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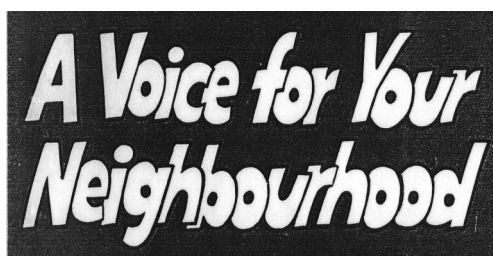
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER

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**PROVIDING 50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE
TO THE RESIDENTS OF WERRINGTON**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2021

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. PRESENTATION by NIGEL SUTTON , FRAUD & CYBER SECURITY ADVISOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY**
“ *TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SCAMS, AND HOW TO AVOID THEM* ”
- 3. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS** (written reports in the Meeting Pack)
 - 3.1 CHAIR - VINCE MOON**
 - 3.2 HONORARY SECRETARY - SALLY WEALD** (including the receiving and approval of the **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2019)
 - 3.3 HONORARY TREASURER - GEOFF SMITH** (including the appointment of the Independent Examiner 2021/22)
- 4. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS**

There are 10 elected positions on our Council - due to lack of an AGM in 2020 all terms of office have been extended by one year.

There are 7 vacancies needing to be appointed to at this meeting. Three 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 18th October.

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. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM**
 - 5.1 ANNUAL REPORT** Including Financial Statement. (written reports in meeting pack)
 - 5.2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP:** Nominations taken in advance and at the meeting.
- 6. ANNUAL AWARDS**

THE WERRINGTON AWARD : Werrington Scout and Guide Fireworks Committee *for 50 years of displaying*

GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD : Ethan Lutterer

ENVIRONMENT AWARD : PE4 Womble Litter-pickers - *Melissa Bolke, Diane Downing, Joanna Henderson, Janet Flyn*

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS : (1) **The Bluebell Inn** and (2) **Newton Fallowell Estate Agents**

EDUCATION AWARD : David Gwyer, *local film maker*
- 7. ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP : ROGER PROUDFOOT**
- 8. 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 2021

VINCE MOON WRITES

Our last AGM was held more than two years ago and the lockdown meant that the last AGM had to be cancelled and this one postponed until October. However the work of the Council has continued. Regular Zoom meetings have considered a number of important issues that have arisen in that time. I welcome that we are now able to meet face to face again as I am conscious of the fact that not all have IT access and expertise and that we should seek to be as inclusive as possible in our deliberations.

On the local environment Roger Proudfoot has continued to do much sterling work organising and working with community volunteers on a number of activities that have benefitted our locality. The increasing diversity of wildlife, including flora and fauna, along with the development of wildflower areas has been delightful to see, although I have yet to personally spot the otter in the Lake, so am thankful for the videos that others have taken of this and published on Social Media.

Sally Weald, our Secretary, has been key to our success on a range of topics. Her fundraising efforts from various sources have been phenomenal and this has enabled much good work to be done in the Community. The spectacular revamp of the Fulbridge Road underpass decoration by Nathan Nice is perhaps the most visible example of this. It was heartening to hear people comment how this helped raise their spirits in difficult times. Her mastery of administrative tasks is too vast to list here. As well as all this she also kept an eye on local planning issues, although it is a concern that she is being overburdened and it clearly a most urgent priority to find someone else to take on this role.

Following the ending of the City Council lease of the Village Centre Werrington Neighbourhood Council (WNC) has eventually had to vacate its office there. Fortunately we were able to relocate many of our things to the Barn. The burden for this operation, that had to be carried out during the lockdown, fell mainly on Geoff Smith and we are very grateful for all his efforts with this. Geoff is also our treasurer who quietly and professionally carries out this demanding job that is vital to most of our activities.

The Council has considered and made representations where appropriate, on a number of issues. The two most contentious of these were the proposed fencing of part of the field by the Ken Stimpson School and the proposal to build flats in the Werrington Centre. The upgrading of the railway line in the north of Werrington is nearing completion and we have been pleased to see that the new ponds built in association with this appear to have been successful. I was privileged to be able to visit the main site recently and was hugely impressed with the scale of this as a civil engineering project and the benefits it should bring to commuters. Future possible development of a Sports Centre and Swimming Pool, updates on the Forum's work on producing a Neighbourhood plan, as well as the decisions needed about the future of the Loxley and Hodgson Community Centres are among the other things that have also been discussed.

WNC is staffed entirely by volunteers and no extra financial burden is placed upon residents to fund it. We do not know how long we can continue on this grace and favour basis but will soldier on for as long as possible. The expertise and dedication that our members bring to various tasks for the benefit of the community never ceases to amaze me. I hope that I have managed to give you a flavour of what we do and a realisation that Werrington would be much the poorer if we did not exist. Finally we are a friendly bunch who welcome new members who want, like us, to try to do their bit for our local community.

I would therefore like to thank all the Neighbourhood Councillors for their attendance and support at the 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 Steve has also had many mayoral duties to perform as well. Also thanks for the input and support from Gunthorpe Councillors Sandra Bond and more recently Bryan Tyler.



Vince Moon

CHAIR

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2021



A purpose, funding and volunteers ... are the three things that keep the Neighbourhood Council ticking over as it enters it's 51st year.

PURPOSE : The Chair's report has already mentioned our significant achievements over the last two years : ranging from the Cuckoos Hollow underpass, our environment work and protecting Werrington's little assets such as the village sign and boundary markers ... and with our planning work remaining one of our time consuming major strands (see below).

