

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th September 2019
AT KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL (Computer Room)**

MINUTES

- PRESENT:** Rod Boulton, Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald.
- WARD COUNCILLORS:** Cllr Sandra Bond (from item 3.3), Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Steve Lane
- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Bill Mercer, Kay Molyneux (post meeting)

1. CHAIRMAN

1.1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: Vince Moon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: There were no matters raised. It was disappointing that with all issues being raised on Facebook then this opportunity isn't being taken to express them.

3. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 SECRETARY

3.1.1 MINUTES: The minutes of Monday 22nd July 2019 were received and approved as a true record.

3.1.2 ANY MATTERS ARISING: Sally advised that the Martin Court contract had been progressed with the City Council who were keen to discuss the implications of the contract. Sally had contacted Morgan Sindell to check that they were wanting to progress this project and the advices of their environmental person is awaited.

3.1.3 REPORT

Sally reported on the following

i) Neighbourhood Plan

- The Neighbourhood Plan is making steady progress. The next meeting is Monday 14th October which precedes the next WNC meeting. Thank you to Rod and Vince for attending the Werrington Show with the banner. Over 170 people attended so there was a great community engagement.
- The questionnaire is imminently being printed. Advertising is being sought but it all seems a bit last minute so not sure what that will look like. Likewise there is little idea how much the questionnaire will ultimately cost.
- The questionnaire goes out to distribution early next week, with about a third going out with Spotlight deliverers, one third going out with Ivan and Roy and one third going out with other Forum members. There are handful of roads left but some members have said that they could do some extra. However Sally is away from next Thursday so is unable to resolve any delivery problems for ten days.
- The questionnaire is now live online. Please consider Werrington's planning issues and environmental impacts. There is no specific question about any future Community Council but there is plenty of space to add any comments along those lines.

ii) Community Council

Sally, Vince and Geoff added attended a meeting last week with City Council Fiona McMillan Director of Governance, Mark Empson Governance team, Cate Harding and Sylvia Radouani (of Community team) and Henry Clark (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC)). The City Council called the meeting but WNC members seemed to be walking in half way through a meeting which then continued after they left and the City Council played little lead in the meeting. Officers were already talking about having the Community Consultation in 2020 with the first election in 2021 and having two Wards: Werrington East and West Wards. It turns out that even though the government website doesn't say so, the Forum can ask for a community governance review at any time without the Neighbourhood Plan in place. The problems are

- the City Council's consultation will just be a stark letter 'this is what a Community Council will do and this is what it might cost you'.

- City Council wants to compare Werrington to Bretton being a similar size but the precept £59.52 (compared to Hampton £24.39 and Orton Waterville £13.54 and Longueville £10.93). Bretton's up-to-date accounts are not online. Vince is trying to make contact with someone to help us in this. Members observed that Bretton is so different to Werrington. It has premises and employee salaries so of course the precept is high. Longueville is a far better match. If the City Council uses Bretton as a comparison and quotes a potential precept of £50+ then no one will agree to a Community Council.
- City Council confirms that WNC needs to do a campaign with public meetings and leaflets and posters to raise the profile and to identify what local benefits will be. But WNC has no time nor money to do this alongside Neighbourhood Plan. There is a commitment to deliver the Neighbourhood Plan with the government money and Forum in place
- People are already confused thinking that a Neighbourhood Plan will put up taxes. Putting a Community Council (and precepts) into the mix could potentially jeopardise the Plan.

Sally asked for a vote about what to do next. A majority vote agreed not to progress this at this current time and review again in a few months when the Neighbourhood Plan is more advanced

iii) **FUNDING**

Nothing yet from either the Peterborough City Council (underpass funding) nor the Co-Op Loxley 5p bags application.

- iv) **PROJECTS:** Judy Bunten has pointed out that the old school crest, now on Werrington Primary School, is suffering from the weather and needs boxing in with a glass front. She has said that funding should be found and Sally asked if this was something that the WNC wants to be involved in. This sounds very technical needing specialist advice. Steve Lane said he knew someone who could give some expert advice.

- v) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you letter from the boom group for their Environment Award

3.2 **HONORARY TREASURER**

Geoff reported :

- a current credit balance in the main account of £3,055.51;
- this included £641.63 held in trust for the Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group
- inclusive in the current account is the Co-op Dividend Fund 2018-19 totalling £500 of which a payment of £36 has been made and £151.18 on expenditure made is owing. A separate Ledger page has been set up for this. The remaining balance of £312.82 needs to be spent by the end of the month. Roger is dealing with this;
- another sum of £77 received from the Co-op's Community Space Project has all been spent in the sum of £78.98. The over-expenditure of £1.98 will be allocated against other income received for environmental work. A separate Ledger page has also been set up for this income;
- very small amounts of interest (pennies) have been received on sums retained in our two miscellaneous accounts.

