

# **WERRINGTON Neighbourhood Council**

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**FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
AT KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL (Computer Room)**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald.  
**WARD COUNCILLORS:** Cllr Sandra Bond  
**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Rod Boulton, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Steve Lane, Kay Molyneux  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7.55pm (after Area Forum)

### **1. CHAIRMAN**

#### **1.1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:**

Vince Moon congratulated Sandra Bond on her election as Gunthorpe Ward Councillor and welcomed her to the meeting.

#### **1.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** The apologies were noted as above.

### **2. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM:** See separate minutes

### **3. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no matters raised.

### **4. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **4.1 SECRETARY**

##### **4.1.1 MINUTES:** The minutes of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were received and approved as a true record.

##### **4.1.2 ANY MATTERS ARISING:** Sally said that she understood that the new pond fence was being replaced. Bill confirmed that he had spoken to the Security Officer and clearly things must be done otherwise Network Rail will be replacing the damaged liner. Roger confirmed that this will be replaced on 4<sup>th</sup> June. He also advised that Network Rail has a 5 year contract with The Conservation volunteers and they will be doing regular work there including an event on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Sally asked about the horse entering the resident area but there doesn't seem to be any recent sightings.

##### **4.1.3 REPORT:** There was nothing to report.

#### **4.1.4 PLANNING**

In Rod's absence, Sally went through the planning applications:

- Single storey rear extension - 34 Hedgelands; Proposed first floor side extension of over garage/utility - 78 Woodhall Rise; Demolition of conservatory and erection of single rear storey extension - 36 Sapperton.
- Tree work at 32 Hall Lane: After discussion it was agreed that no objection is needed as the tree work cannot be seen from the road.
- Permitted applications: Sign boards The Three Horseshoes Church Street Laburnum Tree -fell - 28 Hall Lane, Installation of a Solar PV Array - Tesco Permission not required.
- This is the tree alongside the Village Centre. As this is in the conservation area and is specifically mentioned by the Conservation Area Management Plan, we shall be objecting to this application
- Werrington Centre: An appeal has been received. Sally suggested that a response was sent referring to the previous comments but also drawing attention to the more recent anti social behaviour such as the stealing of the fake grass. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **4.1.5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE (VILLAGE CENTRE)**

**Elections:** Sally advised that the terms of office of herself, Geoff, Ivan, Kay and Martin are coming to an end. Kay does not intend to stand for re-election as she cannot commit the time but would be willing to be considered for co-option. Therefore, in addition to the reappointments, there will be two additional vacancies, the other vacancy being Sam's appointment. The nomination period is open until 30<sup>th</sup> May with posters and forms at the library and Village Centre but no nominations had been received as yet. Geoff advised there was also information at the Lighthouse Centre.

**Awards:** Sally advised that the following awards will be made at the AGM:

The Werrington Award; Werrington Scout and Guide Council: Carnival Committee Past and Present. The Good Citizenship for Youth Award: Holly French; Community Contribution award: Maurice Simons, John Green, Jackie Sidney, Community Appreciation award: The Lounge Coffee Shop;

Environment Award: Werrington Brook Boom Group.

Roger asked about the possibility of making a further nomination and it was agreed that this would be accepted if details were received quickly.

Geoff is preparing the certificates. Cllrs John and Judy Fox have also kindly sponsored the Youth Award again and they were thanked for their help on this.

**Presentations:** It was noted that, despite chasing the Police for six weeks, the only offer was for the local PCSO to attend. It has therefore agreed that whilst the police should be invited to attend, they will not be making a formal presentation but they will be introduced and people invited to speak with them after the meeting. Vince advised that Belinda Child of Peterborough City Council has been invited to present: Home Delivery Service – Living Independently Longer. Vince has heard her presentation and found it very interesting and informative it being very relevant to high numbers of elderly people in Werrington. Belinda has said that she wants to spread the message about the service provided. Sally has already shared details of this with the Community Association and will emphasise this when advertising it on facebook.

Roger confirmed that he will be happy to do his environment report as a visual presentation and check his diary to ensure that there are no problems.

