

# ***Werrington***

## **neighbourhood council**



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

## **TUESDAY 4TH JUNE**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019**

**MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM**

Refreshments will be available before the start of the meeting from 7:15 pm

### AGENDA

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME : VINCE MOON** ( including Apologies for Absence )
2. **OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS ( written reports in the Meeting Pack )**
  - 2.1 **CHAIR - VINCE MOON**
  - 2.2 **HONORARY SECRETARY - SALLY WEALD** ( including the receiving and approval of the MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 )
  - 2.3 **HONORARY TREASURER - GEOFF SMITH** ( including the appointment of the Independent Examiner )
  - 2.4 **PLANNING REPORT**
3. **PRESENTATION : HOME DELIVERY SERVICE - LIVING INDEPENDENTLY LONGER**  
**BELINDA CHILDS : Head of Housing, Prevention and Well Being, Peterborough City Council**
4. **ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS**

There are 10 elected positions on our Council - see details on **page 18**  
There are 6 vacancies needing to be appointed to at this meeting. Four of the existing members who are due to seek re-election have been nominated. Any other nominations must have been submitted on the official form and in the possession of the Secretary by Friday 31st May 2019.  
Up to 6 co-opted members are appointed annually at Council Meetings and new members are welcome.  
Our six Ward Councillors are automatically installed as ex-officio members of the Council
5. **AMENDMENT TO WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**  
See details on **page 18** in meeting pack
6. **WERRINGTON AREA FORUM**
  - 6.1 **ANNUAL REPORT** Including **Financial Statement** ( written reports in meeting pack )
  - 6.2 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP**  
Nominations taken in advance and at the meeting.
7. **ANNUAL AWARDS**

**THE WERRINGTON AWARD : WERRINGTON SCOUT AND GUIDE COUNCIL'S CARNIVAL COMMITTEE PAST AND PRESENT**  
**GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD : HOLLY FRENCH**  
**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS : JOHN GREEN, JACKIE SIDNEY, MAURICE SIMONS**  
**COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS : THE LOUNGE COFFEE SHOP**  
**ENVIRONMENT AWARD : WERRINGTON BROOK BOOM GROUP**
8. **ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP - ROGER PROUDFOOT**
9. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS** ( not covered by 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.

## CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019



### VINCE MOON WRITES .....

One of Werrington's great strengths is its strong community spirit. This is very much reflected in the work of this Council. We are all fortunate that so many volunteers, with a wealth of different talents, give up so much time and effort for the general good for which they receive no payment.

A classic demonstration of this can be seen in the reasons for Lawrence Wright's Community Involvement Award from Peterborough City Council. He has been a pillar of support locally for as long as I can remember, since I moved to Werrington in the early 1980s. He has fulfilled several important leading roles that have made a real difference for the better. As well as having been a member and former Chair of the Neighbourhood Council, he has also been a Scout Leader, set up the Werrington Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group and also the Peterborough Neighbourhood Watch. He has also been involved with two Police Associations and Crime Stoppers as well as being a leading light in local Church of England activities. Having celebrated his eightieth birthday recently he is now cutting back on some of his activities but we should all be grateful for all his contributions to date.

All our Council members have contributed much in their own special ways but I will add a few examples to further illustrate the point I am making. Geoff Smith, retired Water Engineer, our longest standing member, has shared a wealth of experience on a variety of matters as well keeping us updated on our finances. Roger Proudfoot's environmental expertise has been invaluable in the sterling work done by the Werrington Environment Group on a number of different projects that he has organised. Retired civil engineer Bill Mercer has kept a close eye on the railway developments in the north of Werrington. It is encouraging that Rod Boulton has undertaken some training and has now taken on the role of Chair of our Planning Committee reviewing all the planning applications that effect Werrington and making submissions where necessary. The administrative expertise of Sally Weald, our secretary, along with her total commitment to pursuing and completing tasks has been key to the headway we have made on a number of fronts.

Establishing the Werrington Area Forum, with the area covered now defined, we have been able to acquire some government funding and have begun work on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Werrington that will hopefully be of great benefit to Werrington in the long term. Again we have been fortunate that some well qualified local people have joined the Forum and are assisting in this process. This will be our major project for the next couple of years.

I have aimed with this report to give a favour of the positive role this Council plays in the local community. You will also find a copy of Alan Smith's powerful statement about this from the last AGM - see pages 5 and 6 in the following Minutes of that meeting. I would urge every resident to support our fund raising efforts as we have had no City Council financial support for some years now. However eventually a sustainable long term funding solution is needed if the area is not to lose this facility for participation and representation at this grass roots level.

Finally I would like to express my appreciation of all the Neighbourhood Councillors for their attendance and support at the many meetings and activities of the Council and its associated bodies. Also our thanks for the assistance and regular attendance of the Werrington Ward City Councillors, Steve Lane, John and Judy Fox. It was also nice to have newly elected Gunthorpe Councillor, Sandra Bond at our last meeting.

*Vince Moon*

CHAIR

## WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**HELD AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT:** Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon  
Roger Proudfoot, Sam Symlie, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, Mick Wheatley  
Lawrence Wright and residents of Werrington.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Stephen Lane, Kay Molyneux.

**GUESTS:** Award Winners with their family and friends

**Meeting commenced at 7.35pm**

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:** Vince Moon welcomed everyone commenting on the large turnout.  
The apologies were received as above.

#### **OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS**

**CHAIR:** The Chair's report had been circulated with the agenda and is included in the appendices to these minutes. Vince Moon however added the following:

He thanked all the officers and members of the Council. He specifically thanked Ivan Hammond for his dog mess work and thanked the Werrington Councillors for their support.

He highlighted the challenges for WNC but said that making small progressions with things like the website, crowdfunding and new possibilities like the Neighbourhood Plan will hopefully raise the WNC's profile and secure its future. He hoped that everyone receiving a WNC consultation questionnaire over the coming months would complete and return and hoped that by working together the WNC's future is secured.

#### **SECRETARY:**

Sally Weald presented the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017. The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Pauline Fury and seconded by Martin Greaves.

The Secretary's report had been circulated with the agenda. Sally highlighted the work done on the website and facebook pages to make the Neighbourhood Council more public facing and accessible to residents. She thanked Mike Whitaker of Mill House Studies for all his help in setting up the website. She said to watch out for future projects such as the environment work and something to tackle dog mess! She thanked Vince and all the members of the Council for their work and support over the last year.

#### **HONORARY TREASURER :**

Geoff Smith's report had been circulated with the agenda and this was read to the meeting. He highlighted that the key project was the village sign which was financed by the Co-op donation via the WCA and this supported some admin costs leaving the £29 reduction in funding from the previous year. £400 has been raised through crowdfunding. The audited accounts for the last financial year were received and approved by those present.

**PLANNING:** Vince advised that, in the absence of a Planning Chair, Kay Molyneux had provided a planning update and this had been circulated with the agenda

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS**

**THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD:** Sally advised that Councillor John Fox has nominated Hollie Orbell from Ken Stimpson Community School with Anisha Freeman, Bethan Smith, Lily Watkin and Saffron Fletcher for their well being and mental health campaign at the School. Hollie has contacted numerous organisations in her quest to raise awareness of the stigmas and issues affecting young people like herself. She has been actively involved in volunteer work, raising money for charities and has secured a £200 grant for our school. Hollie and her friends have been able to implement a number of strategies at the school. Sally presented the trophy, the cash prize and certificate to Hollie, Saffron, Bethan, Lily and Anisha.

