

# WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

## MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 AT WERRINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE NOTES FROM THE MEETING

PRESENT: 11 members of Werrington Neighbourhood Council, 11 other Werrington Residents and Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Steve Lane

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Roger Proudfoot

MEETING OPENED: 7.05pm

1. Vince Moon as Chair of Werrington Neighbourhood Council welcomed everyone for coming to hear about Werrington's Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Sally Weald gave an overview of the current position of the Forum. She explained that most Neighbourhood Plans are evolved by Parish Councils but, as Werrington doesn't have a Council, then a Neighbourhood Forum has to be formed and approved by Peterborough City Council. She advised that the first step was to form a Neighbourhood Area, which has been approved. The Forum has the minimum number of members, the application has been approved and will be out for Consultation on the City Council's website.
3. Mark Deas of ACRE was then introduced. He explained that he was a consultant who worked with groups to develop their Neighbourhood Plans. He said that he wasn't here to persuade actions one way or the other. He went through the following
  - The function of a Neighbourhood Plan was explained but he warned that this just related to planning matters and there would be many issues that couldn't be addressed in this way eg traffic. Sally confirmed that this was a project for a joint Neighbourhood Plan and Community Action Plan so an action plan would be picking up many issues. It is intended to bring people with similar concerns to bring about solutions eg support for speedwatch projects.
  - There are many planning reasons to form a Plan and the amount of effort needs to be considered alongside the benefits.
  - Attention was drawn to Peterborough's Local Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan would sit alongside this and would have to be considered when planning applications were reviewed
  - The stages of the Plan: Consultation, writing, policies, examination, ballot, adoption. This could take years to reach a conclusion
  - There is a £9,000 pot of money available for 'Werrington' for the next 2 years. This has to be applied for. Whilst it seems a lot of money, it will soon be spent eg ACRE is cheap at £400 a day. It is important that a consultant is employed only when strictly essential. There could be a lot of skilled and supportive people in the Community willing to come forward. Sally agreed that the £9,000 would not be enough to get a plan in place and further sponsorship and lottery funding needs to be considered.
  - Consultation is the first important step. People cannot be expected to come to you and community groups need to be approached. Need to go where the people are. Sally agreed that a key date for the Forum is Carnival at the end of June. She added that this is not the first attempt at a plan as a lot of work was undertaken in 2011 before the new regulations then come in and funding ran out. So some dated community outcomes are to hand. Also ongoing consultative work has been undertaken at the Neighbourhood Council's drop in events.
4. QUESTIONS ASKED:
  - What would happen if an adjoining community such as Gunthorpe wanted to designate an area and wanted to cover part of the same area? A certain location can only be in one area and so couldn't be part of a new designated area. But a Forum and a plan would only exist for 5 years so at the end of that time, all the area allocation could be reviewed.
  - What area would be covered by the plan? The area covers the traditional area of Werrington although is driven by the political boundaries
  - Can extra protection be afforded to the conversation area and prevent any further density infill.
  - National regulations already offer substantial protection

Encouragement is given to involve Young People but the benefits for Young People are not apparent. Generally it was seen that young people bring interesting views into the consultation. These outcomes can be included in an action plan. Sally said that contact had already been made with Ken Stimson and engagement would be made with them at the consultation stage.

Is a Parish Council being formed? Sally advised that the WNC has funding for one more year. It is the intention to use this opportunity to raise the awareness of the need to form a Community Council and the importance of future formal local representation.

5. Mark was thanked for all the information provided and he left the meeting.
6. The meeting then agreed the following:
  - To progress a Community Neighbourhood Plan and Community Action Plan
  - To approach ACRE to provide an initial support package to support and action plan and to support the initial stages of this including the consultation
  - To approach Locality for funding for this consultation and funding to develop the website before end March 2019.
  - The next meeting of Werrington Neighbourhood Council is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February and it seems appropriate to have the forum meeting preceding this. This will be the inaugural meeting of the Forum with the appointment of officers. This will have to be publically advertised and called. The official business of the formation will be subject to the Forum having being approved by Peterborough City Council following the end of the consultation on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. City Council did suggest that this would be complete by end of January.
  - The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th  
NOVEMBER 2018  
AT WERRINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Rod Boulton, Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Kay Molyneux, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, Mick Wheatley, Lawrence Wright

WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Steve Lane,

VISITORS: None

**Note:** The meeting was preceded by a Meeting of Werrington Area Forum (prospective Neighbourhood Forum) which is subject to a separate set of minutes.

