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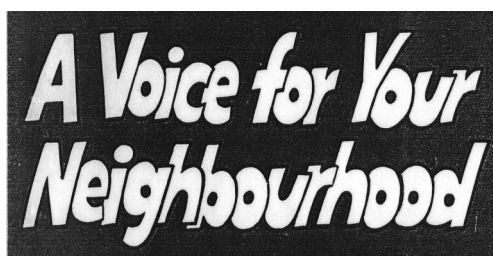
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

TUESDAY 7TH JUNE

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2022

MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM

Light 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. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS (written reports)

2.1 CHAIR - VINCE MOON

2.2 HONORARY SECRETARY - SALLY WEALD (including the receiving and approval of the **MINUTES of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Thursday 28th October 2021****

2.3 HONORARY TREASURER - GEOFF SMITH (including appointment of the Independent Examiner 2022/23)

3. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS

There are 10 elected positions on our Council -

There are six vacancies needing to be appointed to at this meeting.

Four 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 1st June 2022.

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

4. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

4.1 ANNUAL REPORT Including Financial Statement.

4.2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP: Nominations taken in advance and at the meeting.

5. ANNUAL AWARDS

THE WERRINGTON AWARD : FIONA WINCHESTER

GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD : ANDREW DEMALDE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD : KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEAM

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARD : INVICTUS YOUNG ENTERPRISE GROUP, KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS : (1) MR JONAS YONGA and (2) MRS DEBORAH TOATES

ENVIRONMENT AWARD : [NO AWARD THIS YEAR]

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP (WEG) : ROGER PROUDFOOT

7. PRESENTATION : CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

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 2022

VINCE MOON WRITES :

Our last AGM was not held until October 2021, having been delayed because of Covid restrictions, so there is not a great deal to report since then. However it is good that the Council is returning to normal functioning with face to face meetings now held regularly at the Barn.

The closure of the Werrington Sports Centre by Peterborough City Council (PCC) came as a shock to many of us. We supported efforts by local Councillors and Ken Stimpson School to mitigate the effects of this as much as possible. Some limited opening has been achieved and we will continue to push for the Centre to be fully reopened in September.

We opposed proposals for building flats in the Werrington Centre and Sally Weald gave a strong presentation on our behalf to the PCC Planning Committee. Local PCC Councillors also spoke up against the plans and permission for the development was not given. Although the need for more affordable social housing in Werrington is undeniable this proposal had major flaws. It is hoped that the Werrington Centre Action Group can be restarted. We also welcome the owner's representative's promise to continue looking at possible future improvements to the Centre and hope that by working with the Community on ideas, a start be made to this as soon as possible.

The Ken Stimpson Fence issue continues to rumble on. The need for a fenced area for the school has been agreed by the Planning Committee but the revised siting suggested involves the change of use of land from Community use to school playing fields and this has yet to be considered.

The Environment Group has continued to do much needed work organising and working with community volunteers on a number of activities that have benefitted our locality. Successful litter picks have been held and the Boom has been regularly cleared. New Bat and Bird boxes have been installed. We are very grateful to all who have helped with these efforts. We are very lucky to have the expertise and enthusiasm of Roger Proudfoot as a main mover for most of these activities.

Sally Weald has continued to use her considerable professional administrative expertise in her role as secretary to ensure the continued functioning of the Council. Her skills in making successful applications for money raised from various funds has been crucial. The work on the Cuckoos Hollow Underpass and the Paston Parkway Underpass are the most visible examples and work on the David's Lane will follow. She has also covered the planning brief until recently, as well as dealing with press and publicity matters.

It has been encouraging to have some new faces supporting the Council. Tony Forster's input about planning matters has been much appreciated and we look forward to him developing this role in the future. Likewise Howard and Carole Fuller's attendance at recent meetings has been welcome. Geoff Smith is stepping down as our Treasurer, after doing it diligently for many years but we hope that he will continue to share his long experience and wisdom as a Council member. We now urgently need someone to fill this position to enable the Council to function effectively.