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**COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD**

Sally introduced Bridget Holland Chair of Ken Stimpson Community School governing body. She said that Ken Stimpson, opening in 1982, has only had two Chairs of governors: Paddy Reeson – Ken Stimpson's sister, and Bridget Holland who became Chair 14 years ago. Sally said that this award recognises all the time and commitment that Bridget has given to the School but in addition Bridget has given a lot of support to other schools in Peterborough over the years. She presented Bridget with her award.

**ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS:**

Sally Weald explained that there are ten elected positions on the Council and five are elected annually. Notices had been posted and nomination forms provided.

There are five vacancies with a two year appointment and five nominations have been received :

- Vince Moon ( seeking re-election )
- Bill Mercer ( seeking re-election )
- Roger Proudfoot ( seeking re-election )
- Mick Wheatley ( new nomination )
- Sam Smylie (new nomination )

In addition following Alan Smith's resignation there is one vacancy with a one year appointment and one nomination has been received for this:

- Geoff Smith (seeking re-election).

As the number of nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies, appointment to the Neighbourhood Council were carried unanimously.

Sally advised that in addition Pauline Fury and Rod Boulton have indicated their wish to become co-opted members, in addition, to Lawrence Wright, already a co-opted member and these appointments will be made at the post AGM meeting.

**ANNUAL AWARDS (Cont )**

**THE WERRINGTON AWARD:** Pauline Fury introduced Gil Alexander. She said that she had known Gil for many years. He arrived in Werrington in 1962. As a volunteer parent he gave up every weekend for two years to help build the Scout and Guide Headquarters from 1978. After the hut was built, he continued to be on the Scout and Guide Council and Carnival Committee and chaired the Carnival in the 1980's. He continues to run a stall on the Carnival field each year helping to fund raise for the headquarters. He was a member of the Clodhoppers and also a founder member of the Carol Wagon committee and collected round the village in the 1980's and early 1990's. He's been involved in organising events in The Village hall since the early 1980's and continues to do so to this day. He helped organise The May Day events that the WCA used to run and would take on any volunteer role going as he simply loves being part of the Werrington Community. Most recently he volunteered to mend the Village Centre Notice Board in 2015 to avoid a large bill to the WCA. He's got Werrington running through his blood !

**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD :**

Vince introduced Alan Smith, the ex Chair of the planning group who is now living in Norfolk. Vince said that Alan had contributed so much of his expertise to the Neighbourhood Council over the years ensuring that all the Werrington planning applications received scrutiny. He freely gave his time to the Neighbourhood Council. In addition he gave much time and research to projects such as the Anniversary Park and most recently the Rail Inquiry. He spoke with much authority and his wisdom is missed. The Neighbourhood Council gives thanks and gratitude to Alan and the Community Contribution Award is so richly deserved.

Alan responded by thanking the Neighbourhood Council and said the following:

*Thank you for the award .I am very honoured to have received it. I would like to say a few words, as perhaps my last contribution to WNC. People have responded differently in the past on these occasions but one particular response I am sure many of you will recall, was that from one of our residents, who was a leading figure in the Sikh community of Peterborough. His very humble, but consistent, input to keeping his part of Werrington tidy was closely bound up with his belief in the importance of community to spiritual well being; if I understood him correctly.*

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*I have no faith credentials and in wanting to endorse this sentiment of the importance of community, I look to a more secular response. I was struck by a view I saw expressed recently that, in our quest for happiness, we should look no further than being an acknowledged member of a group of people of what ever size, colour or creed, who endorsed what we as individuals did. And endorsed so explicitly and with real commitment as to encourage it and nurture it. This may come easily in the context of family, although not everyone has had the benefit even of this. It is perhaps harder to achieve in a diverse community or a community whose identity overlaps with others and is perhaps not strongly felt by all who live in it, for a whole variety of reasons. We are not talking here of a club of enthusiasts or sports players for example, but something more generalised that can and should have an impact on all of our public lives; the quality of our environment, the public and shared spaces, the means of travel and how that works for us, our daily needs for things like food and health care as well as relaxation.*

*WNC has struggled in the recent past to feel that what they are doing is endorsed by the community. If happiness is the collective endorsement of individual efforts then perhaps this explains some of the frustrations, and indeed unhappiness, that can surface at WNC meetings and activities. For nearly forty years we have had a period when a sense of a community of interest and sharing of responsibility has been persistently downgraded. The decline in the role of local government, the disappearance of publicly owned facilities and the subtle but pervasive sense that we are all, and only, individuals, has been a manifestation of this. Now with the addition of ten years of public austerity, caused by the failure of the controls on our financial services industry, and on the other hand massive growth in private wealth, our public realm feels much diminished and our public servants seem demoralised.*

*I think, perhaps because I am an optimist, that whatever political party you support, it is now becoming clearer to us all that we have reached a turning point. There have always been patches of strong community and identity, but unless there is central political, practical support (not just grand words), communities such as Werrington will not flourish in the way they could.*

*At this low point nationally, it has never been more important that WNC should keep striving to improve this community. For the happiness of all of us, you must be in a position to make the best use of this turn in the tide that I think is coming. What you do is important. I can only encourage you by reminding you that it is. Thank you for what you are doing, and for hearing me out tonight.*

Vince thanked Alan for these thoughts, once again demonstrating how well he said things that others were thinking !

Geoff Smith introduced Mary Palmer who has been the Werrington Community Association's Booking Secretary for 21 years and will be retiring this year. She was involved with the community for many years before that. He has personally found Mary to be very efficient in all their dealings. He thanked her for all her work and wished her well in her retirement.

#### **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS :**

Geoff Smith advised that unfortunately Chris Ware the ex-secretary of WNC is unable to attend this evening to receive her Community Appreciation award but that this will be made at the WNC meeting in July.

#### **ENVIRONMENT AWARD:**

Tim Fox was introduced by Roger Proudfoot. Roger explained how British sea birds are being affected by the plastic in the North Sea and Werrington Brook is a feeder of the River Welland going into The Wash. He highlighted the damage that plastic is making on British marine wildlife and the importance of reducing the amount of plastic going into our streams and rivers. He said that Tim Fox has been leading a litter picking team around Cuckoos Hollow for many years and has prevented a huge amount of rubbish from entering the stream and lake and generally improves the Cuckoo Hollow surroundings.

Tim responded thanking all the people involved in making Cuckoos Hollow a better place including Councillor John Fox. He expressed his thanks which he said was an award to all involved.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **OPENED BY ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

Roger Proudfoot presented the environment group's report. He said that he has been involved with the Neighbourhood Council about 3 years and has been involved with several projects since then, He said that Alan Smith's words resonates with him and encouraged people that felt the same to get involved in the projects via facebook, posters, Spotlight.

He thanked all the volunteers already involved. He thanked Rob Price from Environment Agency for his enthusiasm and equally Andy Sadler the new Werrington Brook project manager and Sam Hooley. The WNC has now been provided with water quality equipment to monitor the nutrients and phosphates but prevent of pollution is key for the Brook.