FUNDING : Unlike a Parish Council this is an unfunded organisation, but to survive money is continually needed, eg insurance, room hire and the expenses of each project. In recent months we have had a successful time accessing local funding opportunities and we would like to thank Central Co Op, Loxley Co Op, Waitrose, Tesco, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation for their support. Thank you also to our supporters who have given to our crowd funding appeals or who have signed up to Easyfundraising, to our local businesses who give us a hand when needed and to the Community Association who helps us with our critical bills.

VOLUNTEERS : We have a very small core membership of elected members and co opted members ... thank you to everyone who contributes their time... thank you to those who attend our meetings ... thank you to the local councillors who support our work AND ... thank you to the officers and those who lead projects without whom there would be no Neighbourhood Council. But we are now running on 'empty' with residents having high expectations, with 'much to do' on our agenda and big ambitions. Please consider what you can do to help.

Without a parish council Werrington needs its Neighbourhood Council going forward, providing a network for the local authorities to access their residents, an organisation through which funding can be channelled to local projects and providing residents with a significant and collective voice.

If you believe that the Neighbourhood Council should continue then :

- please follow what we do on facebook, on the website, through Spotlight, respond to the public consultations and come to our meetings
- please rally to our calls for financial help
- please consider becoming an elected member, join as a co opted member or just come along to meetings and give support when you can for specific projects

PLANNING

A quick summary of the Neighbourhood Council's planning work over the last two years shows that 151 planning applications were received with 15 comments submitted. For the larger applications 5 meetings have been attended with 4 specific contacts made with officers. Three residents made direct contact about nearby applications :

151 PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED			
15	5	4	3
COMMENTS SUBMITTED	PLANNING MEETINGS ATTENDED	CONTACTS WITH PLANNING OFFICERS	REVIEWS MADE FOLLOWING RESIDENT'S CONTACT

Most of the applications received were house extensions or trimming of trees. Reviews were made where the applications had an impact on the wider community. These applications have included the Ken Stimpson fence, Werrington Centre development and the post office tree felling. These all have different aspects but all have an effect on the character of Werrington.

But there is a problem The review of planning applications is an important part of the Neighbourhood Council's work and it is expected by residents. The Neighbourhood Council currently has no planning officer, the planning process is creating significant pressures on other member's time and our future involvement in planning must be in jeopardy. This role involves: receiving the applications electronically, agreeing action in conjunction with other officers, reporting to meetings and sending agreed responses. **Can you help ?**

SALLY WEALD
HONORARY SECRETARY

**WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019**

PRESENT : Cllr Sandra Bond, Pauline Fury, Ivan Hammond, Cllr Stephen Lane, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, and residents of Werrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Judy Bunten, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Martin Greaves, Kay Molyneux, Colin Watson and Linda Watson.

GUESTS : Award Winners with their family and friends.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME :

Vince Moon welcomed everyone and commented on the excellent turnout on a dismal evening. The apologies were accepted as above.

2. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS

2.1 CHAIR - VINCE MOON

Vince referred to his report in the meeting pack saying that he wanted to celebrate 'community activists' in Werrington. Volunteers help make Werrington such a nice place to live and long may it continue. Our community needs people to volunteer and then to show their support for those volunteers. Alan Smith's words continue to resonate from last year reflecting that in the current climate the importance of volunteers, especially being celebrated tonight, and groups, such as the Neighbourhood Council, has never been greater.

2.2 HONORARY SECRETARY - SALLY WEALD

Sally Weald advised that the minutes of the last AGM had been circulated and published. As there were no amendments the minutes were accepted by the meeting.

She firstly thanked Vince Moon for steering the Neighbourhood Council over the last year. It isn't just about Council meetings ... there have been two planning objections and three site meetings, meetings and Consultations with Peterborough City Council, two visits to suppliers ... and for such a small organisation there have been huge quantities of emails are generated with many late night exchanges of emails. Vince gives much time the Neighbourhood Council, and has been an efficient leader giving sound and sensible advice.

She said that her published report was short as everything has been said elsewhere. She, however referred to the increased engagement with residents: through the website, Facebook and open meetings and with the carnival stall this year. She also drew attention to Neighbourhood Council's problematic future which is now dependent on successful funding bids especially for day to day expenses. She pointed out that there are two quick ways for residents to help: Easyfundraising covers Amazon, eBay even Domino's pizza and 'Compare the Meerkat' car insurance. Another way is through the crowdfunding page with the current promotion of the bat box project.

She finally said that the Planning team had a busy year and she thanked Martin, Mick and specially Kay for all her work holding the fort. Rod Boulton had now joined the team and had offered to take on the lead next year. The report in the meeting pack gives a flavour of what is a big part of the neighbourhood council's work.

2.3 HONORARY TREASURER - GEOFF SMITH

Geoff Smith presented his 17th annual report up to 31st December 2018. He thanked Richard Collingwood for his work as independent examiner, a role he has undertaken for over 20 years. The proposal for the appointment of Richard for a further year was agreed by the meeting.

He said that Sally continues to work hard to secure funding and he knows the frustration that this brings. He also thanked members for generously absorbing their expenses. He said that the Neighbourhood Council is still able to maintain an office at the Education Centre, now the Lighthouse Youth Centre, and a letterbox remains there for any Neighbourhood Council correspondence. The Neighbourhood Council is still closely associated with the Princes Trust and, thanks to Denham Hughes of Peterborough City Council, is able to make use of their new premises at The Barn. He thanked the three hard working Werrington Councillors who support the Neighbourhood Council so well and he welcomed Cllr Sandra Bond as the new Gunthorpe Councillor and looked forward to working with her, commenting that she had already been to the last meeting.

