

WERRINGTON Neighbourhood Council 50 YEARS SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF WERRINGTON

MINUTES OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Present:	Belinda Coaten, Tony Forster, Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald
Ward Councillors:	Cllr Sandra Bond, Cllr Steve Lane (Item 1 and 2)
Visitors:	2 members of the public
Apologies:	Charles Coxon, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Bryan Tyler

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIR'S COMMENTS

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – Peterborough City Council Budget Simulator

Andy Coles gave a comprehensive presentation, this included the national context and how PCC compares to other Councils regarding their financial state, the financial issues regarding Childrens Services and inflation, what has been happening in the last year, and how and why the budget simulator has been put in place for a second consecutive year.

He subsequently answered numerous questions regarding financial matters, Cllr Steve Lane contributed his feedback too.

A copy of the presentation can [be found here](#).

Everyone was encouraged to contribute to the simulator if they have not already done so.

3. PLAN UPDATE

Sally urged everyone to complete the neighbourhood member nominations asap.

PCC initial feedback is that they are very happy with what they have seen thus far.

The final plan to go back to the City Council tomorrow, there will then follow a 5 week consultation with some agencies. And then move to a 6 week community consultation for residents, agencies and land owners, Sally estimated this will run from the 1st December to 31 January. The deadline of 31 March 2024 for the return of the funding is driving the timing of this.

Please see previous minutes as to where hard copies of the consultation plan will be located. Pauline to make a final check that the Lounge can be used as a location. Social media, posters, and community groups will also be utilised. Tony Forster agreed to hold some hard copies should anyone be unable to access social media or locations. The associated evidence files to be stored at the library.

Vince thanked Sally for her hard work and her tenacity to get the plan to this stage.

4. URGENT WNC BUSINESS UPDATE

Village light switch on – Pauline and Vince attended a meeting last night, same format as last year. Date is 26.11.23. Collaboration with Neighbourhood Watch representation was discussed. Bookmarks and plan leaflets to be distributed.

Environment Day - Roger gave an update, 18 people attended a successful day with another section of the meadow seeded, more to be completed before Christmas. Hedging and wildflower patches are also planned. An Orchard in the Paddocks being discussed with PCC. Roger enquired if anyone knew of any reasonably priced contractors to contact him.

Sally confirmed the successful news of securing Loxley Co-op charity funding. Please refer to September minutes regarding what and how this will be spent. Spare budget will be available for wildlife encouragement.

Sally requested £50 to purchase 2 cherry trees, this was agreed. Vince again thanked Sally for her work on this project.

Planning - Phone Masts – Tony confirmed objections to the most recent phone mast application plus resident objections.

Planning – Masons Mowers site– Sally updated that prior approval has gone through although City Council are not happy with the overlooking aspect of the application for 6 units, and so it is likely this will need to be addressed within full planning.

Civic Awards – There was a discussion about the Civic Award potential nominees and Councillors will be asked to give support to the nominations.

An update on Werrington Centre was enquired about. Sally confirmed that the City Council and building control are involved with the condition of the Centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 11th December, Tuesday 20th February, Monday 22nd April, Tuesday 4th June (AGM), Monday 15th July (Post AGM and general business).