**1.1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:** Vince welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially thanked visitors for the Neighbourhood Forum item for coming. He also thanked Bill Mercer for chairing the last meeting in his absence.

**1.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Roger Proudfoot

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions from the floor from members of the public.

**3. KEY BUSINESS**

**3.1 PLANNING - SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS and GENERAL REPORT**

Kay reported that there had been little of interest: Single story extension Pheasant Grove, Internal Work Dove House Hall Lane, Tree work 20 Hall Lane, Rear extension Barbers Hill, Side extension Carron Drive. It was noted that the Place of Worship with the limited parking had been approved down Papyrus Road.

**4. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4.1 SECRETARY**

**4.1.1 MINUTES - to receive and approve the minutes of FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018:**

Geoff and Chris Smith thanked everyone for the best wishes sent.

It was requested that 'The Paddocks' is referred to as 'Werrington Paddocks' to avoid confusion.

The minutes were then approved as a true record.

**4.1.2 ANY MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no other matters arising.

**4.1.3 REPORT:**

Sally had nothing further to report.

**4.1.4 FUTURE OF EDUCATION CENTRE.**

Kay reported that the WCA had decided that it was not able to take the lease on of the Village Centre. The WCA is prevented from accepting the Doctrine of Church of England clause within the lease due to Equality Legislation and its Constitution. The amount of rent being requested along with all the expenses of running the Hall would also have been difficult to accept. It was understood that the Scout and Guides also had received an offer for the HQ, garage and field. The Parish Church had confirmed that it will be managing the Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be honouring bookings for one to two years.

Geoff said that a conversation with Denham Hughes confirmed that the current sharing arrangement with the Princes Trust would continue. This has now been confirmed for the short term with Council Officers. In the longer term, the Council would like to see joint community management with the Hodgson Centre and the Council has tested the water to see if WNC is interested. WNC will be involved in future discussions but is not in a position to take anything more on. It is not clear what storage facilities there will be available at The Barn. Geoff will be in contact with the Parish Church

about vacating the premises; the Princes Trust will be vacating on 14<sup>th</sup> February and it is clear that there will be a clean break by 28<sup>th</sup> February. It is understood that the Education Centre will be used by the Church Youth group (currently in The Barn) and another charity. Geoff said that he has provided a free 'caretaking' service here for fifteen years as part of the WNC's occupancy arrangement with the City Council. He then described the new Youth Support Service Structure and the new Princes Trust team who are all anxious to work with the Neighbourhood Council.

#### **4.2 HONORARY TREASURER:**

Geoff said that he had little to report. It was noted that the £500 from Central Co-operative had been received and duly paid into the WNC account on 1<sup>st</sup> November. He asked that details of any outstanding payments be forwarded to him before the end of December after which the year-end accounts would be prepared.

#### **4.3 PRESS & P.R. including SPOTLIGHT and Website**

Sally said that whilst the last article could have been better presented the WNC was able to add the application form for the Forum.

The website needs updating with the Forum updates but it is hard to do so.

#### **4.4 ENVIRONMENT GROUP:**

##### **4.4.1 REPORT**

In the absence of Roger there was no Environment. Sally advised though that the Rivercare Event and Environment Agency/Community Day were a success. During the latter event, left items were disturbed when the workers were at lunch.

##### **4.4.2 DOG FOULING PROJECT:**

Ivan said that dog fouling problems had been quiet again with three in October and one in November (up to 11<sup>th</sup>). 252 since the count started. There are still complaints on Werrington Facebook. There was a discussion about siting of dog poo bins and bags being left. Dog poo stencilling has been effective but itself has been subject to a complaint to Councillors.

#### **5. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Church Street sign is being replaced.

Lights out at Fox Covert and Hodgson are due to faulty cable

Dukesmead bin has been sited.

Cathedral Estate Weight restriction sign has been replaced with 'Access Only' for lorries.

Barnes Close – replacement disabled bay has been requested.

Metal barriers at the Dukes Mead steps will be installed.

Please note the motion on change.org to request a Royal Commission to protect and improve the police service. Also need to write to MP.

It was noted that Millfield has had new play equipment installed. For last 4-6 years been trying to get funding; there is now a bid for such funding alongside other sports development. John suggested that James Collingridge is invited to the next meeting to talk about this and other issues for Werrington.