2.4 PLANNING REPORT :

Following on from Sally's presentation the Planning Report was accepted by the meeting

3. PRESENTATION: HOME DELIVERY SERVICE - LIVING INDEPENDENTLY LONGER

Vince introduced Belinda Child Head of Housing, Prevention and Well Being, Peterborough City Council saying that he had previously seen her presentation and thought that it be good to bring to Werrington.

Belinda's presentation will be placed on the Neighbourhood Council's website but she referred to the following :

- The work of the Home Service Delivery Team. This is a one stop shop to keep people independent in homes for as long possible. It comprises of Reablement, Therapy service, Care and Repair, housing programmes. She explained the services that each of these teams provided.
- TEC Technology enable care provides equipment, devices and apps to promote independence.
- LEAP Local Energy Action Partnership, funded by energy companies to tackle fuel poverty, to ensure that people are on the cheapest tariffs and provides assistance with energy saving measures.

- Handyperson scheme
- Linking with GPs with direct access from their computer system
- Smart Flat is available giving examples of available equipment and how it all work.
- Peterborough Information Network which gives access to a whole range of information via website and telephone.
- Some leaflets were handed out describing some of the services

In response to questions and points made:

- Belinda confirmed that this was a self referral service , it is not means tested and there was a very wide qualifying criteria.
- This is a vast improvement in services provided over past years.
- Access can be made by phone as well and internet. Sally confirmed that the Neighbourhood Council put a lot of information on the library noticeboard and her phone number was available there as well. All the details of the service will be put on the Neighbourhood Council website
- There is support for people with problems contacting the service such as hearing impairment
- Two people confirmed the help given by some of the services.
- Age Concern continues to provide services in Cambridgeshire
- Case workers are cross trained to be able help access other services eg help filling in application forms
- Only once has the service had to be held back because of budget constraints.
- Early access to the services are encouraged as so much help can be given.

Belinda asked that the details of the service was distributed around Werrington and she was willing to come to talk to any groups. Sally confirmed that there were several community groups represented to spread the word. Belinda said that she could also do a piece for Werrington Spotlight.

Vince thanked Belinda for the really interesting and helpful presentation. Belinda said that anyone could talk to her immediately after the presentation and her details were also on the presentation.

4. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS

There are 10 elected members; 5 members retire each year and there is one vacancy. These vacancies have been advertised with notices were posted on facebook, Spotlight, website and on our noticeboards at Werrington Library, and Werrington Parish Village Centre. Four current members are seeking reelection: Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald. The meeting confirmed the reappointment of these members.

A nomination has been received from Rod Boulton and he was also duly appointed by the meeting

There still remains one vacancy and there are also co-opted member positions which will be appointed to at the first meeting.

Anyone interested in joining the Council should contact the Secretary.

A question was asked about voting and it was confirmed this was open to all residents of former North and South Ward of Werrington.

5. AMENDMENT TO WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Sally advised that to accommodate the Area Forum the following change to the constitution is needed. The changes were agreed by the meeting.

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 subgroup, known as Werrington Area Forum, shall be subject to its own meeting arrangements detailed in its terms of reference.

6. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

Sally referred to the full written report and accounts in the Pack. She confirmed that this is an opportunity that Werrington didn't want to miss especially with £9,000 of available funding. The Plan can be used to protect the best bits of Werrington: spaciousness, village buildings, green areas, services. The Council has to take note of the Plan when considering planning applications. Alongside this a community action plan can be formed to support those issues falling outside the Neighbourhood Plan. Over the last year the designated area and forum has been consulted on and approved, a steering group has meet and a workshop held with consultants. The next lot of funding is now awaited and the next two projects are making the community aware and taking their views and undertaking a village survey to describe what's good and what needs protecting. The next meeting is 29th July and everyone was invited to join this.

In response to questions Sally confirmed that :

The questionnaire being circulated will explain what a Plan can do for Werrington and give details of the time scale. It will then ask questions such as whats good, bad and what needs improving in Werrington

The question of a Werrington Parish Council is still some way in the future and, if it happens, will be subject to a full community consultation and a vote. Some initial questions about what residents want in the future will be included in the questionnaire.

The Area Forum's report and accounts were then approved by the meeting.

6.2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP

The following appointments were made by the meeting.

Chair: Vince Moon; Secretary: Sally Weald, Treasurer: Geoff Smith and Steering Group: Vince Moon, Sally Weald, Geoff Smith, Mick Wheatley and Roy Beard.

7. ANNUAL AWARDS

THE WERRINGTON AWARD: Werrington Scout and Guide Council's Carnival Committee Past and Present.