3.3 **PRESS and PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Sally advised that the Spotlight article had been submitted covering the work on the boundary stones and Neighbourhood Forum update.

A problem with the website was quickly resolved by Mike. The website is completely up to date. Facebook was being used to good use raising awareness of WNC and more people are joining the page.

3.4 **ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

3.4.1 **REPORT**

Roger reported as follows:

- Bugs and beast weekend gave a very successful community engagement with a big success with children.
- There are now 30 patches of wildflower planting in Werrington Rec.
- There was a successful moth night in The Paddocks.
- The bat walk was very well attended with 24 people but was curtailed due to rain. The evening has been rearranged with a reserve date.
- It was upsetting that after all the work and the successful weekend the wildflower meadow was cut two months early. It was ascertained that the management plan hadn't translated into contractor instructions.

- Similarly after the Brook had become over grown it was harshly cut back. Again this was a mistake but it is difficult to balance. A balance is also needed between the neat green areas and the wildlife habitats.
- The proposed wildflower planting day on Thursday has been cancelled but it hadn't been advertised widely and will be shortly rescheduled.
- Rivercare event in October will include litter picking. Whilst rubbish has been removed, this will remove anything lingering.
It was noted that the barrier was removed to allow traveller ingress but the culprit has not been identified. Joh Clare Rec suffered similar ingress where fencing was burnt. Gates cannot be locked behind them due to safety reasons
- Werrington Nature evening Thursday September 26th with James Fisher on the action plan, Andy Sadler about the brook management and Anthony Mould talking about bats of Werrington. Being promoted via posters and facebook but needs a good turnout. It was agreed that the Centre hire will be funded by the Waitrose money. Sally asked if WCA member rates had been quoted. If the WNC is financing this then group rates should apply and a deposit shouldn't be needed. Roger will check. It was agreed that Neighbourhood Plan could be promoted as it is very relevant.
- It is intended to produce signage to support the work at Werrington Rec with a suggested cost £300-£400. It was noted that the Waitrose money doesn't have any requirements to meet so this is a possible use of that money. There is still money left from last year and the new amount that is awaited.

3.4.2 DOG MESS PROJECT

Ivan reported that 303 stencils have been done; the last 4 months have been quiet. Work has been done on Sheldrake Walk via John Fox with 4 stencils done in August. It was noted that other areas of Peterborough are now following this work.

Sandra Bond thanked Ivan for the loan of the graffiti kit. Gunthorpe now has its own kit.

4. PLANNING:

Rod gave an overview of the planning reports.

- He noted that there was still a lot of tree work in Hall Lane especially the third application for one property. This varies between tree removal, tops being taken out and tree management. It is still not clear what should be allowed especially within the Conservation area and Geoff observed that he felt some of the work shouldn't have even need an application. Steve Lane said that the tree officer will usually attend and give support. Roger says that he doesn't tend to comment unless it's a tree removal. Sally noted that the Parish Conference focuses on Planning this year so hopefully this will be covered at that.
- There is a replacement sash window which the Council should stipulate matching materials.
- The barrier at Hodgson Centre has been approved but there are general concerns about the safety of traffic crossing the cycle and pathway. There are similar concerns about access to the Village Centre.

There was then a conversation about the Werrington Centre. There has been no decision yet on the application appeal for the two 'food' outlets. The plans are awaited for the housing application at the Centre. It was noted that the car parking at the Centre remains problematic.

Councillors agreed that it is good that WNC takes an interest in the planning applications. Sally advised that our interest in the Centre was noted by the Civic Society so Werrington gets extra attention by the Civic Society as well.

5 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Sandra Bond advised that residents from Lowther Gardens suffered flooding and that the Network Rail's watercourse diversion is affecting the water flow. The higher water levels generally would have been a lot worse if the Brook work had not been done.

