

MINUTES OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 21st February 2023

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Tony Forster, Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald
<u>WARD COUNCILLORS:</u>	Cllr Sandra Bond, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr John Fox
<u>VISITORS</u>	Three members of the public
<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Charles Coxon, Cllr Bryan Tyler, Cllr Steve Lane

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** Vince Moon thanked everyone for attending and welcomed visitors.
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**
 - 2.1 **PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULATION**

Parish Councils have been asked to promote Peterborough City Council's climate change consultation and this has been put on WNC's facebook page. The 65 slide presentation is available online with a 45 minute video and a 50+ question questionnaire. It was observed that this is a huge time commitment for people and it hasn't been promoted. For a true consultation it needs to be sent to everyone as residents not on line are being excluded – even the questionnaire is 28 pages long so can't be realistically be printed. Roger with his Carbon Literacy Environment Agency role had given a commitment to promoting sustainability to residents and he has proposed a presentation at the June AGM. Sally will advise PCC that WNC have promoted this confirming a commitment to sustainability and Roger will follow up.
 - 2.2 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The policy and evidence have been reviewed by Natalie the consultant and the conclusion is the evidence is complete but needs refinement. Natalie was further contracted to rewrite the policies to make them compliant. This has amounted to just over 4 days of contracted consultancy work when six days had been budgeted for.

The City Council needs to complete an Environmental assessment but still has not responded. Vince advised that at the Parish Council Liaison Committee the restructuring of the Planning Dept was discussed which included information that the City Council will not support Neighbourhood Plan work whilst reviewing the Local Plan. It is not clear if this extends to statutory work as well as more general support.

The rewritten policies were circulated with the main points to note: Building section now has three policies covering the design, the sustainable element and the spatial design which includes the protection of Lincoln Road garden area. The allotments are now just referred to in the Designated Green Space policy leaving the former sports ground as its own policy. The recreational facilities and environmental areas are highlighted in red and need firming up. With the Plan now getting tied up, final comments are now needed.

Sandra said that some houses in Storrington Way had been sent letters about a discussion about the sports ground. After discussion it was determined that it was not the letter than Sally had distributed.
 - 2.3 **PLANNING ITEM 1440 LINCOLN ROAD.**

This item brought forward as a local resident was in attendance. An outline planning application has been made to build six houses on the Mason Mowers site. The following points were made: This is a high density build and is out of character with the immediate area although Danish Court is nearby. These six houses will be preferred by City Council to fewer larger houses. The access road is long and narrow with the turning circle right at the bottom and, although similar access roads are seen elsewhere, it is longer and even with a blind corner, will necessitate backing onto Lincoln Road. There is the traffic monitoring report for Lincoln Road

following the speeding campaign. Whilst some houses have been approved in this 'garden zone' some have been previously turned down. This site will set a precedent, a problem reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan.

WNC have been approached by two people wanting help with protest groups. WNC cannot, however, get involved in a campaign. We are a representative group of residents and, whilst members will reflect on resident's views, ultimately the response are the members own opinions.

Some objections have been submitted ... although in the main they are not planning centred. Local residents have got to put their comments covering all objections in before the deadline of 20th March. Councillors have not been approached by any residents yet.

Concern was made about the two storied houses overlooking but it is not helped that the site was previously developed with public access. Concern also about the access road being aligned to allow further development of the land beyond, ownership unknown. Comments can only be made on what has been presented and not future concerns. *(It was determined after the meeting that this land is owned by the City Council).*

It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Council will not be asking for this to be 'called in' but will object on the density, loss of neighbour's amenity with the overlooking and the problematic access road.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2022: These were approved by the meeting and there were no matters arising

Annual General Meeting and Annual Awards: During a discussion about the Annual General Meeting, it was agreed to reinvite Matt Gladstone. Roger will also do a presentation. There was a debate about the awards and it was asked if it was time for something new. The award categories are always flexible. With the Spotlight deadline imminent it was agreed to invite award nominations similar to previously and review at April's meeting.

It was suggested that the PE4 wombles receive an award. They however received a Werrington Environment Award two years ago although a nomination for a Civic Award was rejected. It was suggested that the nomination for PE4 Wombles and the Peterborough Wombles had got mixed up. WNC this year had supported a successful nomination for Fiona Winchester.

4. HONORARY TREASURER

Geoff reported that there had been little movement in our current account since our last meeting with only a payment of £30 being paid on behalf of the Werrington Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group for their Carnival stall hire booking. This meant that the present credit balance now stood as £4,805.17 with the amount held for the Cluster Group now totalling £821.63. He continued by saying that the annual accounts were currently being prepared for the Independent Examiner and these are based on transactions made in the calendar year ending on 31st December 2022. He hoped to present a draft version to the next meeting of the Council. Richard Cole was welcomed to the meeting as a prospective new Treasurer and Geoff said that he intended having a meet-up with him before our next meeting in order to brief him on what the role entails should he be interested. There was then discussion concerning the spending of the balances of the ring-fenced fund for environmental projects received from the Co-op.

5. ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

Roger said that there had been some Rivercare work down at the boom. The risings had been collected from the meadow. He is arranging for the signage to be installed at the wildflower meadow following contact with James Collingridge. It was agreed that a tree planting event could take place later in the year to celebrate the Coronation although for fruit trees a better location is needed than the Recreation Ground. The Spotlight article could request support for this.

6. PLANNING REPORT

- **Planning Applications:** Tony advised that objections had been sent in for 1281 Lincoln Road (a new house off Rivendale) being out of character with parking issues and 1303 Lincoln Road (opposite to Cock Inn) a resurrected application with overlooking/loss of amenity and parking

problems which WNC had previously sent in objections. 8 Crester Drive another new house had no objections as it was in keeping and retained good size plots. Appropriate comments have been sent to the tree officer about some tree work for 1379 Lincoln Road.

- **Werrington Centre:** A meeting has taken place involving Councillors, Paul Bristow, business owners, agents, school, police about the run down nature and anti-social behaviour in Werrington Centre. It was disappointing that Tesco's did not respond. There was a positive discussion and Paul Bristow has taken away some action points. The agents advised that sheltered accommodation was being considered instead of affordable housing as it will require less parking and that Olympus House is now owned by Mr Livock.

7. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Parish Liaison Committee:** Other than the Planning Dept update there is nothing further to report. A Climate Change Conference is taking place in March.
- **Review of Environmental and Sustainability Policy:** Nothing further to add
- **Big Help Out for Coronation:** WI are proposing to do a litter pick. See Environment Report

8. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Sandra Bond: The new mast installed in the Coniston Road towers over the gardens and houses. Residents are now complaining despite the fact that she knocked on doors. It would seem that there was only a limited consultation of a few houses and the mast is in a different place to that planned. *(It was determined after the meeting that a different positioning had been submitted but different planning rules apply to masts).*

Judy Fox: Just general ward work

John Fox: There will be CLF spend on a new bin on Skaters Way and two benches to commemorate Armed Forces and Queens Jubilee which are replacing existing damaged benches.

It is understood that future CLF amounts are being increased to £3,000.

3.8 ANY OTHER MATTERS: None

3.9 DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 24th April, Tuesday 6th June (AGM), Monday 17th July