Sally, introducing the award, said that high on everyone's list of what's good about Werrington is the feeling of Community and the 'Werrington Carnival' such a key part of the Werrington Community. It is such a great part of Werrington life and so well loved by everyone. It was introduced in 1969, with a vision for a small Fete with a parade, to raise the funds needed to finish building a prefabricated Scout Hut. That first year they raised £229 in old money. Since then the HQs has evolved with the current brick Headquarters was officially opened in 1980, and which now costs the Scout and Guide Council several thousand pounds a year to run with the Carnival remaining at the heart of the fund raising each year. Over the last 50 years they have raised a staggering £100,000.00 for the upkeep of the buildings, and equipment to ensure their Scouting and Guiding experience is the best it could be. She was therefore delighted to present the award to Werrington Scout and Guide Council's Carnival Committee Past and Present. Lise Alexander Smith on behalf of the Scout and Guide Council said that this has involved so many people over the years. It is testament their dedication that the carnival continues to be so successful with all the forms to be completed and health and safety nightmare manoeuvring 400+ people through the village streets but is the core of the Carnival and brings people out in their hundreds to watch.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD: HOLLY FRENCH

Roger Proudfoot described how Holly has attended so many of the environment events. He highlighted her enthusiasm and ability to get stuck in with litter picking, monitoring and wildlife recording. It is young people such as Holly who are the future for the protection of our environment. Cllrs John and Judy Fox were thanked for their continued sponsorship of the award which comprises of a cash prize of £50, the shield for a year and the certificate.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS: JOHN GREEN, JACKIE SIDNEY, MAURICE SIMONS

Vince said that the theme of community is running so high this evening and he was pleased to present three awards to Werrington Community Association members.

Jackie Sidney: With the exception of 2007/8 (when she was recharging her batteries) Jackie has been treasurer of the WCA since 1993, a role she has performed exceptionally well over many years ensuring the solvency of the Association. It is appreciated what a busy job that she had over the year's and the importance of her role.

John Green - in 2001 John started working alongside John Jarvis who was the WCA centre manager, a role John took over in 2003 dealing with the many aspects of running the centre including repairs, maintenance and liaising with the City Council, users and workmen. He added that the Centre as it stands today is testament to John's hard work.

Maurice Simons - vice chair 1990/2 chair 1992/8 and vice chair 2013/18. Maurice was chairman of the entertainments for many years putting on numerous events as well as time and effort put in producing and upgrading Spotlight. Spotlight is of course has developed into such valued local publication.

These three people have spent many years serving the community of Werrington freely giving their time and effort without which Werrington would not be such a great place to live.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS: THE LOUNGE COFFEE SHOP

Pauline Fury advised that: The licence is now held by Kirsty Moore who has been running it with team leader Donna Yarnell for nearly 4 years. They are both always very professional while being friendly and in good spirits even if they are having a bad day. The cakes and food are homemade and along with a good variety of drinks are reasonably priced. They keep the café clean and tidy and it is always a pleasure to be in there as it is always a relaxed atmosphere and there is no pressure to purchase other items. They have regular visitors and it is nearly always busy. They run various charity raffles and have put on events for children, which they hope they will be able to do more of in the future. It is a real community asset

ENVIRONMENT AWARD: WERRINGTON BROOK BOOM GROUP

Roger indicated that, as acknowledged with Tim Fox and the litter picking team last year, so much rubbish amasses in the Cuckoo Hollow and Brook area. If it was left it will end up in the rivers and head out to sea affecting the birds of the North Sea. Not only is the removal of litter visually pleasing but it has far reaching consequences. The rubbish that is trapped by the boom at the Fulbridge Road underpass has been cleared for the last 20 years by a group of dedicated volunteers. Roger Ashpool, Barbara Phillips, Paul Geary, Chris Mabbutt, Linda Baca and Maggie Barker. On receiving their award the group said that they collect 4 or 5 bags each time and detailed unusual items that they had encountered: Tesco trolleys, frogs trapped in plastic bottles, road signs, Polish vodka bottles, furniture. Councillors John Fox and Steve Lane work over the years with waders and grappling hooks was also acknowledged by Geoff Smith.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP: ROGER PROUDFOOT

Roger reflected on the Werrington's environmental work with a visual presentation.

- There have been 7 events, 60 bags of litter and 150 volunteer hours this year.
- There are many active groups working within Werrington: Friends of Cuckoo Hollow, Boom Group, Sobrite Spring, litter picking initiatives
- Werrington environment is supported by agencies such as Peterborough City Council, Environment Agency, RiverCare (Anglian Water), Cambridgeshire Bat Group, Network Rail, Frog Life

- There are many regular volunteers coming out to regular Rivercare events and their individual help is appreciated. Litter picking at The Paddocks for instance impacts on the rubbish ending up at the Boom and the Cuckoo Hollow.
- A stand was present at the carnival with information and activities with a similar stand this year.
- Thanks to Central Co-operative for £500 funding for tools and support for bats.
- Network Rail has a 5 year lease on the land adjoining Sobrite Spring to allow the provision of two newt ponds and translocation of great crested newts. Regular work has just started by a Conservation Volunteers partnership and their events are open to the public and will be advertised. The damaged fence is a concern allowing access to the pond by horses but its replacement is pending.
- Sobrite Spring scrub clearance event had some new volunteers especially from northern Werrington.
- Cllr John Fox has identified a scrub area of Martins Court and a project is being put together to identify funding and volunteer opportunities to develop this. The benefits have been shown if people can access the environment or see changing seasons from your own home.
- There is a lot of work to do with litter picking on school routes and he would like to schools and other youth groups in the future.
- Wild flower planting two years ago at the recreation ground has produced some successful patches.
- The Paddocks has been identified as being home to three species of bat: Common and Soprano Pipistrelle and Nocturne bat (a migrant). New bat boxes are being put up with the permission of City Council and support of Cambs bat group. This will supplement the boxes already in Cuckoo Hollow giving new locations and different environments to encourage more bats.
- Bugs and beast weekend this year is 12th/13th July. If there are any other local experts, Roger would love them to get involved.
- The bird walk is a regular feature and new species formally recorded include Green Woodpecker, Little Egret and Garden Warbler
- The Werrington Brook Management Plan April 2019 – 2022 has been drafted by the City Council. This has shown how volunteer interest in such areas of Werrington as The Paddocks, Cuckoo Hollow and the Brook has encouraged the City Council to invest in Werrington's environment. Officers for instance came to visit The Paddocks which gave a magnificent display of butterflies emphasising its importance. Groups such as the Neighbourhood Council, Environment Group, Friends of Cuckoo Hollow and the Boom Group were invited to the consultations and were able to input to the plan.
- He announced the intention to have a Werrington nature photography competition for children and adults over the coming year.
- Events are arranged for next year: advertised in Spotlight and Facebook or come along to the carnival.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS: No other urgent items had been requested and there were no further questions from the floor.