Bill Mercer, our Vice-Chair will also be stepping down from this role as he is no longer a Werrington resident. We wish him well and are thankful for his many contributions to the Council and the area. Werrington Neighbourhood Council continues to provide residents with many of the benefits of a Parish Council without any additional costs on the Community Charge. It is staffed entirely by volunteers who receive no payment for their efforts but who thrive to help keep and improve Werrington as a great place to live.

So it is important 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 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 Bryan Tyler.

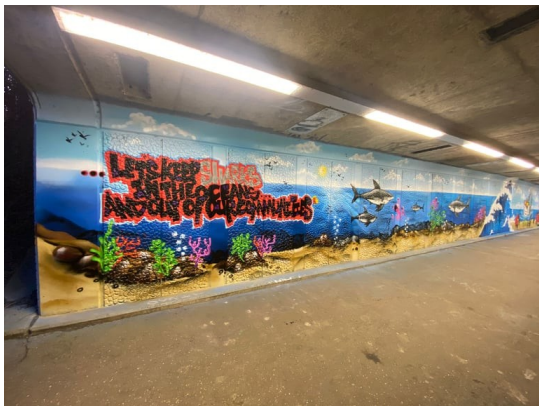
Vince Moon



2021 - 2022

SALLY WEALD REPORTS :

There is little more to add to the views being expressed by Vince Moon, the Chair and Geoff Smith Treasurer. But I would like to touch upon the Neighbourhood Council's two major projects over the last two years – the painting of the Cuckoos Hollow Underpass and Paston Parkway Underpass. Cuckoos Hollow underpass painted in September 2020, continues to delight residents and residents and has become a notable local landmark. Nathan kindly tackled some minor graffiti and has been experimenting to stop the paint peeling.



Meanwhile funding was obtained from the Illegal Money Lending Team to raise awareness of Loan Sharks and the graffitied Paston Parkway underpass proved the perfect location for a 'Let's keep sharks in the ocean and out of our communities' theme mural. This has now brightened up the underpass and has encouraged residents to venture out towards Fen Bridge and along Car Dyke. As part of this project, a free family art workshop took place at the Village Centre involving and over 50 spray paint canvases were taken home depicting a sea life scene. A Tesco's grant will be used to improve the Davids Lane underpass in Summer 2022.



We are delighted that the people saying 'the murals won't last a week' have been proven wrong. Despite our apprehensions about Paston Parkway, some two months later and walls are still clear. We know that Davids Lane will be more of a challenge. We believe though that residents who have pride in their community will create an environment that will deter anti-social behaviour. Werrington Neighbourhood Council is proud to play its part alongside other organisations such as PE4 Wombles, Werrington Area Forum, the Community Association, Werrington Neighbourhood Watch and the Women's Institute to preserve all that's good in Werrington and to bring about improvements to our community. These all require people who are willing to give up their time to give to their community, to be forward thinking and to mastermind the projects. Thank you to everyone working within Werrington Neighbourhood Council giving their time and skills especially Vince, Geoff and Roger as officers of the group.



PLANNING REPORT 2021/2022 : SALLY WEALD REPORTS

Werrington Neighbourhood Council has reviewed 68 Planning Applications over the last year. Comments have been made on 6 of those applications.

Of those applications received 42 related to extensions, 9 were tree works, 4 related to outbuildings, 2 to businesses, 1 new build and 10 others. This includes a telephone mast along Davids Lane and a new house down Lincoln Road.

The two cases taking up the most time are not included in the above figures as they are ongoing applications.

Werrington Centre Flats: After being quiet for several months, a revised set of plans for the former Staniland Court site were submitted. The Neighbourhood Council continued to raise concerns raised about the height, density, impact on the Centre, traffic and parking. After submitting further objections and attending in person, the new application was rejected by the Planning Committee against the advice of Planning Official. Further developments are expected.

Ken Stimpson School Fence: This long running saga continues with an announcement that a lower fence would be installed under permitted development. A well-attended public meeting was held at which the Neighbourhood Council spoke raising concerns alongside the many residents. Concerns about the exact status of the field had been dismissed previously but this now appears to be a problem. Developments for this application is awaited in Summer 2022.

**WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE ON THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2021**

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Stephen Lane, Cllr Bryan Tyler, Lawrence Wright

GUESTS: Award Winners with their family and friends

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

Vince Moon welcomed everyone to the meeting albeit still in difficult circumstances. He referred to the meeting being cancelled in 2020 and being delayed from the usual June spot until October this year. He said that this was going to be busy meeting and introduced the speaker for the evening, Nigel Sutton

2. PRESENTATION:

Nigel Sutton, a Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor for Cambridgeshire Police and former police officer was introduced to the meeting. He gave a presentation raising awareness of scams committed over telephone and internet and how to avoid them. His 30 minute presentation highlighted:

Scams are so easy to fall for and are the dark side of the internet.

They can be via emails, telephone, text and social media. They are low risk, high reward and anonymous. Between April 2019 and March 2020 Cambridgeshire alone suffered an estimated £17 million.

Criminals know how to manipulate people and have ways to bypass uncertainty. Once scammed people are reluctant to admit as they feel stupid and vulnerable. Hesitancy then plays into the hands of the scammers.

Emails, links and calls are designed to look genuine.

Current scams include cryptocurrency, romance/friendship, money mules.

Security tips include stronger passwords, using a password management, enable 2 step factor, keep devices updated and back up devices, have a strong social media password, better to save on browser, do not click on links sent by people you don't know, sometimes websites are set up to look like genuine ones, financial institutions do not ring up and ask for passwords.

Passwords should be random words, letters and numbers and should be different for webpages and changed regularly. If scammers get your password then it then gets run through the top 500 websites to see if it accesses any more. Do not share personal information on social media which could then be used to access accounts.

Support is available from National Cybersecurity centre, Cyber Aware and action fraud report@phishing.gov.uk.

After questions, Vince thanked Nigel for an interesting presentation. Everyone will be going home to change their passwords !

3. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS

3.1 CHAIR - VINCE MOON

Vince referred to his written report seen in Appendix One. The current situation is making volunteering difficult but the Neighbourhood Council is able to continue as will be seen by the reports this evening. Funding has always been a problem so it is great that Sally is still able to source funding for projects to keep going: with thanks to Waitrose and Co Op. He thanked the officers for all their work in helping to keep the group together and for members in attending meetings throughout lockdown. He especially thanked Sally for all her admin support and Geoff for handling all the finance in such a professional manner.

In response to the report, Cllr John Fox added that the Neighbourhood Council has an important role to play. Cllr Sandra Bond agreed that Werrington is fortunate to have such an organisation

3.2 HONORARY SECRETARY - SALLY WEALD

Sally referred to the report in Appendix Two which highlighted the three main reasons for the Neighbourhood Council's continued existence after 50 years: A purpose, funding and volunteers.

The biggest impact over the last two years was achieved with the painting of the Cuckoos Hollow underpass. Further funding has been obtained for further work on other underpasses from Tesco and the Illegal Money Lending team. She highlighted all the support offered by funders: The report was duly adopted by the meeting.

3.3 HONORARY TREASURER - GEOFF SMITH

Geoff Smith presented his report which is contained within Appendix 3 of the meeting pack. He highlighted the following: The Neighbourhood Council continues to survive thanks to the funding being received. Most of the money held is earmarked for specific projects and activities. He thanked the funders for their contributions to ensure the group's future and to Sally for managing to source these donations. He thanked Vince, Sally and Roger for all their hard work as officers, all the members and supporters for coming to the meetings and all the Councillors for their support and especially to Councillors John and Judy Fox for their assistance in funding the Youth Award. He advised that it has been his intention to step back for a while now and therefore this will be his last year as treasurer. He hopes that someone will step forward to take over the role so that he can work with them as a handover.

Richard Collingwood was duly reappointed as independent inspector of Werrington Neighbourhood Council.