He highlighted all the projects the Environment group is currently involved with

- The Paddocks – an area that has been untouched for 100 years 16 species of butterfly recorded. One third of British total and this is important as 70% of british specifiers are declining.
- The original brook work is already showing signs of improvement.
- Wild flower seeding in play area meadows.
- Work with Rivercare
- Environment Day events – including bat survey, bird walk, amphibians and plant id.
- Future River Care events including one in September.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS :**

#### **WERRINGTON BROOK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

Andy Sadler of Environment Agency introduced himself and Sam Hooley. His presentation described:

- the partnership between Anglian Water, PECT, EA and Rivercare.
- the area of the Welland catchment,
- the work needed on the brook to bring about bends, deep pools and the benefits to wildlife, plants, oxygenated water.
- the challenges including pollutants, surface run off, agriculture pollution.

Andy responded to questions including fines for polluters, the delays in the restoration work and the difficulties of the new boon. He offered to answer any further questions after the meeting.

#### **FROGLIFE PROJECTS**

Catherine Duerden explained that Froglife is based in Werrington but is a national charity. She highlighted its current work including: obrite Spring and Great Crested Newt Ponds. Vegetation has been cleared away to allow new growth and the creation of refuges. New ponds have been created with liners and have been fenced for health and safety although the general area is open to dog walkers.

She then gave an interesting presentation about the differences between our British Reptiles and amphibians.

The questions raised included:

Is pond weed in garden ponds good for wildlife?: It was confirmed that this wasn't dangerous and in fact newts lay their eggs at their base.

Who owns the great newt ponds? It was confirmed that Network Rail will own this for 5 years but it is not yet known who will take over although options include Wildlife Trust but in the meanwhile WNC will continue to support management

How are newt ponds are supplied with water? These are rain water fed and there is a high water table but this will be reviewed.

#### **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ( and not covered under earlier agenda items )**

There was no other urgent business.

#### **APPENDICES**

The following written reports were circulated prior to the meeting and copies provided on the night :

Agenda Item 3.1 - Chair's Annual Report

Agenda Item 3.2 - Honorary Secretary's Annual Report

Agenda Item 3.3 - Honorary Treasurer's 's Annual Report

Agenda Item 3.4 - Acting Planning Chair's Annual Report

Agenda Item 3.5 - Environment Committee/Group Chair's Annual Report

**APPENDICES**

**AGENDA ITEM 3.1**

**VINCE MOON WRITES .....**



The last twelve months have been a real roller-coaster ride for me but despite the trials and tribulations there have been many positive developments and I feel reasonably optimistic about the future. There are a number of daunting challenges facing us so the need for a local representative body for the people of Werrington has probably never been greater. However I am confident that if we continue working together as a community and with the support of our City Councillors we can and will make progress in tackling the issues that face us.

We must maintain and improve Werrington as a great place to live, building on the all the good work of those who came before us.

Your Neighbourhood Councillors have been very busy on a number of fronts. Alan Smith, our Planning Committee Chair, worked closely with residents who had a number of concerns about the upgrading of the railway line in the north of Werrington and very ably represented them at the public enquiry on this issue. On the local environment Roger Proudfoot has done much sterling work organising and working with community volunteers on a number of activities that have benefitted our area. It was particularly pleasing to see our member Ivan Hammond's efforts as a community activist officially recognised with a Civic Award from the City Council. The increasingly popular Drop-In events held at various locations across our locality have given the community much useful information and enabled us to receive valuable feedback on the views and aspirations of residents about the neighbourhoods we represent. Sally Weald, our Secretary, has worked tirelessly on a number of projects, including our excellent new website, and made many vital contributions to the running of the Council's business - that the Council is so effective is in no small measure down to her input.

As well as this the Council has considered and made representations where appropriate, on a number of issues such as the Ken Stimpson School extension plans. Time was also spent looking at local changes to the village post office, the Blue Bell Public House and the opening of the Lidl store. Future possible developments to the Werrington Centre, the approaching decisions needed about Loxley and Hodgson Community Centres as well the Village Centre have also been discussed.

The loss of Alan Smith from the Council, who moved to Norfolk just before Christmas, was a huge blow and we are still trying to find someone to fill the Planning Chair role. However on the positive side Mick Wheatley was recently co-opted onto the Council and hopefully Sam Smylie will also be joining us soon. Both will bring valuable skills and expertise to the Council.

The death of my wife Liz in September was a devastating personal loss and I am only slowly coming to terms with it. The one bright side to this episode has been the help and support that I have been given by friends, neighbours and Neighbourhood Council colleagues. This assistance has been much appreciated.

Our Strategy Group has been examining a number of possible options for the future. Attempts have been made to make the Council and its meetings more open to residents and these will be developed in the coming months. Most recently we have been informed that we may be able to assist in taking up opportunities for developing a Neighbourhood Plan. This is an exciting opportunity that would help ensure the best possible future for Werrington. A first step will be to define the area by consulting the people living in the parts of the old Werrington South Ward that are now in the Gunthorpe Ward to establish which area they consider themselves to be in.

Finally I would like to thank all the Neighbourhood Councillors for their attendance and support at the many meetings and activities of the Council and its associated bodies. Also our appreciation of the assistance and regular attendance of the Werrington Ward City Councillors, Steve Lane, John and Judy Fox, especially as the Foxes also had many mayoral duties to perform as well.

**Vince Moon CHAIR**



APPENDICES

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT



I am pleased to say that I have now completed twelve months as Secretary. It has certainly been a busy role with packed meetings, detailed minutes and much correspondence. I have been pleased to be able to use my skills and time in many areas including supporting Alan Smith in the final stages of the production of the Rail Inquiry submission, identifying funding opportunities and the development of the new easy to use website. We must acknowledge Mike Whittaker of Mill House Studios for his time in the development and ongoing support of the website.

Unfortunately lack of funding remains the challenge. There are so many projects that we could undertake ... and so many half started projects that we could complete. It was disappointing that our National Lottery bid failed as that could have solved many problems. We are hoping that sporadic crowdfunding projects will enable the Community to support us.

As so much of our member's work has been quietly undertaken and goes unrecognised, it is important that we get the message out about what the Neighbourhood Council does for Werrington. Our meetings are open to the public, our minutes are available on the website and Facebook is now used to promote our activities.



Please visit our webpage [www.werrington.org.uk](http://www.werrington.org.uk)

Please follow Werrington Neighbourhood Council and Werrington Environment Group Facebook pages and share and like our posts. Please come to our events.

Please check out current Crowdfunding projects at [www.chuffed.org](http://www.chuffed.org) or links from our website.

I would like thank all the members of Werrington Neighbourhood Council for all their contributions. Together we make a great team.