Referring to the Railway groups article, John said that the Council will not be replacing those trees removed as they were cut down at the residents' request and it is shown that such trees make little impact as a sound barrier but there may be the opportunity through PECT. The logs have been left intentionally as the public often collects and for environment reasons. Bill responded saying that it is for rail pollution emissions and they were the wrong kind of trees. The 'Right trees need to be in the right place'.

20 MPH project has come to a conclusion and is going to Cabinet.

Keep an eye for future planning applications at Werrington Centre. It was noted that the parking was a key issue here.

Fly tipping working group is coming to a conclusion

#### **6. REPRESENTATIVES and GROUP REPORTS**

##### **6.1 COMMUNITY LIAISON:**

Nothing to report

##### **6.2 COMMUNITY POLICING:**

Sally said that PCSO Martha Hurley had said that she was still having difficulty with the statistics

and will only be able to provide the whole of Werrington. It was agreed that wasn't a problem.

Vince said that it was with great sadness to announce that it was Lawrence Wright's last meeting as Neighbourhood Watch Representative. He has been involved in the community: being the Chair of Neighbourhood Watch, Scouting etc. and has had a tremendous record. He was thanked for all his work and support to the Neighbourhood Council. Lawrence confirmed his involvement since 1972. Lawrence advised that he would be meeting with the Chief Constable.

Two new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators have been recruited for Church St and Birkdale Avenue.

### **6.3 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETINGS:**

Parish Council conference was attended by Vince, Geoff and Sally. There was an upbeat opening led by Cllr John Holditch and Gillian Beesley. The presentations included a frank explanation about police resources with larger area, new demands, reducing budgets and pension costs; community safety (including Cyber Security) and tackling anti-social behaviour plus some concerning news about the structure of the fire service with only two engines on standby at any one time supplemented by part time and volunteers and no increase as the City expands. Finally a presentation from Castor described Way Wardens and Good Neighbour Schemes. It was useful that a number of police officers were there so there was good feedback during lunch. It became apparent that WNC hadn't been included on a circulation list held by Democratic Service as an invite hadn't been received for a Parish Council Liaison meeting due to be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 20th November at 6.30 to consult on Peterborough City Council's Tranche 2 Budget. The next meeting takes place on Wed 19th December.

**6.4 OTHER MEETING(S):** There have been no other meetings.

### **7. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

**7.1 NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 7th January. The Neighbourhood Forum will not be meeting that night. It was therefore agreed to meet at the IT room in Ken Stimpson to ensure that the WNC still keeps access to this facility.

### **7.2 OTHER MATTERS:**

Bill went through the Railway Group's Spotlight report covering the progress of the construction works, site development and completion of the ponds. (seen in Appendix 1). He expressed concern about possible anti social hours of working. Monthly meetings continue at Loxley.

**MEETING CLOSE:** 9.05pm.

## **APPENDIX ONE**

### **Item 5 and 7.2 TUNNEL UPDATE BY NORTH WERRINGTON RAILWAY ACTION GROUP**

1. Construction work has commenced on this project by Network Rail and its main contractors, their offices have been erected on Coningsby Road in Bretton Industrial Estate.
2. Site clearance of both sides of the main line in Bretton and Werrington has commenced this month October 2018
3. Access roads from Waterworks Lane to Hurn Road will commence soon, to the west side of the A15 Werrington to Glinton dual carriageway, and also to the west side of the main line off Coningsby Road Bretton.
4. Clearance of small animals and insects is being carried out by specialist sub-contractors to Network Rail's instructions.
5. Network Rail have continued their public information meetings with the public at Loxley Community Centre between 2pm and 6pm on October and will also be held on 9th November and 7th December 2018. Call in and have a chance to talk to Network Rail staff about your concerns regarding construction noise, vibration and air pollution of CO2 and NOX upon your properties and life styles.
6. The North Werrington Railway Action Group have requested of Peterborough City Council, Local Councillors John Fox, Judy Fox and Steve Lane that the existing trees along Serjeant Way footpath to the rear of Gascoigne, Sunnymead, Redbridge and Livermore Green be placed by new more suitable trees and bushes. This will protect our affected local properties and residents from the projected increase rail traffic from 2021 onwards. Also requested of our Councillors that the City Council sub-contractors clear away over 80 cut down tree logs cleared and cut down previously and left uncleared.