3.4 PLANNING REPORT:

The Planning Report can be seen in Appendix Three which in the absence of a Planning Lead was compiled by Sally.

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There is an urgent need for someone to take over this role which doesn't need a big time commitment. Following on from Sally's

comments the Planning Report was accepted by the meeting.

4. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLORS

Werrington Neighbourhood Council comprises of ten elected members elected for two years. Each term of office has been extended by one year as the Annual General Meeting was not held in 2021 due to Covid. Currently seven members are in post with three vacancies. The term of office of three members ended in 2021. These vacancies were advertised with notices were posted on facebook, Spotlight, website and on our noticeboard at Werrington Library.

Nominations were received from the three current members seeking re-election: Roger Proudfoot, Vince Moon and Bill Mercer. These were re-elected en-bloc.

One further nomination was received from Charles Coxon who was duly elected. Two vacancies remain.

There are also co-opted member positions which will be appointed at the next meeting of Werrington Neighbourhood Council first meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Council should contact the Secretary.

Following these elections Werrington Neighbourhood Council Membership now comprises of:

Vince Moon (elected until 2023)
Sally Weald (elected until 2022)
Geoff Smith (elected until 2022)
Roger Proudfoot (elected until 2023)
Martin Greaves (elected until 2022)
Ivan Hammond (elected until 2022)
Bill Mercer (elected until 2023)
Charles Coxon (elected until 2023)
Two vacancies

5. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM: Please see separate report.

6. ANNUAL AWARDS

The following awards were made:

WERRINGTON AWARD: Presented by Bill Mercer to Werrington Scout and Guide Fireworks Committee for 50 years of displaying

GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD: Presented by Roger Proudfoot to Ethan Lutterer for his dedicated Werrington environment work

ENVIRONMENT AWARD: Presented by Roger Proudfoot to the founding PE4 Womble litter pickers Melissa Bolke, Diane Downing, Joanna Henderson and Janet Flynn

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS: Presented by Lise Alexander Smith, who made the nomination of Newton Fallowell Estate Agents for all their support of community events and Werrington organisations

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD: Presented by Vince Moon to David Gwyer who has made three films showing the importance of Cuckoos Hollow and Werrington's meadows.

In addition, the Blue Bell Village Pub has received a Community Contribution Award for all their support of community events and their community 'Exchange'. This will be presented to John Lawrence at Neighbourhood Council's November meeting.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP: ROGER PROUDFOOT

Roger Proudfoot's written report is in Appendix 6 reflected on the Werrington's environmental work with a visual presentation. Thank you to Co Op Loxley and Waitrose for the donations made to the group. The bird and bat boxes have been installed using the Co Op money. Whilst the exact locations cannot be identified, some have been installed in school and sheltered accommodation grounds to bring wildlife to pupils and residents. Bat box locations have been identified by Cambs Bat Group with permission granted by land owners such as City Council; further permission is being sought from England Homes. Further suggestions for placement sites are welcomed. The bird and bat boxes are created by Street Forge supporting disabled workers and it is great to create that relationship

The PE4 Wombles are having huge success as already acknowledged in the awards with the successful facebook page bringing together litterpickers ... thanks to Mel, Janet, Diane and Joanne. Rivercare has struggled with events due to Covid but it's litter picking has been picked up by the Wombles. It is expected that there will be some deep seated litter within the brook to the Rivercare team to tackle. There is a need for more litter picking equipment. The removal of litter will prevent rubbish being blown into the brook and lakes, which will in turn prevent plastic from entering the water supply impacting on river and coastal wildlife such as fulmars.

A logo has been launched for Wildlife Friendly Werrington encompassing the trees, birds and waterlife. Thank you to Amy Dickman for her design. It is intended that this can be used by businesses etc who support Werrington Wildlife Various volunteers have contributed to wildflower sowing along the road margins.

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7. ANNUAL REPORT OF WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP: ROGER PROUDFOOT [continued]

PECT is also involved in promoting tree.

Ethan has successfully obtained funding from Kew Gardens Grow Wilder project to obtain wild flower seeds. His project includes promoting and distributing seeds to residents.