Sally Weald Secretary

OUR NEW MP ATTENDING OUR DROP-IN EVENT 11TH NOVEMBER 2017

WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD 2017-18 ( FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLY - COMMITTEES NOT INCLUDED )

NAME	DATE	CODE	2018												MAX POSSIBLE	ACTUAL	
			19-06 POST-AGM	17-07	11-09	09-10	20-11	08-01	05-02	12-03	16-04	14-05	AGM 05-06	25-06 POST-AGM			23-07
VINCE MOON	E	YES	YES	APOLS	APOLS	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			10	8
SALLY WEALD	E	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	M	YES	YES	APOLS	YES	YES				10	9
GEOFF SMITH	E	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				10	10
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MARTIN GREAVES	E	YES	YES	APOLS	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				10	9
PAULINE FURY	E	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	N	YES	YES	YES	YES	APOLS				10	9
KAY MOLYNEUX	E	APOLS	YES	YES	APOLS	YES	E	YES	YES	APOLS	APOLS	YES				10	6
BILL MERCER	E	APOLS	YES	YES	YES	YES	W	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				10	9
IVAN HAMMOND	E	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				10	10
ROGER PROUDFOOT	E	YES	APOLS	YES	YES	APOLS	Y	YES	APOLS	APOLS	YES	YES				10	6
LAWRENCE WRIGHT	CO+	YES	YES	APOLS	YES	YES	E	APOLS	APOLS	YES	YES	YES				10	7
NIGEL LAW	CO+2						A										
SAM SMYLLIE	CO						R				YES	APOLS				2	1
MICK WHEATLEY	CO										YES	YES				2	2
WARD COUNCILLORS																	
JOHN FOX	EO	n/a	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				9	9
JUDY FOX	EO	n/a	YES	YES	APOLS	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				9	8
STEVE LANE	EO	n/a	YES	YES	APOLS	YES(8pm)		APOLS	YES	APOLS	YES	YES				9	6
ANDREW BOND *3	EO	n/a	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3	*3	*3	*3		*3	*3	*3	*3
DARREN FOWER *3	EO	n/a	*3	*3	*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	*3	*3
TOTAL ATTENDING		9	13	11	9	13	2018	11	11	9	14	13					

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 2.2 - CONTINUED**

**NETWORK RAIL'S WERRINGTON GRADE SEPARATION ORDER**

The development on Network Rail's Werrington Grade Separation Order has been a major part of Werrington Neighbourhood Council's work. The plans are to build a new two-track railway line under the East Coast Main Line at Werrington Junction that will enable high-speed trains to pass over the Great Northern Great Eastern Line.

This will, however, impact on many residents during the construction and subsequent running of the line.



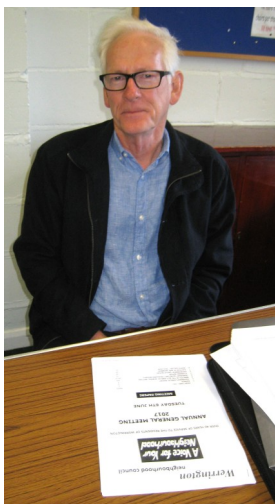
The major concerns included potential increase in numbers of trains, impact of noise and vibration damage to properties. A resident's group, led by two Neighbourhood Council members Bill Mercer and Ivan Hammond ( see photo above ), was able to keep residents informed and arranged the collection of views and concerns. The Neighbourhood Council, working with the resident's group, then made representations to the two consultations in 2014 and 2016 to try to establish more protection for residents. Following the submission of a legal application for the necessary powers to build and operate the scheme, a public inquiry was held in November 2017 and the Neighbourhood Council were invited to produce proof of evidence. The final report and evidence file was over 50 pages and took many, many hours of research, combining resident's views, patiently and expertly undertaken by Alan Smith ( see photo above ). He also attended the four day inquiry with the resident's group, presenting evidence on the final day and answering questions from Network Rail's legal team and the Inquiry Inspector.

The outcome of the Inquiry isn't yet known but Network Rail's preparation has commenced with the development of ponds to allow the transfer of great crested newts, residents vacating their properties to allow demolition and access points being developed. The Neighbourhood Council reviews developments in detail at each meeting. We are pleased with the establishment of a good working relationship with Network Rail especially with David Vernon who has always been willing to talk to the Neighbourhood Council and residents.

Why does Werrington need a Neighbourhood Council ....?

Its work over the last four years with the Network Rail development shows what a formal group can do which would be impossible to do by individuals.

**ALAN SMITH**



The Rail Inquiry was just one of the many projects that Alan Smith undertook for the Neighbourhood. So it was with some sadness that we received Alan Smith's resignation from WNC from the beginning of December, following his move to Norfolk. Clearly our lost is Norfolk's gain.

Alan felt strongly that WNC is a worthwhile organisation. Alan was a former Chief Planning Officer at Peterborough City Council and the residents of Werrington have benefited hugely from his expertise and input as the WNC Chair of Planning over the last ten years. Council members felt that he spoke the wisest words at our meetings and will be sorely missed. He will be a very hard act to follow.

The work of the Neighbourhood Council will hopefully find a way to continue in some form or other in the future. The need for a non-political body representing residents has been emphasized by the way that he so ably carried out tasks.

**We wish him and his wife Shelagh well for the future in their new home.**



AGENDA ITEM 3.3

## HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018



### GEOFF SMITH REPORTS .....

Welcome to our AGM and I have great pleasure in presenting this my Annual Report for our financial year ending 31st December 2017. The **Statement of Accounts** is featured on the next page and has been thoroughly inspected and approved by Richard Collingridge our Independent Examiner ( we no longer refer to an Auditor ). We are most grateful for his very professional services once again.

You will see that last year we incurred only a very marginal loss of £29.83. The reason for this was that expenses were offset by a very generous donation from the local Co-operative Society which was secured by the Werrington Community Association. This paid for the Village Sign refurbishment, which we had previously budgeted for, and the insurance of it. The Insurance premium is usually our biggest outlay so this was a big financial help to us. We are most grateful to both parties for their help in this way as it effectively bought us more time before our funds run out.

Over the years a lot of our expenses have been absorbed by our volunteer Officers and Members and therefore don't show up in any of our accounts. Thanks to their generosity a lot of savings have been made in a number of ways and for the next financial year several have waived reclaiming travel, parking fees, meeting refreshment costs etc to help the cause.

The next year may well define our future as a lot of groundwork has been put in by our Officers and dedicated groups to looking at various options for our continuation in some form or another. Our Secretary, Sally Weald, has done a lot of hard work ably supported by our Chairman and several of our Council Members. More will be said by them on these initiatives and our new look website will be the place to find all of our latest news on this and all of our activities. One major step has been the setting up of a **CROWDFUNDING** project which is a way in which **YOU** our residents can get directly involved by making donations to help with our funding - nearly £400 has already been raised this way but much more is needed - so please visit [www.werrington.org.uk](http://www.werrington.org.uk) now and do your bit.

We are also well blessed in having the help and support of our three hard-working Werrington Ward Councilors. My sincere thanks to them and all of my WNC colleagues.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS IS FEATURED OVERLEAF

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 2018



### KAY MOLYNEUX REPORTS .....

 [ on the period since Alan Smith left the area ]

Planning Report for period from January 2018

Werrington Neighbourhood Council supported the need for the expansion of Ken Stimpson Community School and are happy with the building design plans and location. However the WNC raised concerns about the Access and Parking Plans, the Transport Assessment and the School Travel Plan and considered that these have been addressed inadequately. There have been 19 notifications for residential extensions, the WNC did not make comments.

One application we did comment on, with help from Alan Smith, the subdivision of plot and construction of new one-and-a-half storey house and detached double garage at 1384 Lincoln Road. This was ejected due to the intrusion into the back garden area of Lincoln Road, poor road and bin access and noise/disturbance to the gardens of the area and to adjoining properties.

