

FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th January 2020 AT THE BARN MINUTES

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald.
<u>WARD COUNCILLORS:</u>	Cllr Sandra Bond, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox
<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</u>	Cllr Steve Lane, Kay Molyneux, Roger Proudfoot

The Neighbourhood Forum meeting preceded this 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.

3. **COMMUNITY POLICING:**

- i) PCSO Martha Hurley was due to attend this meeting but was desk bound due to a work injury. Best wishes were sent to her. She had sent the December crime statistics. These were noted but no specific comments or incident were made.
- ii) Generally it was felt that Community Policing event was successful:
 - Police and Crime Commissioner's absence (following Jason Ablewhite's resignation) made it a more personal meeting with local officers able to discuss local issues.
 - It was well supported and the Police were happy with the feedback given.
 - This gave residents the opportunity to meet police officers in the evening.
 - The venue was very appropriate despite initial concerns and Ken Stimpson must be thanked for this. It should be kept in mind for future meetings but was noted that the school did go out of their way as they had to move chairs in especially.
 - It was good that both Tesco and Ken Stimpson school got involved – which wouldn't have happened if the Village Centre was used. John Fox confirmed Tesco's community involvement including the intention to fit £1 charges on their trolleys.

4. **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1 **SECRETARY**

4.1.1 **MINUTES:** The minutes of Monday 14th October 2019 were approved as a true record.

4.1.2 **ANY MATTERS ARISING:** None raised.

4.1.3 **REPORT**

Sally reported on the following

- i) The Co-op (Loxley) application was successful and the Environment Group is one of their three charities for this year with the intention that it will help the promotion of Werrington Paddocks. 1% of sales of own branded sales are given to each customer's nominated charity with the unallocated sales being split three ways. There is currently £71 in our pot with an interim payment being made around Easter.
- ii) The City Council Community application for the underpass work was not successful. There were 50 applications for the final pot. It is concerning that of the 25 successful projects, none were north of the A47 in Peterborough itself
- iii) Having spoken to Cambridgeshire Community Fund, they are keen to see more applications from Peterborough and are encouraging an application for the underpasses.
- iv) Data from the Neighbourhood Plan has been fed into the recent bus survey. Sally also attended a focus group and was able to report on the Werrington problems there too. It was

- noted that Judy was also on the bus review committee
- v) It was noted that Rod Boulton had resigned from the Council and he was thanked for his work. He had enthusiastically embraced the Planning aspect and this will leave a large hole.
 - vi) Sally referred to the Martin Court project where a waste area of land is over grown. This will be converted into a resident's garden especially with raised bedding for sensory planting. Morgan Sindell has confirmed that they will tackle the clearance and hard landscaping. Sally has applied to the National Garden Scheme for £1900 to cover the plants, containers, benches, trellising.

4.2 HONORARY TREASURER

- i) Geoff reported that with the end of year (31st December) the accounts are now being prepared for audit.
- ii) Geoff referred to a funding application he had made to the Werrington Community Association and the confirmation that he had received from them in November that a payment had been granted of £297.02 to pay for our insurance premium for 2019-20. He had thanked them for this vital and much appreciated support which helps our cash-flow considerably given that this item is our single largest expenditure.
- iii) Martin asked about the Crowd Funding. Sally confirmed that it was still live. It is easiest to promote using a specific project rather than just running expenses. As the insurance had been paid then it is hard to suggest that funds are desperately needed.

4.3 PRESS and PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sally said that the website is up to date. Mike Whitaker has been asked to submit his invoice for the next 12 months support. Facebook is being used to promote the group with a steady flow of new members. The Spotlight article is due this week but there isn't much to put in. Geoff said that there is a need to recruit new members.

4.4 ENVIRONMENT GROUP

4.4.1 REPORT

In the absence of Roger, Sally gave his report

- Speeding down Lincoln Road is still problematic although there is some police activity. John encouraged Roger to pursue the petition.
- He has met with PECT and will be working with them in the New Year.
- Two lots of bat boxes have inadvertently been received and PECT will help with the installation. It was noted that there is funding to cover the second lot of boxes.

4.4.2 DOG MESS PROJECT

Ivan reported that things are very quiet but he did 4 stencils that afternoon. He was thanked for his work. It was noted that the Young Resident's survey showed their concern for dog mess. They are appreciative of the effect of litter especially to animals.

5 PLANNING:

- i) There haven't been any major planning applications come in other than small extensions.
- ii) The application for Ken Stimpson fencing has been received. Sally declared an interest. It was noted that other one local resident, no objections had been received by either the Planning Website nor the Neighbourhood Council and there has been no activity on facebook. The Councillors have not requested it to be brought to committee. John had responded to a comment received that day about the fencing application enclosing the green spaces leading to development applications. The same email also suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan had ulterior motives as a lead-in to getting development on the open spaces which Sally had responded to.