David Gwyer has worked with the Environment Group and produced some stunning videos about Werrington's wildlife. The videos are so professional taking so much time and patience to produce. The videos were shown at the meeting.

The Environment Group has taken over clearing the boom at Cuckoos Hollow.

Work continues at Werrington Recreation Ground and the Paddocks. With the cutting regime changed the longer grass is encouraging more wildlife. There have been some comments about it looking more untidy but this is now a managed area rather than a neglected area. Comments have been received that it helps some dog walkers. Wildflower seeding has taken place with the turf being turned over ... an alternative method to that being used by PECT who remove the turf to create bee walls elsewhere. Its impact is already seen with new species being seen. It will be interesting to see which process gives the better outcome. The City Council cannot remove the cut grass risings but it is hoped that next year the risings will be able to be removed by the group as an experiment which will encourage a better diversity.

A bioblitz day took place with sweep nets are being used with the insects being identified. Roger explored how the new habitats supports more insects such as butterflies and moths, which in turn produces more caterpillars, which in turn supports birdlife such as blackbird. More caterpillars = more food for birds = less energy looking for food = more blackbirds = less predation.

There is a need for education about the work being done on the meadow and it is hoped that signs can be installed to support this.

In response to questions Roger confirmed that:

- all this was being done with the blessing of Peterborough City Council. The new wild life officer has meet with him.
- as all new habitats these are early days and it is a matter of experimentation to see what works.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS: No other urgent items had been requested. There were no further questions from the floor. Vince Moon closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

APPENDIX ONE: CHAIR'S REPORT

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 newt 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.

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APPENDIX TWO: SECRETARY'S REPORT

A purpose, funding and volunteers ... are the three things that keep the Neighbourhood Council ticking over as it enters its 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.

APPENDIX THREE: PLANNING REPORT

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. 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 ?

APPENDIX FOUR: HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

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 below 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.

APPENDIX FOUR: HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT [continued]

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 donors 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.

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 3,392.92 [A]

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 INCOME = £ 5,104.29 [B]

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

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - continued overleaf

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - continued overleaf

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

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

APPENDIX FIVE: ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

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 ?

APPENDIX FIVE: ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT [continued]

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.

END OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

GEOFF SMITH REPORTS :

I had prepared my report to you this year based on my imminent retirement from this position- however recent events have apparently put this on hold as unfortunately my successor has had to stand down.

As previously reported I have occupied this role since 2002 and have also maintained continuous membership since first being elected on 13th November 1989 and serving in a number of other positions for nearly 33 years. So it seemed like it was a good time to say " all good things must come to an end " however it would appear that this may have been a little premature unless someone here tonight is open to suggestion !! I'll be more than happy to help with the transition from me to the new Treasurer and from the old arrangements to something more up to date. We really do need to move to online banking in some form but its better done by the new incumbent - a blank canvas and all that ! So its onwards and hopefully upwards.



So onto this year's report the signed **Annual Statement of Accounts** is featured overleaf and is based on our books having once again been thoroughly inspected and approved by Richard Collingridge, our Independent Examiner. These accounts cover our finances over the calendar year which in this case ended on 31st December 2021. So they shouldn't be regarded as our current state of affairs but are nevertheless still representative of our present financial position albeit that over the intervening period several of the ring-fenced amounts shown in the following table have now been expended. As previously reported Richard has been undertaking these duties for some considerable time, in fact some-

thing like 23 years now, and has continued to do so in a very thorough and professional manner. It falls to me under this report to make a proposal for the appointment of the Independent Examiner for the current financial year and I have duly approached him and he has confirmed that he is happy to continue in providing this essential service. **Accordingly I would recommend Richard be appointed to this role once again and your approval is sought.**

My sincere thanks once again to Sally for all her hard work and efforts in securing funding from a variety of sources to enable us to take on all sorts of environmental initiatives - no doubt duly evidenced in both her and Roger Proudfoot's reports. Significant funding has once again been secured by her and a lot of excellent work done. Also thanks to our Chair, Vince Moon, and fellow WNC members for their continued commitment and support in some very difficult times.