Plans to upgrade the signage at the Cock Inn had been received and WNC agreed with the PCC Conservation Officer that these would be an improvement, the plans were permitted. There have been 8 notifications for tree felling or reduction, to-date one notification - felling of Silver Birch trees at Hall Lane, Werrington has been permitted. WNC were made aware of an alcohol license application from the new owners of Werrington Post Office on the Green, it was agreed at February's committee meeting that this was not a problem and welcomed the upgrade of the Post Office. However, since that meeting WNC was approached by a near-by resident ( misinformed that WNC is a Parish Council ) who had taken upon himself to organise a petition against it. An Extraordinary Meeting was held and all the points were fully discussed, and it was decided that the WNC would uphold it's original view. The minutes of this meeting is available on the WNC website.



# Werrington neighbourhood council

..... SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2017

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

**OPENING BANK BALANCE** carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 = £ 3,402.54 \* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £38.13

**THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 = £ 3,372.71\* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £16.33

(\* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations )

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2017

#### EXPENDITURE DETAILS

( previous year shown in brackets )

#### INCOME DETAILS

( previous year shown in brackets )

<u>REVENUE ITEMS</u>	£ p	£ p	
STATIONERY/POSTAGE/TELEPHONE	1 . 65 (87.27)	DONATION BY CLLRS JOHN & JUDY FOX	60 . 00
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH *	55 . 00 (30.00)	DONATION BY CO-OP VIA WCA	1,453 . 30
PRINTING [ including AGM ]	86 . 54 (84.53)		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	6 . 00 (5.00)		
WEBSITE RENEWAL	59 . 57 (42.24)		
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297 . 92 (307.91)		
AGM EXPENSES [ incl Hall Hire ]	63 . 95 (152.95)		
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	98 . 10 (97.99)		
PREMISES / EQUIPMENT	22 . 53 (15.50)		
PARKING	10 . 00 (5.50)		
TRAVEL	NIL (nil)		
REFRESHMENTS ( COUNCIL MEETINGS )	49 . 48 (89.02)		
HONORARIA TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	28 . 25 (30.50)		
HONORARIA VILLAGE SIGN REPAIRERS	170 . 00 (n/a)		
VISITING SPEAKER EXPENSES	25 . 00 (n/a)		
REPAYMENT OF UNUSED DONATION	569 . 14 (n/a)		

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 1,543 . 13 [A]**

**TOTAL INCOME = £ 1,513.30 [B]**

**DEBIT BALANCE : 2017 REVENUE ( RUNNING COSTS ) excess expenditure over income [ A-B ABOVE ] = £ 29.83\***

(\* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017 )

**EXPENDITURE NOTES : PAYMENTS MADE FOR WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP (WNNWCG) :**

[1] WERRINGTON SCOUTS & GUIDES COUNCIL = £ 30.00 ; [2] MAGPAS DONATION = £25.00

### OVERALL BALANCES

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

(1) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 331.63 ( + Cash-in-Hand = £ 452.63 ) ;

(2) WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN = £ 866.73

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS ( WHICH HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR SOME TIME ) ARE **NOT INCLUDED** IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES SHOWN.

**THE WAGG\* ACCOUNT ( \* Werrington Against Graffiti Group )** - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. **Credit Balance = £ 14.87**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT** - income = nil ; and expenditure = nil. **Credit Balance = £ 6.61**

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE ( c/f to 2018 ) = £ 21.48**

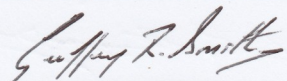
**THE TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 **CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018 = £ 3,389 . 04 \***

[ \* NOTE : THIS SUM IS COMPRISED OF £3,372.71 ( BANK BALANCE ) + £ 16.33 ( CASH-IN HAND ) BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE OF £ 21.48 ]

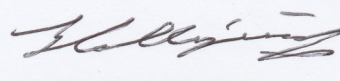
### DECLARATION

*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 2017.*

Signed :

  
GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPh  
HONORARY TREASURER

Signed :

  
RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated : 3<sup>RD</sup> April 2018

Dated : 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018



AGENDA ITEM 4

## ELECTIONS 2018

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

### 2018 - SEEKING ELECTION

VINCE MOON  
GEOFF SMITH  
BILL MERCER  
PAULINE FURY  
ROGER PROUDFOOT

### ELECTED UNTIL 2019

SALLY WEALD  
MARTIN GREAVES  
KAY MOLYNEUX  
IVAN HAMMOND  
- vacancy - ( Alan Smith )

NOTICES WERE POSTED AND NOMINATION FORMS PROVIDED ON OUR NOTICEBOARDS AT WERRINGTON LIBRARY AND THE WERRINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE. AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS THE POSITION REGARDING NOMINATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS :-

- FIVE EXISTING MEMBERS RETIRE BY ROTATION AND ALL ARE SEEKING RE-ELECTION ( shown in green text above )
- THERE IS ONE ELECTED MEMBER POSITION CURRENTLY VACANT THERE ARE SOME CO-OPTED MEMBER POSITIONS AVAILABLE - APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE POST-AGM MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WHICH IS DUE TO

AGENDA ITEM 3.5

## ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

Report of the Werrington Environment Group, Werrington Neighbourhood Council

Annual General Meeting, June 2018

Author: Roger Proudfoot - Chair

### Summary

Two years ago we established the Werrington Environment Group (WEG) as a sub-group of the Werrington Neighbourhood Council. The activities we have been able to support have grown in this short space of time. The Werrington Brook improvements continue to provide a focus for the group with a series of joint WEG/RiverCare events being held to monitor the improvements and tackle litter pollution around the brook. WEG also supported a series of drop-in sessions around Werrington for residents to find out more about our work. The highlight of the year was the Bugs and Beasts weekend where a series of events were held in one weekend to identify as many species as we could in the Paddocks area of Werrington near Lincoln Road. WEG was also able to support frog-life volunteering at the Sobrite Spring and litter picking activities around Cuckoo's Hollow.

### Report

The year got off to a great start after the 2017 AGM with a successful WEG/RiverCare event being held in June at the Hastings Road and Dukesmead stretches of the brook with our volunteers, many of whom are becoming regulars for our events. The Brook was fairing well with not as much litter as earlier in the i and an abundance of life with lots of river shrimps and small fish recorded. Dissolved oxygen was much lower along the Dukesmead section but this improved along the Brook at Hastings Road as the features that have been introduced, such as the riffles, had their effect and improved the quality of the water as it flowed along. Environment Agency's catchment coordinator Rob Price explaining about the improvements to the Brook to our volunteers.

Elephant Hawk moth caught in a trap in Werrington in June. The Bugs and Beasts weekend in July was a great success at the Paddocks near Lincoln Road. Our volunteers and experts worked late into the night for the bats and moths and arose early for the birds for the dawn chorus. We recorded a total of 131 species over the weekend. 3 mammals, 23 birds, 43 species of river invertebrates and 39 plants were amongst the records.

