meeting that the PCC would comply with all the lease conditions that it entered into with the Church and that a plan of works is in development. He stated quite plainly the lease is between the PCC and the Church. The meeting was told that the proposed lease had been received from the Church lawyers and it was decided to hold a special meeting be held to discuss it. This was arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> April. Other matters comprised of normal business.

10<sup>th</sup> April 2018: An extraordinary Full Council was well attended and the proposed lease and trustee notes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Items of the lease were gone through and discussed. Many of the conditions were waiting for either legal advice from the WCA legal team (Buckles) and clarification will be sought from the Church.

The WCA asked for all the groups to come up with ideas for fundraising at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.'

Geoff said that he will be following up about the future of the Education Centre. Denham has said that The Princes Trust will be moving to The Barn and that WNC will be welcome to have use of it but currently the financing of the facility was under review by him.

### **5.5 OTHER MEETINGS:** No reports received.

## **6 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINES**

### **6.1 NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **6.2 OTHER MATTERS:**

Bill asked about progress of the street light replacement. Steve Lane advised that this has started with work for instance down Fulbridge Road.

**MEETING CLOSE:** 9.35pm.

## Werrington Neighbourhood Council

Crime recorded from 12/03/18-15/04/18

Total 48 crimes

Some types of crime broken down below:

### North Werrington

- X 1 Theft from Motor Vehicle (Copsewood)
- X 2 Robbery of Business (Skaters Way – Ladbrooks)
- X 2 Possession of Offensive Weapon (Skaters Way, Ploverly)
- X 1 Shed/Garage Burglary (Sunnymead)
- X 1 Theft in Dwelling (Livermore Green)

### South Werrington

- x 1 Criminal Damage (Lincoln Road)
- x 2 Dwelling Burglary (Barnes Way x 2)
- x 1 Attempt Dwelling Burglary (Barnes Way)
- x 1 Business Burglary (Benedict Square)
- x 1 Theft (Danish Court)
- x 1 Theft from Person (Cisbury Ring)

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