Two of our Ward Councillors, namely 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 continuing to provide this very generous support which they have done for a number of years now. The Werrington Community

Association (WCA) have provided another generous and much appreciated donation to pay for our annual insurance premium - this is our single biggest outgoing and is vital if we are to operate safely and securely.

For the time being 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 above. The Werrington Area Forum is independent of the WNC, and of its accounts, but I am its current Treasurer and interface with our accounts where financial assistance is needed. A separate report on their activities is featured under the Secretary's Werrington Forum report.

Finally I must reiterate that it is my intention to step down from this role sooner rather than later but am happy to cover the post for the time being and, come the day, to help with the transition of my work to a new treasurer and participate in any succession planning. I would also like to remain a member in some capacity to give continued help and support.

SUMMARY OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT
AT YEAR-END 31-12-21 = £ 9,769.12

DETAILS OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS [included in the above Bank Balance] :

1. WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP = £ 851.63 * [* AS AT 31-12-21]

2. SPECIFIC PROJECTS

2.1 CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION	= £ 399.64
2.2 COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT (UNDERPASS MURAL)	= £ 3,500
2.3 WCA INSURANCE PREMIUM GRANT	= £ 297.92
2.4 WAITROSE DONATIONS	= £ 1,453
2.4.1 CARRIED OVER 2018 = £155	
2.4.2 CARRIED OVER 2020-21 = £298	
2.4.3 NEW DONATION 2021 = £1,000	
2.5 RBG KEW DONATION (GROW WILD)	= £ 5.83
2.6 JUST GIVING FUNDED MURAL REPAIRS	= £ 369.68
2.7 WCA (CAMBS CC) - WEBSITE FEE REIMBURSEMENT	= £ 50
2.8 TESCO GRANT (DAVID'S LANE UNDERPASS MURAL)	= £ 1,000

TOTAL AMOUNT [2.1 - 2.8] = £ 7,927.70

3. GENERAL - NOT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED* AND CAN BE RE-ALLOCATED

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

TOTAL OVERALL RING-FENCED AMOUNT [ABOVE ITEMS 1 + 2 + 3] = £ 8,727.70

APPORTIONMENT

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-21	= £ 9,769.12
TOTAL RING-FENCED AMOUNT AS AT 31-12-21	= £ 8,727.70
BALANCE REMAINING IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	= £ 1,041.42

GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPPH
HONORARY TREASURER



ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2021

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31st December 2020 = £ 5,047.42* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = - £ 12.70

THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31st December 2021 = £ 9,769.12* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £ 59.42

(* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2021

1. BANK ACCOUNT

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
SUBSCRIPTION (WCA)	5	00
INSURANCE PREMIUM	297	92
STREET ART HIRE	376	63
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS [ROGER PROUDFOOT]	1,800	90
BANK TRANSFER (CASH-IN-HAND - SEE PAYMENTS BELOW)	250	00

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM DONATION (WCA)	595	84 *
COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT (UNDERPASS MURAL)	3,500	00
JUST GIVING DONATIONS [FOUR IN TOTAL]	746	31
TESCO GRANT [DAVID'S LANE UNDERPASS MURAL]	1,000	00
WCA (CAMBS CC) - WEBSITE FEE REIMBURSEMENT	50	00
RBG KEW DONATION - GROW WILD PROJECT	500	00
CLLRS J & J FOX - GCYC DONATION	60	00
WAITROSE DONATION	1,000	00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 2,730 . 45 [A]

TOTAL INCOME = £ 7,452 . 15[B]

CREDIT BALANCE : Income less Expenditure [B - A ABOVE] = £ 4,721.70* (* AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020)

2. CASH PAYMENTS

A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
DEFICIT CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	12	70
AGM REFRESHMENTS (COUNCIL MEETINGS)	12	00
POSTAGE	3	40
PRESENTATION + AWARDS	38	80
EXAMINERS HONORARIA PURCHASES	25	50
PRINTING	29	99
STATIONERY (PAPER BAGS - NETWORK RAIL EVENT)	13	19
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - CASH PAYMENT	50	00
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - SHIELD ENGRAVING	5	00