/ .... continued overleaf



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 - MINUTES ( CONTINUED )**

### **Environment Group Report** ( continued )

The records of butterflies notched up to an impressive 16 species for the year which demonstrates what a special place the Paddocks are for wildlife. Rachel Bates ( Cambridgeshire Bat Group ), Richard Howells ( bird call expert ), Jane Squirrel ( plants ), Alex Pickwell ( Environment Agency ecologist ) all deserve special thanks for giving up their time to participate in the weekend's events and lend their expertise to our recording. A selection of bugs from the Paddocks and Werrington Brook clockwise from top right Pelucid hoverfly, skipper/gatekeeper and small blue butterflies, water scorpion, 22 spot ladybird and Roesel's bush cricket

In September WEG, supported by RiverCare, the Environment Agency and Peterborough City Council, held a wild flower meadow making day at the Hastings Road recreation ground. The grass here has been left to grow long and provides an opportunity to create an area that is more attractive for both residents and wildlife. Despite heavy rain the night before, the volunteers set to raking up the risings to reduce the nutrient supply to the soil and planted patches of wildflower seed. The area will require further work to establish the meadow but a good start was made. The event was held alongside the consultation on the last stretch of the improvement works to the Werrington Brook due to start in November. Following the consultation on the improvement works, WEG and RiverCare set about establishing a baseline of photographs and water quality measurements before the works began. The Environment Agency also carried out a baseline biological survey of the brook that will give us a much better indicator of the improvements. Our band of trusty volunteers some regular, some new, managed to litter pick 35kg of rubbish from this stretch of the Brook, a great achievement at reducing pollution in our waterways, if only residents didn't drop it in the first place.

Sadly there was an oil spill in the Brook thought to come from an illegal disposal into a surface water drain and two swans were found covered in oil. The good news is that the RSPB managed to rescue the swans but sadly one of them died whilst the other recovered well and has been returned to the brook. The loss of the swan underlines the fragile nature of our water environment and how vulnerable our local wildlife is to careless disposal of waste. Further reports have been received during the year of oily films in the Brook. Residents are encouraged to keep a close eye on the Brook and report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 101. If you observe any pollution in the Brook residents are reminded to report it immediately to the Environment Agency hotline on 0800 807060. If we act quickly tragedies for Werrington wildlife may be averted.

Some new editions to the Brook fortunately not affected by the recent spill

In November WEG hosted another of its community dropins supported by WNC councillors at the Werrington Community Education Centre. A steady stream of visitors came along to hear about our work with RiverCare and our Neighbourhood Watch activities. Visitors included our MP for Peterborough, Fiona Onasanya who was very supportive of our work. 2018 events got off to a good start in January with the Werrington Environment Group and RiverCare joining forces with Froglife on a cold wet winter morning to clear the Sobrite spring of dead vegetation and create a hibernacula with the pile of vegetation.

Volunteers clearing dead vegetation and the finished area

The new ponds at Sobrite recently completed by Network Rail as compensatory habitat from the future tunnel. Following a good start to the year our events were disrupted by the very cold weather but spring was in the air when our April WEG /RiverCare event came about and a core group of volunteers ( pictured below ) turned out on a beautiful spring day to assess the Werrington Brook stretch next to Hastings Road recreation ground. The water quality was good with numerous fish and frogs spotted along with 5 species of butterfly on the wing supported by the abundance of food plants that are now available along the Brook thanks to the improvement programme. Sadly the news wasn't so good regarding litter and the team picked up around 25 kg of rubbish mostly single use plastic in the form of drinks bottles and beer cans. We also discovered 12 catering tins of bamboo shoots dumped in the Brook near Corfe Avenue which, despite the teams best efforts were again thrown into the Brook from where they were left for collection by the city councils contractors. Fortunately WEG sprang into action upon hearing the reports and removed the large cans again from the very murky waters in the rain. Our dedicated volunteers decided to open the tins, dispose of the contents in their grey bin and the cans in the recycling - they certainly wouldn't find their way into the Brook again !

### **FORWARD LOOK**

WEG will continue to support a series of monitoring events with RiverCare especially as the latest stretch improvements between Cuckoo's Hollow and Wisteria Way begin to take effect. 2018/19 will see us introducing new monitoring methods for phosphate, one of the main pollutants along the Werrington Brook, and piloting a litter recording method. A further Bugs and Beasts weekend is being held in June (29/30) with confirmation from the Cambridgeshire Bat group, the Environment Agency and our bird call expert Robert Howells that they will support the weekend of recording. The group will be applying for funding to develop management plans for Cuckoo's Hollow and the Paddocks. Further volunteer events will be planned once we have a management plan to work from. The group will be looking to see what further protections can be afforded to these important green spaces for our residents and wildlife.

**If you would like to get involved in our group** and its events then drop us an e-mail at [rogerproudfoot@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rogerproudfoot@yahoo.co.uk) or give Roger a call on **07753 800 431**.

**Finally a thank you** : Rob Price the catchment coordinator for the Environment Agency sadly left for pastures new in the SW. WEG would like to thank Rob for his personal energy and enthusiasm which contributed hugely to the success of the Werrington Brook improvement programme and our volunteer events.





# HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019



This is now my third annual report and I have had another busy year supporting the Council's many activities: planning applications, environment work, publicity

The lack of funding to pay for our everyday costs such as insurance and website and to support our activities is a constant problem. We are constantly exploring funding sources but there are few opportunities to make applications.

We however would like to thank Waitrose and Central England Co-operative Society's Making a Difference Community Fund for their donations which are supporting our environment projects this year.

There are great plans for next year - with our work at Werrington Paddocks, The Brook and Cuckoo Hollow, anticipated work on underpass murals (subject to funding) and the opportunities that a Neighbourhood Plan project will bring.

## THERE ARE WAYS THAT RESIDENTS CAN SUPPORT ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

**BECOME A COUNCILLOR or CO-OPTED MEMBER**

**ATTEND OUR MEETINGS :**

Every meeting is open to the public and starts with an Open Public Forum where you can ask questions or share your views

**COME TO OUR EVENTS :** Regular environment and drop in events take place

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE :** Keep up to date with news and meetings

**SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING :** You can do this by :

**SHOPPING ONLINE :**

By registering with **EASYFUNDRAISING** to shop with over 3,600 retailers. Every time you shop, you'll raise a free donation for Werrington Neighbourhood Council.



**CROWDFUNDING :** You can make any size of donation through our Crowdfunding page on :

**[www.chuffed.org](http://www.chuffed.org)**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the work of the Neighbourhood Council over the last few months in particular to our Chair Vince Moon who contributes so much of his time bringing efficient leadership and giving a strong steer to our work. We hope that you will follow reports of our work over the coming months in Spotlight, Facebook and on our website.

*Sally Weald*

HONORARY SECRETARY

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## HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019



### GEOFF SMITH REPORTS :

I have great pleasure in presenting this my 17th Annual Report as your Honorary Treasurer. It covers our financial year ending 31st December 2018. The **Annual Statement of Accounts** is featured overleaf and has been thoroughly inspected and approved by Richard Collingridge our Independent Examiner. Richard has been undertaking these duties for over 20 years now in a very professional manner and we are most grateful to him for this service. My understanding is that he is happy to continue providing this service for the current financial year and that is my appointment recommendation to this meeting.

The sad loss of some family and very close friends this year has reminded me that time and tide waits for nobody and that my age suggests that I should be looking for more peaceful and less stressful pursuits !! Since David West retired from this post in the 90's, there were successive short term appointments ( Carole Raines and Mick Mead ) until I took over in 2002 and have continued until this day. This is on top of my Chairman's role for nearly 10 years and periods in all of the other key officer posts since I joined the WNC on 13th November 1989 - yes, its 30 years up this year so methinks its soon time for me to be put out to pasture !!

You will see from the accounts overleaf that we made a profit this year. The reason for this being the excellent efforts made by Sally in getting funds from several sources - and she is continuing to this effect, which is on top of all her other duties that she is doing so well. So a big thanks to her. Also once again over the year a lot of expenses have been absorbed by our volunteer Officers and Members and therefore don't show up in any of our accounts. Their generosity is under-reported but nevertheless is much appreciated.