Vince said that the following response had been sent in as a neutral comment:

Werrington Neighbourhood Council believes that the ethos of Ken Stimpson Community School as a community school has been very important since it was built and the shared field has been an important part of this. However we recognise that times change and problems with this arrangement have arisen recently, particularly with regard to the issues of student protection and animal fouling on school playing fields. These have been identified by the Local Authority and the

school as concerns that need to be addressed and reflect Ofsted's safeguarding expectations. We are therefore not opposing this planning application but do make the following points about it: We recognise that there has been some very vocal local opposition to the proposals both on Facebook and at the public consultation, although we feel that this was probably not the majority view in Werrington. Four issues have been highlighted by those opposing the proposals: 1) Impact on the environment, 2) Loss of amenity of field to general public, 3) Visual impact of ugly fences, 4) Impact on nearby houses, noise etc. We feel that the proposals to fence off just 3 football pitches in one corner, does as much as is possible to minimise these impacts, although some form of natural mitigation of the fencing would be desirable and make the whole project more acceptable to residents, especially those living nearby. Further we feel that the possibility of the use of blackthorn hedging instead of the wire fencing proposed would be preferable but we accept that there are conflicting views about how effective such hedging could be. Also we recognise that there would be long term cost implications for the school with such options. Finally the alternative proposal of fencing off part of the other side of the field would both fragment the field left for public use and result in the creation of two long narrow enclosed pathways that would lend themselves to anti-social behaviour.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- i) Sandra Bond reported:
 - Speeding down Fulbridge Road: Council has advised that speed monitors can't be erected due to type of lighting. But a further review will be made in new budget year.
 - Following the petition and consultation it looks like the GUN1 polling station will be moved to the Way In Church subject to approval as it is in another sub-ward. Whilst John and Judy said they hadn't seen the email asking for their approval, they confirmed that they had no objections. The suggestion of Werrington Lodge was dismissed due to parking and the distance from other parts of the sub-ward. The Neighbourhood Council had sent in support for either location.
 - The stolen post box at Amberley Slope still hasn't been replaced.
 - She has met with PECT and some work will be undertaken to plant wildflowers down from Campbell Drive and along the Brook.
 - 7 poo signs will be erected including one at Lewes Garden allotment entrance. Some stencilling has been done.
 - After an inspection, it had been agreed that safety rails will be considered in next year's budget for the Fulbridge Road traffic lights. Vehicles are dangerously mounting the pavement to avoid vehicles queueing to turn right into The Green which are positioned too far over. Sally said that happens as the second vehicle in the queue gets taken out by buses and lorries turning left in Fulbridge Road. The survey, however says that there is room for both lanes of traffic. Sally also said problems with the traffic light timing had been raised at the Police meeting and this action point had been taken away. Sandra confirmed this had also been identified by the inspection.
- ii) Judy reported:
 - She was the Bus Review Committee.
 - There have been many complaints about the state of paving and ground after the cable work. Contractors have been going back and making things better. A lot of problems are around rutted and muddy ground but a lot of that can't be sorted with the wet weather.
- iii) John reported:
 - 10 litter signs have been installed and he had one left. It will be difficult to get any more. Sandra had also ordered 7 signs.
 - John thanked the Neighbourhood Council for their involvement especially on planning as it makes his job so much easier. It is Civic Pride which makes Werrington special. Sandra reiterated this as she misses having such support across the rest of her ward.
 - Geoff reported that the pot hole in Werrington Park Avenue has reappeared. It was noted that the repairs are just not of a high standard.
 - John was seen by Geoff painting a BT box on a Sunday afternoon and he was thanked for his attention.

7. REPRESENTATIVES AND GROUP REPORTS

7.1 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:

Vince attended the last meeting being the week before Christmas as part of the budget consultation. He noted the £33 million budget gap which will be met by having chargeable services, reducing services eg street lighting, 65 redundancies (with a local implication), cutting Vivacity funding, asset transfers, Parish Council picking up services and a tax increase of 2% with a further 2% on social care. John Fox said that he is fighting to protect local causes.

7.2 WERRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

The Full Council now meets on a quarterly basis and the next meeting is next week.

8. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS.

Railway update:

- Bill has met with Network Rail representatives and has an article for Spotlight.
- There is a pumping operation away from Werrington Brook to help prevent flooding.
- Bill asked about the replacement trees. Councillors advised that this will not be done as the trees were removed at residents' request due to subsidence problems and it will have no effect on the impact of train. There was suggestion of PECT involvement and the need for native trees.
- Interesting that train station for Hampton is being considered when there was always a proposal for a Werrington station linked to a park and ride.
- It was noted that the Dukesmead bridge still isn't accessible for disabled people due to the access path crossing pipework. The bridge was opened early to give workmen access and the pipework will be removed in line with the original timescale.

8. NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 10th February 2020 at 7pm at Ken Stimpson

9. OTHER MATTERS: There were no other matters arising.

MEETING CLOSE: 9.25pm.

Werrington Crime Statistics

December 2019

01/12/2019 – 31/12/2019

Total: 67

Some types of crime broken down below:

- x 2 Burglary - Business (Skaters Way, The Green)
- x 1 Burglary (Shed/Garage) – (Sunnymeade)
- x 4 Having Possession of a Controlled Drug x 4 (Staniland Way x 4)
- x 2 Criminal Damage to a Vehicle (Uplands, Papyrus Road)
- x 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Papyrus Road)
- x 2 Theft of a Pedal Cycle (Staniland Way, Twelvetree Avenue)
- x 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Somerville)