Vince Moon closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

APPENDICES

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

VINCE MOON REPORTED - 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 elsewhere in the report. 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.

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APPENDICES (continued)

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.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

SALLY WEALD REPORTED - 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.



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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.

HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

GEOFF SMITH REPORTED - 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 !

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOLLOW OVERLEAF



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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31st December 2017 = £ 3,372.71 * + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £16.33
THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31st 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)			<u>INCOME DETAILS</u> (previous year shown in brackets)		
<u>REVENUE ITEMS</u>	£	p		£	p
OFFICE SUPPLIES [STATIONERY/POSTAGE]	16 . 90	(1.65)	DONATION BY CLRS 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)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 868 . 64	[A]	TOTAL INCOME	£ 1,125 . 00	[B]

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

(* AS AT 31ST 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 31st 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 31st December 2018.

Signed :

GEOFFREY R SMITH MRS PH
HONORARY TREASURER

Signed :

RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated : 16th April 2019

Dated : 16th May 2019



GEOFF SMITH REPORTS :

I have pleasure in once again presenting my Annual Report as your Honorary Treasurer which is now my 19th year of doing so. It covers our last full financial year ending 31st December 2020 and some comment on the period since then.

The signed **Annual Statement of Accounts** is featured overleaf and is based on our books having been thoroughly inspected and approved by Richard Collingridge, our Independent Examiner. Richard has been undertaking these duties for some considerable time, in fact for over 22 years, and has continued to do so in a very thorough and professional manner. We are most grateful to him for doing this job and he has confirmed to me that he is happy to continue in providing this vital service. Accordingly he is my recommendation for re-appointment to this role.

Before turning to commenting on our annual accounts I must place on record my sincere thanks to Sally our extremely hardworking and highly proficient in all that she does. Her efforts in securing funding from a variety of sources to enable us to take on all sorts of community initiatives has been superb. Significant sums have been raised and she has done this despite having an ever increasing amount of secretarial work, family commitments, involvements with other groups and also having to cover our planning role. Many thanks Sally. I would also place on record my appreciation of the time and commitment once again provided by our Chair, Vince Moon, who has continued to be highly supportive and involved with our Council's affairs despite having some difficult personal circumstances to contend with. My thanks also to fellow WNC members for their continued commitment and support, and especially to Roger Proudfoot for his environmental work.

I would now turn to our accounts. In my report to the 2019 AGM I referred to "*The next couple of years may well define our future*", little knowing then how much all of us would have been so badly affected by a pandemic ! Over the last couple of years it has been particularly difficult and strange for us all. The pandemic has had a significant affect on our way of life and for a lot of people has had dire consequences both health-wise and also economically. Insofar as the WNC is concerned we have endeavoured to carry on doing what we do for our community and environment as best we can especially when this has meant us not being able to meet in the normal way - but with the help of zoom meetings we have continued to deal with our business which at times has been quite a considerable responsibility given our totally voluntary status. You will see from the approved statements shown on the following pages that in 2020 the only significant expenditure we had was on our annual insurance premium, however once again the Werrington Community Association (WCA) came to our help with a generous donation. You will also notice the substantial income arising from Sally's fundraising efforts - although these are mostly intended for specific projects they are most welcome and do represent significant faith being shown by the donators in the work that we do. This year Councillors John and Judy Fox have once again donated £60 towards the costs of our Good Citizenship Youth Award and we are most grateful to them for this fine gesture. Also since the end of our last financial year we have received further income through donations and basic expenditure has been low with only the usual insurance premium payment (unchanged) being made. Once again I must emphasise that our Officers and Council members very rarely claim any expenses and a lot of our running costs are met by our volunteer members.

We continue to hold and administer the Werrington Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group's funds and this sum is held in our current account and is ring-fenced accordingly - see details overleaf. At the moment this group is struggling to recruit new members, co-ordinators and officers to replace existing ones who have either already retired or about to do so - a separate annual statement is available for anyone interested in being part of this vital community service.

As I've previously reported the Werrington Area Forum is independent of the WNC and of its accounts but I am its current Treasurer and interface with our accounts when we are able to be assistance to this group regarding their financial affairs. A separate report on their activities is featured later on the agenda.

Finally on a personal basis, and as I've mentioned before, since David West's retirement from this post in the late 1990's, and the successive short term appointments of Carole Raines and Mick Mead until I took over in 2002, I have remained in this post ever since. I also occupied the Chairman's position for nearly 10 years and had periods of serving in all of the other key officer posts over the period since when I first joined the WNC on 13th November 1989. I am now close to the completion of 32 years in the service of the WNC, which is quite a bit longer than I ever intended and indeed anyone else since its inception. With this in mind, and my advancing years, I had intended stepping down at last year's AGM (EGM) in favour of hopefully occupying a co-opted role to assist with the transition of duties etc but the prevailing pandemic circumstances put this on the back-burner until our 2022 AGM. However I do now wish to give notice that I intend standing-down at our next AGM but will be happy to help with the transition of my work to a new treasurer and participate in any succession planning.



ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31st December 2019 = £ 3,336.05* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £ 28.28
THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31st December 2020 = £ 5,047.42* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = -£12.70
(* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2020

1. BANK ACCOUNT

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

(previous year shown in brackets)

	£	p
OFFICE SUPPLIES [STATIONERY/POSTAGE]	NIL	(NIL)
PRINTING [excluding AGM]	NIL	(NIL)
SUBSCRIPTION (WCA)	NIL	(NIL)
WEBSITE RENEWAL	NIL	(NIL)
PARKING & TRAVEL	NIL	(NIL)
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297 . 92	(297.92)
WEBSITE FEE	NIL	(5.00)
HALL HIRE	95 . 00	(NIL)
STREET ART HIRE [TWO PAYMENTS]	3,000 . 00	(NIL)

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM DONATION (WCA)	297 . 92	
CROWDFUNDING [STRIPE PAYMENTS UK LTD]	100 . 00	
CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION (No.1)	328 . 62	
CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION (No.2)	914 . 66	
CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION (No.3)	463 . 09	
CAMBS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND GRANT	3,000 . 00	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 3,392.92 [A]

TOTAL INCOME = £ 5,104.29 [B]

CREDIT BALANCE : Income less Expenditure [B - A ABOVE] = £ 1,711.37* (* AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020)

2. CASH PAYMENTS

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
REFRESHMENTS (COUNCIL MEETINGS)	NIL	(6.90)
POSTAGE	2 . 77	(4.17)
WEBSITE RENEWAL	NIL	(NIL)
AGM EXPENSES [including HALL HIRE]	NIL	(115.92)
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	NIL	(95.81)
PREMISES / EQUIPMENT (includes HALL HIRE)	77 . 00	(12.36)
PARKING & TRAVEL	NIL	(NIL)
HONORARIA TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	61 . 21*	(NIL)

(* UNCLAIMED IN 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR SO EXPENDITURE C/F TO 2020)

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
CASH CARRIED OVER FROM 2019	28 . 28	
CASH TRANSFER (WNWCG FUNDS*)	100 . 00	

[* WNWCG = WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP. THE RING-FENCED SUM HELD FOR THIS GROUP ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY - SEE OVERLEAF]

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 140.98 [A]

TOTAL INCOME = £ 128.28 [B]

DEBIT BALANCE : Income over Expenditure [A-B ABOVE] = -£12.70* (* AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019)

TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE as at 31st DECEMBER 2020 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2021 = £ 5,047.42*

[* NOTE : THIS SUM DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE £12.70 CASH-IN HAND DEFICIT]

STATEMENT ON RING-FENCED AMOUNTS INCLUDED OVERLEAF

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

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

THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2020 Opening Balance = £66.93 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £67.05

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2020 Opening Balance = £6.81 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £6.93

TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE (c/f to 2021) = £ 73.98

OVERALL TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £ 5,121.40

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 31st December 2020.

Signed :

Geoffrey R Smith
GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPH
HONORARY TREASURER

Dated : 8th OCTOBER 2021

Signed :

Richard Collingridge
RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated : 12th October 2021

SUMMARY OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT

AT YEAR-END 31-12-20 = £ 5,047.42

BANK BALANCE (as at 02-01-21) C/F TO 2021 = £ 5,047.42

DETAILS OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS :

1. WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 944.67 * [* AS AT 17-10-20]

2. SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

2.1 EARLIER YEARS CARRIED OVER AMOUNTS :

[A] 2018 CARRIED OVER WAITROSE DONATION (£170) BALANCE OF £ 155 - STILL AVAILABLE

[B] 2019 WAITROSE SHOPPERS TOKENS DONATION = £ 298 - STILL AVAILABLE

2.2 2020 CARRIED OVER AMOUNTS :

[A] CROWDFUNDING DONATION = £5 (PREVIOUSLY £100 - £95 SPENT ON HALL HIRE)

[B] CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION = £ 1,706.37 (FULL ALLOCATION)

TOTAL AMOUNT [2.1 + 2.2] = £ 2,164.37

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (GENERAL - NOT ASSIGNED AND CAN BE RE-ALLOCATED)

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE [IN WHOLE OR PART] = £ 800 [PREVIOUS VILLAGE SIGN RENOVATION FUNDS]

TOTAL OVERALL RING-FENCED AMOUNT [ABOVE ITEMS 1 + 2 + 3] = £ 3,909.04

GEOFFREY R SMITH MRS PH
HONORARY TREASURER

THE FOLLOWING 2019 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS WAS APPROVED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14-09-20

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2019

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31st December 2018 = £ 3,939.79 * + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £5.61
THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31st December 2019 = £ 3,336.05 * + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £28.28
(* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2019

1. BANK ACCOUNT

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS
(previous year shown in brackets)

	£	p
OFFICE SUPPLIES [STATIONERY/POSTAGE]	NIL	(16.90)
PRINTING [excluding AGM]	NIL	(75.16)
SUBSCRIPTION [WCA]	NIL	(10.00)
WEBSITE RENEWAL	NIL	(200.00)
PARKING & TRAVEL	NIL	(10.50)
WERRINGTON AREA FORUM TRANSACTIONS	1,324.95	(NIL)
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297.92	(297.92) *
[NB - * since received as a WCA Grant]		
BANK TRANSFER TO CASH-IN-HAND [SEE BELOW]	250.00	
BANNER	36.00	
WEBSITE FEE	5.00	
PREMISES / EQUIPMENT [HALL HIRE]	15.00	(NIL)
CO-OP DIVIDEND GRANT - BAT BOXES	496.18	(NIL)
HONORARIA TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	NIL	(22.05)
[* UNCLAIMED IN 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR SO EXPENDITURE C/F TO 2020]		