The next couple of years may well define our future and a lot of groundwork is being put in by our Officers and dedicated groups to looking at various options for our continuation in some form or another. Our Secretary, Sally Weald, has continued to do a lot of hard work on this and is ably supported by our Chairman, Vince Moon, and several of our Council Members. More will no doubt be said by them on these initiatives in their reports.

I am also pleased to have been able to help facilitate and oversee our new arrangements with our office remaining as part of the Church's Lighthouse Youth Centre ( Carol and Newton ) and archiving/meeting arrangements with Youth Services at The Barn - maintaining our excellent relationship with Denham Hughes and The Princes Trust Team ( Kim and Julie ) respectively. I look forward to us continuing to work closely with these local partners.

Finally we continue to be very well served by having the help and support of our three very hard-working Werrington Ward Councillors. My sincere thanks to all of them and to my WNC colleagues. I also look forward with some degree of optimism to finally getting some similar support from our Gunthorpe Ward Councillors in the form of newly elected Sandra Bond - a warm welcome to her !

**SEE OVERLEAF FOR THE INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

### AGENDA ITEM 2.4

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

For a large part of 2018-19 the Planning Committee have been without an official chair. Kay did a great job collating all the items for consideration and Sally supported the gathering of comments ensuring that responses were sent when necessary. Rod Boulton has now joined the team and we are grateful that he has agreed to take on the role of Chair from Spring 2019. A summary of the applications considered over the past year are as follows :

58 Applications have been considered in the last year of which 22 were extensions, 15 was tree work 20 related to businesses and one relating to internal work.

#### Cases to be noted :

**Extension to Ken Stimpson :** Whilst the Neighbourhood Council broadly supported the extension, concerns were raised about car parking issues not being addressed, drop off/pick ups affecting residential streets and problems with roundabout widening including potential problems leaving the site, the tree removal and lack reinstatement of the avenue. The Neighbourhood Council attended the Planning Committee to raise concerns on behalf of residents. The extension however has a great benefit for education of Peterborough and planning consent was given. There are travel plans in place to address some of the concerns raised.

**Addition of two shop units at Werrington Centre :** The Neighbourhood Council raised many concerns about the proposed new shop units including the change of character, the disturbance to nearby neighbours and most importantly the potential for the enclosed courtyard and alleyways to encourage more antisocial behaviour. Representations were made at the Planning Committee. There were many other objectors including the Werrington Ward Councillors and the Civic Society. The application was ultimately rejected but as of May 2019 has gone to appeal.

**Funeral Home Application, Werrington Centre :** The conversion of the former police station to a funeral home was supported but a request was made that noise testing was made on site.

**Report Prepared by : SALLY WEALD**





## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2018

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

**OPENING BANK BALANCE** carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 = £ 3,372.71 \* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £16.33  
**THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 = £ 3,939.79 \* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £5.61  
 ( \* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations )

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2018

<u>EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )	£	p	<u>INCOME DETAILS</u> ( previous year shown in brackets )	£	p
<b>REVENUE ITEMS</b>					
OFFICE SUPPLIES [ STATIONERY/POSTAGE ]	16	. 90 (1.65)	DONATION BY CLLRS JOHN & JUDY FOX	60	. 00
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH		NIL (55.00)	CO-OP COMMUNITY DIVIDEND AWARD	500	. 00
PRINTING [ excluding AGM ]	75	. 16 (86.54)	WAITROSE DONATION	170	. 00
SUBSCRIPTION ( WCA )	10	. 00 (6.00)	CROWDFUNDING ( DIRECT DEBITS - STRIPE )	385	. 00
WEBSITE RENEWAL	200	. 00 (59.97)	CROWDFUNDING ( CHEQUE PAYMENT )	10	. 00
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297	. 92 (297.92)			
AGM EXPENSES [ including HALL HIRE ]	134	. 08 (63.95)			
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	83	. 53 (98.10)			
PREMISES / EQUIPMENT		NIL (22.53)			
PARKING [ PLANNING MEETING ONLY ]	10	. 50 (10.00)			
TRAVEL		NIL ( nil )			
REFRESHMENTS ( COUNCIL MEETINGS )		NIL (49.48)			
HONORARIA TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	22	. 05 (28.25)			
VILLAGE SIGN ( RESIDUAL PAYMENT )	18	. 50 ( n/a )			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>= £ 868 . 64 [A]</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>= £1,125 . 00 [B]</b>

**CREDIT BALANCE** : 2018 REVENUE ( RUNNING COSTS ) excess income over expenditure [ B - A ABOVE ] = £ 256.36 \*

( \* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018 )

### OVERALL BALANCES

INCORPORATED IN THE GENERAL FUNDS ( CURRENT ACCOUNT ) SOME KEY SUMS ARE HELD IN TRUST OR ARE CURRENTLY RING-FENCED FOR SPECIFIC WORKS THESE TOTAL £ 2,111.63 AND ARE AS FOLLOWS :

- (1) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 641.63 ( + Cash-in-Hand = £ 311.55 = a total of £ 953.18 )
- (2) ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES = £ 800
- (3) WAITROSE DONATION = £ 170.00
- (4) CO-OP COMMUNITY DIVIDEND AWARD = £ 500.00

**THE TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2019 = £ 3,945.40 \*

[ \* NOTE : THIS SUM IS COMPRISED OF £3,939.79 ( BANK BALANCE ) + £5.61 ( CASH-IN HAND ) ]

**ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS** : THE FOLLOWING EXTANT ACCOUNTS ARE **NOT INCLUDED** IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES SHOWN ABOVE.

THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2018 Opening Balance = £66.73 Interest received = £0.08 Closing Credit Balance = £ 66.81

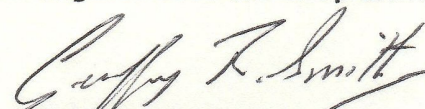
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2018 Opening Balance = £6.61 Interest received = £0.08 Closing Credit Balance = £ 6.69

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE ( c/f to 2019 ) = £ 73.50**


### 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 2018.*

Signed :

  
**GEOFFREY R SMITH** MRS PH  
 HONORARY TREASURER

Signed :

  
**RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE**  
 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated : 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dated : 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## ELECTIONS 2019

There are 10 elected positions on our Council - five of which are elected annually to usually serve a two year term.

There are 6 positions vacant needing to be appointed at this meeting. Five are existing members who retire by rotation and four of these are seeking re-election for whom nominations have been received. There are two elected positions currently vacant.

Nomination forms were provided at Werrington Parish Village Centre and Werrington Library. Notices were posted on all of our noticeboards and in other public places.

Any other nominations must have been submitted on the official form and in the possession of the Honorary Secretary by Friday 31st May 2019.

### 2019 - SEEKING ELECTION

**MARTIN GREAVES  
IVAN HAMMOND  
GEOFF SMITH  
SALLY WEALD  
- VACANCY -**

### ELECTED UNTIL 2020

**VINCE MOON  
BILL MERCER  
ROGER PROUDFOOT  
MICK WHEATLEY  
- VACANCY -**

Up to 6 Co-opted Members are appointed annually at Council Meetings and new members are welcome.

Our six Ward Councillors ( three from each of Werrington and Gunthorpe Wards ) are automatically installed as ex-officio members of our Council, and are invited to attend meetings but do not have a right to vote.

