

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT WERRINGTON PARISH VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023

PRESENT

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

OTHERS: 20 residents of Werrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr John and Judy Fox,

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 nine members in attendance the meeting is quorate.

2. FORUM ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE

The following report had been sent out prior to the meeting to over 250 residents comprising of Forum members and the mailing list of interested residents. Copies had been made available in the website.

Overview: 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.

Werrington Area Forum: This is the constituted group of 22 people who receive regular updates and attend meetings to review and agree documents. A smaller steering group is involved the detail of the documents. The Area Forum can only exist for 5 years and this will have to be reformed in late 2023.

Update: A draft Werrington Neighbourhood Plan with supporting documents has been completed. The Plan supports twelve policies as follows:

Spatial Strategy

High Quality Design

Sustainable Construction/Energy Efficiency

Car Parking

Cycle Parking & Storage

Locally Important Views

The Natural Environment

Local Green Spaces

Former Sports Ground, Fulbridge Road

Recreational facilities

Footpaths and Cycleways

Employment

The supporting evidence for the Plan comprises as follows:

Character Assessment: Werrington has been split into 4 areas Conservation Area, Wider Village, Township and Industrial Area. This document details the features for each of these areas together with a detailed street overview.

Consultation Statement: This gives the detail of all communication and the work that has been undertaken with residents. It gives results of Community Questionnaire undertaken in 2019/2020.

Open Space Assessment: Every open space in Werrington has been reviewed to see if it fits the criteria for Designated Local Green Space or a biodiversity area. Significant trees and tree features have also been reviewed.

Locally Protected Views: This assesses those views within Werrington which are attractive and enjoyed by residents and identifies those worthy of further protection

Statistical Profile: This contains data relating to Werrington and gives a comparison to Peterborough

Basic Conditions: This shows how the proposed policies link with Peterborough Local Plan and National Planning Framework

Equalities Impact Statement: This shows how each policy might impact on people from various different groups.

Next steps:

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

Over the last 5 years there has been government funding to support Neighbourhood Plans. In 2022/2023, £5800 was successfully allocated to Werrington with most expenditure being made on the employment of a consultant to assist on the Plan development. At the time of writing it is not clear what funding will be available going forward which may delay further progress.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1st March 2022 to 31 March 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Government Grant	£5714	Website	£50
		Consultancy (just under 4 days)	£2310
		Carnival Stall	£30
		Total expenditure	£2390
		Income returned	£3324.00
Total = £5714.00		Total = £5714.00	

There were no questions arising from the accounts.

4. UPDATE:

Sally gave the following update:

The Plan is at its final stages. The Plan has been shared with the City Council and informal feedback has been received which is being worked through.

Copies of all the mentioned documentation are available on the website www.werrington.org.uk

There have been three Forum meetings in the last year. There are over 250 people on the mailing list and all the work has been shared there too

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

The future of the government funding is still unclear as applications still have not been opened. The Plan is at the point where we may not need too much funding to complete. It is not clear however how much support the City Council will give to finalise the Plan and if any further consultancy support is needed.

5. 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: Vince Moon, Sally Weald, Geoff Smith, Tony Forster, Nyree Ambarchian, Jenna Maryniak

Nyree and Jenna have joined the steering group as they will bring their professional overview to bring the Plan to its final stages in presentation and publicity.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 4th June 2024 7.30pm Werrington Parish Village Centre