B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
TRANSFER FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	250	00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 190.58 [A]

TOTAL INCOME = £ 250.00 [B]

BALANCE : Income B LESS Expenditure A [B minus A ABOVE] = £ 59.42* (* AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021)

TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE as at 31st DECEMBER 2021 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2022 = £9,769.12*

[* NOTE : THIS SUM DOES NOT INCLUDE CASH-IN-HAND]

SEE OVERLEAF FOR A SCHEDULE OF THE RING-FENCED AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE SUM*

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS


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

1. THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2021 Opening Balance = £67.05 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 67.17
 2. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2021 Opening Balance = £6.93 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 7.05
- TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE (1 + 2 ABOVE = c/f to 2022) = £ 74.22** **OVERALL TOTAL FUNDS C/F TO 2022 = £ 9,902.76**

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 2021.

Signed :


GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPPH
HONORARY TREASURER

Dated :

11th May 2022

Signed :


RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated :

11th May 2022

Werrington Area Forum exists to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Werrington. A neighbourhood plan is a document that sets out planning policies for a local area. It's used to decide whether to approve planning applications, including new buildings or changes to existing buildings. It's written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place. With the need to employ planning consultants along the way, there is a government grant available. In 2022/23, there is £5800 available to Werrington. This is not sufficient for the consultancy work needed to bring the required documentation into a satisfactory Planning Format so a lot of Werrington's work will have to be done using local resources and assistance from the Neighbourhood Planning team at Peterborough City Council. Some progress was made over the last 12 months. The following documents are needed to be submitted to the City Council and this is the position so far:

- Policy Review: Done but will need updating in due course
- Statistical Review: Done but will need updating as the 2021 census data becomes available
- Basic Conditions statement: Framework has been written
- Community Involvement statement: Completed
- Character Assessment: For sections out of five written
- Open Space and Protected Views Review: Completed.
- Neighbourhood Plan: Framework drafted

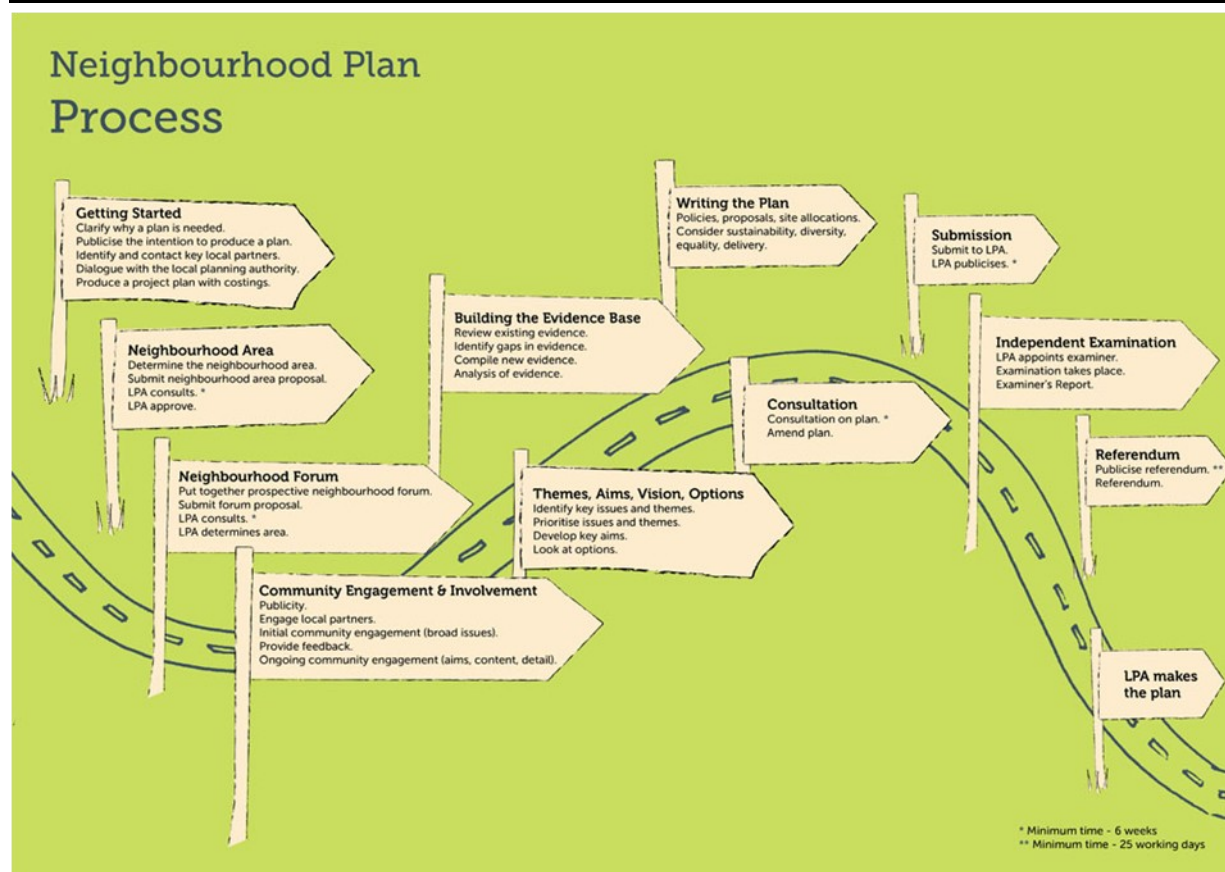
Werrington Neighbourhood Forum is the constituted group of 22 people who receive regular updates and attend meetings to review and agree documents. The steering group is involved the detail of the documents.