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £2,425.05 [A]

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
DONATION BY CLRS JOHN & JUDY FOX	60.00	
CO-OP COMMUNITY SPACE PROJECT	77.00	
WAITROSE DONATION [SHOPPERS TOKENS]	298.00	
EASYFUNDING [COMMUNITY DONATIONS]	30.46	
CROWDFUNDING [STRIPE PAYMENTS UK LTD]	10.00	
WERRINGTON AREA FORUM TRANSACTIONS	1,345.85	

TOTAL INCOME = £ 1,821.31 [B]

DEBIT BALANCE : Expenditure over Income [A-B ABOVE] = £603.74 * (* AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019)

2. CASH PAYMENTS

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
REFRESHMENTS [COUNCIL MEETINGS]	6.90	(NIL)
POSTAGE	4.17	(75.16)
WEBSITE RENEWAL	NIL	(200.00)
AGM EXPENSES [including HALL HIRE]	115.92	(134.08)
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	95.81	(83.53)
PREMISES / EQUIPMENT [includes HALL HIRE]	12.36	(NIL)
PARKING & TRAVEL	NIL	(10.50)
WNC SIGNBOARD CLIP FRAME	2.29	
FORUM MEETING REFRESHMENTS	20.90	
CO-OP COMMUNITY SPACE PROJECT	78.98	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 337.33 [A]

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
CASH CARRIED OVER FROM 2018	5.61	
CURRENT ACCOUNT TRANSFER	250.00	
CASH TRANSFER No.1 [WNWCG FUNDS *]	60.00	
CASH TRANSFER No.2 [WNWCG FUNDS *]	50.00	
[* WNWCG = WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP. THE RING-FENCED SUM HELD FOR THIS GROUP ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY]		

TOTAL INCOME = £ 365.61 [B]

CREDIT BALANCE : Income over Expenditure [B-A ABOVE] = £ 28.28 * (* AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019)

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

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

THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2019 Opening Balance = £66.81 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 66.93
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2019 Opening Balance = £6.69 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 6.81

TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE (c/f to 2020) = £ 73.74

RING-FENCED AMOUNTS

INCORPORATED IN THE GENERAL FUNDS (CURRENT ACCOUNT) SOME KEY SUMS ARE HELD IN TRUST OR ARE CURRENTLY RING-FENCED FOR SPECIFIC WORKS/PROJECTS AS AT 31-12-19 THESE TOTAL £ 2,004.63, AND ARE AS FOLLOWS :

- (1) WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 751.63 (+ £244.79 Cash-in-Hand = £ 996.42 in total)
- (2) ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES = £ 800 [c/o from 2018 - no specific works allocated]
- (3) WAITROSE DONATION (ENVIRONMENTAL) = £ 155.00 * [credit balance c/o from 2018]
* AFTER HALL HIRE FEE OF £15 DEDUCTED
- (4) CO-OP COMMUNITY DIVIDEND AWARD - £500 payment received on 01-11-18 and all spent in 2019
- (5) WAITROSE DONATION SHOPPERS TOKENS (ENVIRONMENTAL) = £ 298.00

THE FOLLOWING TWO PROJECTS OVERSPENT THIS YEAR :

- (1) THE CO-OP DIVIDEND FUND - £ 32.18 + (2) CO-OP COMMUNITY SPACE PROJECT - £ 1.98.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF £ 34.16 IS THEREFORE DEDUCTED FROM THE RING-FENCED TOTAL OF £ 2,004.63 TO GIVE AN AMENDED TOTAL RING-FENCED AMOUNT OF £ 1,970.47 TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020.

TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE as at 31st DECEMBER 2019 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020 = £ 3,364.33 *

[* NOTE : THIS SUM IS COMPRISED OF £ 3,336.05 (BANK BALANCE) + £ 28.28 (CASH-IN HAND)]

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 31st December 2019.

Signed :

Geoffrey R Smith
GEOFFREY R SMITH MRS PH
HONORARY TREASURER

Signed :

Richard Collingridge
RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated :

1st September 2020

Dated :

1st September 2020

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM ANNUAL REPORT

After the formation of Werrington Area Forum in early 2019, a great start was made with the first 12 months seeing our carnival stand, the questionnaire distributed and analysed and the writing of the community engagement document, statistical analysis, planning policy context, protected view and open space assessments and the major project, Werrington's character assessment.

The steering group met 4 times and the Forum met 3 times. Most of this work can be seen on the Neighbourhood Plan's web pages on www.werrington.org.uk. We would like to thank Twenty8design for their major support of the questionnaire.

Covid then struck and the lack of meeting opportunity and other things going on within Werrington has meant that there has since only been slow progress. There are still a load of formal documents that need putting in place which are being chipped away at slowly.

Recent events have shown that there are benefits to having a Werrington Neighbourhood Plan so effort is well invested. The time that it takes even well resourced Parish Councils to put a Plan in place shows that it is not an easy process. There is some grant funding for the project especially for consultants to oversee and review our work up to March 2022. It is hoped that the government will continue to offer funding after this.