**Publicity:** Sally said that she has already formally called the meeting at the library and Village Centre. Geoff has produced a poster and Ivan will get this copied and distribute. Sally will promote a couple of times on the facebook pages. It was noted that only a few people partake of refreshments, maybe because of getting to the table etc. So with economies in mind, the refreshments will be offered on the way in with a drink and biscuit/cake

#### **4.2 HONORARY TREASURER**

Geoff Smith presented the examined accounts. He thanked the independent examiner Richard Collingridge. The amounts in bank are £3939.79 but this comprises of the sums held in trust and ringfenced items.

Sally asked if the £66.81 balance left in Village **Sign** account related to the WCA Co-Op money as the Co-op had confirmed to the WCA that any residual money could be spent on Village environment projects. Geoff confirmed that this was nothing to do with the WCA/Co-op grant and that all of the Co-Op money had been spent and fully accounted for with the WCA. The Village **Sign** account was set up some years ago and is a residual amount left in it from earlier works.

#### **4.3 ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

- Roger confirmed the newt pond event lead by the Conservation Volunteers on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am
- The Environment Group will be at the Carnival with RiverCare with their displays and activities.
- Speeding down Lincoln Road continues to be a problem and there seems to be regular 'gatherings' of cars zooming around. The noise of speeding cars was even heard doing the meeting. Action following the review triggered by the 20 is plenty campaign is still awaited from Clair George.
- Bugs and beasts weekend is being put together 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July. A bat event is being supported by Cambs Bat Group when bat boxes will be installed. The Co-Op have been asked if they will allow the £100 gazebo money to be spent on this and Sally will chase this. There is also the Waitrose money. A crowdfunding campaign will also be launched for the bat boxes. Roger would also like an environment group banner for the Carnival and this will be presented as an option to the Co-op as well.
- Rivercare weekend had 7 volunteers and included brook monitoring as well as a lot of litter picking. It needed a few more volunteers to do it justice.
- He drew attention to the lack of litter bin at Lincoln Road entrance to Cuckoo Hollow. Sandra confirmed that it was on her list.

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

Cllr Sandra Bond advised that she was due to meet with the City Council following her election the previous week. She advised that it had become very apparent that those residents living in south Werrington felt that they had previously been ignored and that they don't have a voice and she intended to put this right.

Sally asked if the issue with the Campbell Drive playing field, recently reported by the Neighbourhood Council, had been resolved. Sandra confirmed that it had but there was another issue with some neighbours. She and Geoff will discuss this outside the meeting.

#### **6. REPRESENTATIVES AND GROUP REPORTS**

## **6.1 COMMUNITY POLICING:**

PCSO Martha Harley had forwarded the area statistics for April and these had been previously circulated. Roger again questioned the value of these considering the time and effort that they take to produce and circulate, He observed that there is no correlation to previous figures allowing comparison nor identification of trends nor is there no action taken as a result of them. This will be reviewed after the consideration of the appointment of a Policing representative after the AGM.

## **6.2 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:**

Vince attended the April meeting and reported that:

- Jon Lewis reported on the challenges of education in the City: the pressures and the problem of low attainment, people were being encouraged to become school governors and the issues of rural schools.
- Neil Boyce from Castor Parish Council reported on their Good Neighbourhood Scheme which make sure that people have an eye kept on them and are not left on their own. He offered to come and speak to other Parish Councils.
- Belinda Child gave the 'Living Independently Longer' Presentation

Geoff advised that he intends to stand down from being a Parish Council Liaison Rep from the AGM.

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

**7.1 NEXT MEETINGS:** The next meeting will be held at the AGM being held on TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm for 7.30pm at the Village Centre.

## **7.2 OTHER MATTERS:**

Ivan drew attention to the Larks Green Helicopter Fun Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a Neighbourhood Watch stall. Sally apologised for not getting organised with the posters for the Area Forum and will get them to Ivan even if she comes on the morning.

Ivan advised that after John Fox had contacted him about problems down Sheldrake Walk, he had done three sprayings down there. It has been relatively quiet with 5 stencils and another 4 in April.

**MEETING CLOSE:** 9.30pm.