

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT WERRINGTON PARISH VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2022

PRESENT

FORUM MEMBERS: Cllr Sandra Bond, Tony Forster, Pauline Fury, Ivan Hammond, Vince Moon, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald.

OTHERS: 20 residents of Werrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr John and Judy Fox, Cllr Stephen Lane, Roger Proudfoot

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

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

Vince Moon welcomed everyone to the meeting of Werrington Area Forum. The apologies were accepted as above.

It was noted the quorum for Werrington Area Forum is 25% of the 23 members or six members.

With seven members in attendance the meeting is quorate.

2. FORUM ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE

2.1 The following report had been sent out prior to the meeting to over 300 residents comprising of Forum members and the mailing list of interested residents.

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM REPORT 2021/2022

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.

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.

2.2 Sally gave the following update:

Copies of all the mentioned documentation are available on the website www.werrington.org.uk
The limited expenditure was due to the carnival being cancelled so no publicity output was needed. Also as there has been a process of writing there has been no need for a Consultant to be employed.

She thanked the Community Association for continuing to agree to hold the government funding on behalf of the Area Forum.

She again reflected that all the work in completing the required evidence is very time consuming. Even with all the good intentions, the group can only do what they can manage with their time and commitments.

There had only been one Forum meeting since the last Annual General Meeting in October 2021. Invitations had been extended to the Forum members, mailing list and via social media.

The opportunity to ask questions was given.

- 3 **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:** The accounts had been circulated by email prior to the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1st March 2021 to 31 March 2022

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

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 current state of flux with the group that officers were delegated any appointments to the steering group.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 6th June 2023 7.30pm Werrington Parish Village Centre