If you would like to join any of this work then please make contact werringtonnc@gmail.com

SALLY WEALD SECRETARY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS : 1st March 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income		Expenditure	
Government Grant	£5854	Website	£50
		Total expenditure	£50
		Income returned	£ 5804.00
Total = £ 5854.00		Total = £ 5854.00	





ROGER PROUDFOOT REPORTS :

During the last 12 months the Covid epidemic continued to curtail WEG events but we have managed to schedule a few as restrictions were lifted. Most notably we have re-seeded patches on the Werrington Meadow and had a good RiverCare tidy up around the underpass that now has the Loan Shark mural.

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.

The bird and bat boxes, that we purchased last year, we hope are now providing homes for their intended recipients. We still have a few 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.

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 PE4 wombles continue to do a great job with numbers expanding to 379 members since last year and, to date, collection of 2656 bags. Their volunteer work is a continuing testament to their fantastic efforts to keep Werrington clear of rubbish and out of our water courses and hedgerows. We are very grateful to all the PE4 Wombling volunteers, keep up the great work, you have our full support.

Our wildflower meadow efforts continue at the Werrington Meadow near Hastings Road recreation ground. Last 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. We continue to be 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. David's latest film is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of RiverCare, a region wide initiative by Anglian Water and Keep Britain Tidy. WEG have been supported by RiverCare for the last 8 years and we are pleased to be a part of this important programme. Congratulations to all at RiverCare who are doing a great job across the region to look after our water environment.

Looking forward we will continue to provide bird and bat boxes, wildflowers and to take other practical actions to enhance the Werrington environment. We will be erecting signage at the Werrington Meadow to raise awareness of the meadow and hopefully help Werrington Primary with their overgrown pond. We will have a stall at the Werrington Carnival so pop by for a chat and to get any wildlife gardening tips!

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.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED CONTACT ROGER PROUDFOOT AT rogerproudfoot@yahoo.co.uk OR VISIT OUR [FACEBOOK](#) PAGE.

2021 AGM PHOTO GALLERY
OVERLEAF

AGM PHOTO GALLERY

SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2021



**GUEST SPEAKER
AND PRIZEWINNERS**



**MORE PRIZEWINNERS
AND ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION**