All Officers and Representatives of our Council are appointed at its first meeting pursuant to the Annual General Meeting.

### AMENDMENT TO WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

**PREAMBLE :** Any alteration to the Constitution shall require the approval of a simple majority of the members of the Council and a simple majority of inhabitants at the Annual General Meeting. The following changes have been approved by Council Members and is now presented for agreement by the Annual General Meeting. The Full Constitution can be seen on the Neighbourhood Council's website : [www.werrington.org.uk](http://www.werrington.org.uk)

#### **PROPOSALS :**

##### **NEW OBJECT ADDED**

3.4 To establish and maintain a Neighbourhood Forum, for the express purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of Werrington.

##### **ADDITIONAL CLAUSE**

##### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM SUBGROUP**

The Neighbourhood Forum sub-group, known as WERRINGTON AREA FORUM, shall be subject to its own meeting arrangements detailed in its terms of reference.



## **WERRINGTON AREA FORUM ANNUAL REPORT**

Sally Weald reports :

The Neighbourhood Council in 2018 decided to lead on the formation of an Area Forum to allow a Neighbourhood Plan to be undertaken.

Neighbourhood Plans indicate their communities wishes in the development of their area.

Whilst Werrington doesn't have any new development, the Plan can be used to protect the area's assets: its spaciousness, village buildings, its open spaces, its services. Alongside this a community action plan can be formed to support those issues falling outside the Neighbourhood Plan. This work is supported by a £9,000 grant available over 3 years.

With the City Council's support over the last 6 months we have formed the designated area, formed the Neighbourhood Forum and obtained our first amount of funding. This has enabled the website to be developed but mostly it enabled us to meet with ACRE's planning consultants who assisted with a timetable for the next steps.

Copies of the report are available on the website.

We look forward to successfully bidding for further funding to progress the plans further.

<b>WERRINGTON AREA FORUM ACCOUNTS 2018-19</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
<b>Locality £1,036</b>	<b>Consultancy: ACRE £480</b>
	<b>Website £50</b>
	<b>Carnival £30</b>
	<b>Refreshments £20.90</b>
	<b>Returned to Locality £455.10</b>
<b>Total £1,036</b>	<b>Total £1,036</b>

### **ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

#### **ROGER PROUDFOOT [ CHAIR ] REPORTS :**

Following on from the AGM last year WEG continued with our series of RiverCare events and Bugs and Beasts weekend, both well attended and we ran a successful stall at the Carnival which received lots of visits from Werrington residents. 2018 was marked by weather extremes beginning with the "Beast from the East" and then the long hot summer where we had no rain for months. The warm sunny weather had a big impact on our butterflies which appeared in the Paddocks in unprecedented numbers in May with scores of Skippers, Ringlets and Gatekeepers in particular showing that the Paddocks continues to be a haven for Werrington butterflies with the record of 16 species in 2017 not yet beaten.



Our volunteers continued to support our activities throughout the year. June was a busy month for us with the Carnival and Bugs and Beasts weekend. It was the first time we have had a stall at the carnival which attracted lot of interest especially from children fascinated with the leeches in the invertebrate sample we had collected from the Brook! We had created informative displays about the Werrington Brook improvements, the problem with plastic pollution and gave a way lots of freebies from Anglian Water and RiverCare. Thank you to the Environment Agency and RiverCare for supporting the stall.

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The Bugs and Beasts weekend at the Paddocks was enjoyed by all that attended. Sadly the bat walk we had planned had to be postponed as the hot weather had meant the bats were not coming out until much later, way past most peoples bed time. We did set up the moth trap later on and had a successful night with around 40 species of moth recorded including two different types of hawk moth which our younger volunteers were especially thrilled to have crawling up their arms the next morning. Our dawn chorus with Robert Howells recorded 23 bird species, three more than 2017 and the bugs event in the afternoon recorded an abundance of Ringlet and Skipper butterflies.



A wide range of plant species were noted in the area on the Hastings Road recreation ground where the grass has been left to grow long and grassland butterflies are starting to colonise this area too spilling over from the Paddocks. The wildflower planting that we did in 2017 had some success with wildflowers beginning to poke through the grass from some of the patches.

The Werrington Brook improvement programme continued with works completed along the Aubretia stretch. The path, damaged during the works, has now been repaired and the Environment Agency and City Council pooled their resources to upgrade more of the path than was planned bringing forward the city councils plans for the upgrade, another benefit of the Brook improvements. Further consultation has been held on the next phase of the works which WEG supported. In November we received good news from the Central England Co-operative and were awarded £500 to Werrington Neighbourhood Council for WEG activities for the purchase of tools and wildlife equipment. A big thank you for their generosity. The tools have already been put to good effect in the Paddocks with a joint Environment Agency / WEG / RiverCare volunteer day to clear scrub that had taken over the grassland butterfly habitat. The volunteers cleared out an old encampment in the bushes full of rubbish, freeing up the ground for wildlife which has been used again recently so in need of another clean up !

Members of the WNC and WEG met with the City Council to discuss the possibility of the Paddocks being designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) with positive feedback. As a result the city council have supported the development of a management plan for the wider area including Cuckoo's Hollow. The final plan is awaited and will help to guide further improvements to the Werrington environment and the possibility of LNR designation, working with Natural England.

Residents may remember in 2017 we sadly lost one of our long time resident swans to an oil pollution incident in the Brook. As a result little yellow fish appeared at our feet near drains around Werrington - this is part of a campaign to encourage residents not to dispose of any waste down surface water drains as this will go straight to the Brook untreated and, as in the case of the swan, will kill wildlife in the Brook. We continue to encourage everyone to dispose of their waste responsibly - only rain down the drain! Used engine oil for example (the likely cause of the incident) can be disposed of at the new Household Recycling Centre.

2019 got off to a good start in February with our first opportunity to help Froglife prepare Sobrite Spring for the frogs and newts and our first RiverCare event. We also discussed volunteering opportunities with Network Rail and their newly appointed contractors, The Conservation Volunteers, in April at the newly formed ponds arising from the rail works and the relocation of Great Crested Newts. WEG will be working closely with Network Rail and their contractors to help conserve and enhance the site so residents are encouraged to watch out for volunteering opportunities. In April we also managed to collect 6 bags of rubbish at the RiverCare event along the Aubretia stretch of the brook and plant some wildflowers. The newly engineered stretch was becoming established. We also collected a further 12 bags from the Hastings Road stretch of the Brook at our May event illustrating how we continue to have some persistent offenders. We will be looking at ways we can encourage greater awareness and sense of pride in keeping our environment free from the scourge of litter pollution going forward. There are encouraging signs of other groups starting up litter picking activities in Werrington so well done to all those who are motivated to get out and help.

A **big thank you** goes out to all our volunteers for continuing to keep the Brook clear of rubbish. Looking forward dates for your diary include the Bugs and Beasts weekend on the 12-13th July that will include a bat walk around Cuckoo's Hollow. Thurs 26th Sept WEG / Environment Agency volunteer day,

Sat 5th Oct RiverCare / WEG Werrington Brook event. We will have a stall at the Werrington Carnival on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, so pop along and say hello and find out more about our activities. If you would like to get more involved contact Roger Proudfoot at [rogerproudfoot@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rogerproudfoot@yahoo.co.uk) or visit our **Facebook** page.

