

BRIEF NOTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 23RD November 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM

PRESENT: Ivan Hammond, Ethan Lutterer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith
WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Stephen Lane
APOLOGIES: Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Bill Mercer, Sally Weald

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CHAIR'S COMMENTS, INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Vince welcomed everyone and the apologies were accepted as above.
Given the absence of the Secretary only brief notes will be made of the meeting.
Roger introduced Ethan Lutterer as a co-opted member who will be assisting with the Environment issues.

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: No members of the public attended.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the absence of Sally Weald, Vince lead the item as follows:

- **Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes were agreed for 14th September, 12th October (with the addition of Geoff Smith as present), 19th October (with the addition of Steve Lane's question re. the siting of the bins a long way from the flats and Kate's promise to come back to us about this).
- **Equality Policy:** Concern was expressed that this might over-commit WNC as presently worded; particularly the commitment for training, development and progression opportunities to all staff/volunteers. Agreed that it be reworded to omit this.
- **Werrington Underpasses:** A very positive response was received from all. It was agreed that WNC should seek funding for another underpass.
- **Planning Report:** A full Planning Report was not received for the meeting and hence an update for the User Agreement was not available.
John said that he was unhappy with Save Werrington Fields Facebook Page with unfair comment and mis-information plus the general politicisation of the issue. Councillors and PCC had dealt with issues correctly, Roger Proudfoot suggested planting of bushes to lesson impact of fence and thought WNC could assist with this. John made enquiries with PCC officers who advised this would require planning permission, but John will pursue this suggestion further with officers,
- **Werrington Centre Flats and new Sports Centre:** It was reported that no firm decisions or plans had been made about the Sports Centre/Swimming Pool yet. Roger Sale asked if this could be included in the fenced off area. However it was pointed out that this area was not big enough and it was aimed to be for community use.
- **Award Protocol:** It was agreed to discuss this at next meeting.

4. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT: Geoff Smith's report was agreed and accepted with thanks.

5. ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT:

Roger reported:

- he hoped to get bat boxes up late November/early December with the bat group advising on positioning.
- The reseeded of the wild flower meadow was in hand.
- Five residents had written for seeds.
- Tree Planting – Ethan talked through the suggested areas. This was agreed in principle, subject to public consultation and PCC approval

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

John Fox reported on a couple of local issues he was pursuing.

He asked for people to contact him if they knew of any areas that need to be made secure to stop traveller encampments.

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS - None

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11th January 2021