

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE ON THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT:

FORUM MEMBERS:

Cllr Sandra Bond, Tony Forster, Cllr John and Judy Fox, Pauline Fury, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, and 14 residents of Werrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Stephen Lane

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

This meeting took place during the Annual General Meeting of Werrington Neighbourhood Council. 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.

The apologies were accepted as above.

2. FORUM UPDATE

Sally Weald as Secretary presented the following 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 apologised for not including the information about Werrington Community Association holding the Government funding on behalf of the Forum and she thanked the Community Association for agreeing to do this. She reflected that doing all the Forum paperwork is hard going with everything else going on. The group can only do what they can manage with their time and commitments.

3. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS: The accounts are detailed below.

There were no questions arising.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP

Nominations were received for the officer appointments.

The following appointments were made by the meeting.

Chair: Vince Moon;

Secretary: Sally Weald,

Treasurer: Geoff Smith

Steering Group: It was agreed that given the ongoing problems of Covid that a formal steering group wouldn't be appointed. With the different projects ongoing

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 7th June 2022 7.30pm Village Centre

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 |