Thank you for those who have helped with all of this over the last two years. We have now lost valuable members so need new people to join the steering group, the Forum itself ... or just to keep in touch by joining our mailing list.

SALLY WEALD
SECRETARY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019-2021

BALANCES 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Neighbourhood Plan Grant - £7,687	Website £ 50
	Publicity and questionnaire £ 794.95
	Consultants Fees £ 2,640
	Total Expenditure = £ 3,484.95
	Un-used income returned £ 4,202.05
Total = £7,687	Total = £ 7,687

BALANCES 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Neighbourhood Plan Grant - £ 4,926	Website £ 50
	Total Expenditure = £ 50
	Un-used income returned £ 4,876
Total = £ 4,926	Total = £,4,926



As with all activities in the last 18 months the Covid-19 epidemic has curtailed many of the events that the WEG would have undertaken in the last year. However, we haven't let the situation curtail our enthusiasm to improve Werrington's environment for people and wildlife made all the more important by the extra amount of time we have all spent locally. Wasn't the bird song of spring particularly noticeable this year and how grateful were we all that it provided such a lift to our spirits during these difficult times ?

WEG continues to attract funding from a variety of sources including The Cooperative and Waitrose for which we are extremely grateful, particularly the staff at both supermarkets for choosing us as a cause worth investing in and all the customers at the Coop who nominate us as their chosen cause. We are continuing to invest the funds in supporting our local wildlife.

Over the course of the year we have purchased bird and bat boxes using some of the funds, most of which have been erected at various locations around Werrington to help boost our daytime and night time co-residents. We still have some bird boxes left for deployment so if you know a suitable location that is not so much in the public eye but can be enjoyed by local residents then please let us know. We have also acquired more litter pickers and equipment for developing the wildflower meadow.

Our litter picking activities with RiverCare have been reduced somewhat though we have still managed to have a good clear out of the Brook between lockdowns and scooped up some oil that had the potential to kill some of our water birds as has happened in the past. We get reports of oil entering the Brook from time to time which is often from a local resident tipping inappropriate materials down surface water drains. It is as well to remind ourselves and our neighbours that its only rain down the drain and anything else should be safely disposed off at the local recycling centre. A duck and her newly hatched 12 ducklings were swimming in exactly the same place where we removed the oil only days earlier. Our RiverCare group that clears litter from the boom at Fulbridge Road has been reinvigorated and is now regularly cleared.

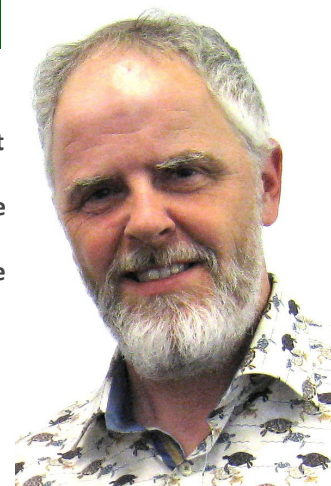
The restrictions that curtailed our RiverCare litter picking were thankfully replaced by a surge in residents interest in keeping our local environment free from litter. The advent of the PE4 wombles with, at the last count, 318 members and to date collection of 100s of bags of litter is a testament to their fantastic efforts to keep Werrington clear. We hope that the effort is not wasted and litter louts take note. Hopefully having such an area clear of litter helps contribute to the change in behaviour that we would like to see. The main finds continue to be plastic bottles and cans. We hope that the central government will eventually step in to introduce a deposit return scheme that would eliminate much of the litter problems. In the meantime we are very grateful to all the PE4 Wombling volunteers, keep up the great work, you have our full support.

We launched a logo competition for our Wildlife Friendly Werrington campaign and we are continuing to encourage residents to grow wildflowers. At the summer scarecrow event we gave out 100 packets of seeds to residents at the David Attenborough scarecrow on the village green. Expect to see more of our logo in the future. Our wildflower meadow efforts continue at the Werrington Meadow near Hastings Road recreation ground. In the summer we held a bugs and beasts weekend at the meadow and were pleased to find a rich abundance of wildlife with grasshoppers, ladybirds, spiders, bees, butterflies and moths all in large numbers. To many the area may look untidy compared to a regularly cut area but WEG is encouraging all our residents to think differently and provide some extra habitat for the wildlife that we share our environment with. Our wildflower meadows and insects on which our wildlife depends has seen major decline due to habitat loss and climate change. Establishing areas for wildflowers and letting grass to grow longer is a way we can all help but if you want to encourage wildflowers then reducing the nitrogen in the soil is the best way to encourage them over vigorous grass growth that tends to crown them out. There are a number of methods to do this and anyone interested can find out more from the group. We were also fortunate that one of our volunteers, Ethan Lutterer, was successful in applying for a £500 grant from Kew Gardens Grow Wild project and we launched our "Wildflower Your Patch" project as part of our Wildlife Friendly Werrington campaign. The project has so far distributed seeds to 57 residents and help us seed more patches in the Werrington Meadow. You can still obtain some seeds from us if you would like to create your own patch!

We have also been fortunate to have David Gwyer, local film maker, supporting us and residents will hopefully have enjoyed the videos that David has been filming of our local environment, wildlife and volunteer activities. If not check out YouTube where all the videos are available or on the WEG Facebook page.

Looking forward we will continue to provide bird and bat boxes, wildflowers and to take other practical actions to enhance the Werrington environment. A big thank you to all our volunteers and councillors (Neighbourhood and City), council officers, RiverCare, Cooperative and Waitrose for all their support to date. If you would like to be involved or are a local business that would like to support our activities then please get in touch

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