John Fox advised

- Travellers have again encamped in Walton but this abuts Werrington Ward. Someone texted John to say that the travellers were coming but not seeing the text John wasn't able to get there on time. John did park his car to prevent some access. It is not clear how the lock was tampered with. Travellers cannot be locked in due to health and safety. Human waste, rubbish and garden rubbish were left. A change of law is required and a further meeting to progress is needed.
- It is concerning that there are few incidents are being reported as anti-social behaviour. Incidents were seen at the laundry and Dragon. Police cannot act without this
- New bins have been installed in Cuckoo Hollow and others have been moved but not to the right places. Communication problems

- Hopefully new play equipment is being installed at Copsewood.
- A walkabout was done in Welbourne with residents but the expected problems weren't mentioned.
- Problems with fishing in Cuckoos Hollow and someone has expressed the view that it provided a children's activity. There was consensus that fishing is not appropriate: potential for rubbish and lines to be left, reduces fish for wildlife, area is a haven for peace and quiet, reeds on edge not conducive to fishing, other fishing areas available, brings people from outside the area in. Roger added that otters are still raiding fish ponds.
- More dog mess and litter signs have been erected. New bins and dog mess bins haven't been installed in the right places. Problems with litter on the football pitches: football players are largely to blame and bins are not full. Vivacity take a lead on this as they take a deposit.
- Roger asked about the '20 is plenty' campaign: no news on this. It was noted that an enforcement vehicle has been out on Lincoln Road.
Judy Fox advised that
- New Church Street sign has been erected.
- The fly tipping group report is going to Cabinet Member and then Cabinet for consideration.

Steve Lane said that he had someone who could look at the damaged stone work on the Cuckoo Hollow boundary stone. Sally said that any extra work would have been beyond the budget from the Co-Op and volunteer capacity. This work has drawn attention to the boundary stones and it would be fine if anyone else wants to take the work further. Permission had only been sought to restate the paintwork so that will need to be addressed. Rod still holds the paint.

Rod asked what the red marked trees indicated... it was thought that these were trees being removed but John will check.

Rod observed that the recently resurfaced roads have been damaged by gas contractors and City Fibre. Geoff said that he understood that there was a protocol which prevented services from redigging within a year and that areas need to be kept clean, tidy and subsequently permanently reinstating. The problems with the fibre installation was noted and that there is a City Council representative responsible for the standard of repair. Generally though the workmen have been observed to be polite and obligingly moving vehicles when asked.

6 REPRESENTATIVES AND GROUP REPORTS

6.1 COMMUNITY POLICING: Police statistics had been received for July and August and certain incidents were noted. It was again pointed out that these figures standing in isolation give little information and are of little relevance. Sally will contact Martha to see if there are any trend analysis available. It was noted that Jason Ablewhite, the Police Commissioner attended a community meeting in Bretton. It was agreed to extend an invitation to him to come to a meeting in Werrington. There is a new website and email address www.nwpeterborough.co.uk and info@nwpeterborough.co.uk.

Best wishes were sent to Lawrence is currently unwell.

A knife amnesty is taking place.

Of the information and figures being circulated within Neighbourhood Watch, little relates to Werrington.

6.2 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING: Vince advised that the next meeting takes place on Wednesday.

6.3 WERRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: The WCA now meets quarterly and the next meeting takes place on 8th October.

7 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS.

Railway update: A Spotlight article from the Railway Action Group advised about the earthworks and drainage on the west side off Coningsby Road, continued earthworks on the east side, completion of the new line of Hurn Road lane and a temporary tarmacked road for construction traffic and an earthwork's storage site on the north side. The group continues their requests to the three Councillors to have the trees replaced along Sarjeant Way to reduce and control the projected increase in Co2 and Nox gases on completion of the tunnel with the projected increase in rail traffic. The general public and children are advised to avoid entry or playing near the projected construction traffic activities with warning signs placed on the temporary fencing.

7.1 NEXT MEETINGS: The next meeting will be Monday 14th October at The Barn

- 7.2 OTHER MATTERS:** Geoff advised that the Prince Trust's next group starts at the end of September.
MEETING CLOSE: 9.00pm.

Werrington Crime Statistics
August 2019
01/08/2019 – 31/08/2019

Total: 65

Some types of crime broken down below:

- x 1 Aggravated Burglary (Carron Drive)
- x 1 Attempted Burglary (Chatsfield)
- x 3 Burglary – Residential (Somerville, Gatenby, Sweetbriar Lane)
- x 1 Criminal Damage to a Dwelling (Welbourne)
- x 3 Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Sunnymead, Lincoln Road, Danish Court)
- x 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Somerville)

July 2019
01/07/2019 – 31/07/2019

Total: 77

Some types of crime broken down below:

- X 3 Burglary (Residential) (Livermore Green, Kingsbridge Court, Staverton Road)
- x 6 Robbery (Amberley Slope, one incident with six victims)
- x 1 Possession of a bladed article (Welbourne)
- x 1 Possession of a controlled drug (Wycliffe Grove)
- x 2 Theft from Motor Vehicle (Canonsfield, John Wesley Road)