

MINUTES OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11th December 2023

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

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** Vince Moon thanked everyone for attending. He knows that these are difficult times for many and appreciates residents taking time to attend.
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:** No questions were raised.
3. **WERRINGTON AREA FORUM:**

The City Council's Forum Application consultation will end this week. There have been no objections made. The City Council environment consultation will also end this week. So far Historic England have made no objection and English Nature and Environment Agency have not responded yet. It is assumed that all will accept the Plan but there could be improvement comments which will need to be addressed. The City Council's Determination statement is needed before being able to print the Plan and publicity material. The intention is to do the public consultation between mid Jan and end of Feb but this could all be delayed. The delays with the environment statement has allowed some loose ends and consistency to be tied up. Elliot has kindly done a lot of the work to improve this.

It was agreed that in addition to The Barn Drop In 6pm to 7pm on 13th February, there could be one a different night and later timing at the Blue Bell.

The next meeting on 13th February will include an extraordinary meeting to appoint officers following the establish of the new Forum. A quorum of members will be required.
4. **WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL**
 - 4.1 **MINUTES OF MEETING 10th October 2023:** Approved with no matters arising
 - 4.2 **HONORARY TREASURER**

Geoff reported on a credit balance of £4,201.98 being in our current account. This looks likely to be the balance for the current financial year which ends on 31st December but there is still an £18 cheque awaiting to be encashed by Sally. He asked that any other claims be submitted to him before the end of the year. A payment of £406.98 had been made and cleared to Roger. The two cheques totalling £55 made out on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group earlier in the year had not been presented to our bank and are now probably out of date. He said that this money won't be paid back to the Cluster Group until such time as it was certain they wouldn't be encashed.

He also referred to the article he submitted to Spotlight about Lawrence Wright.
 - 4.3 **ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT** In the absence of Roger there was no report.
 - 4.4 **PLANNING:**
 - **Church Street Tree:** Objections were sent about the tree removal opposite to the Church. This was however approved as tree officer said there was no reasonable objection.
 - **IKEA Lockers:** Objections have been sent for the Ikea Lockers in Werrington Centre taking up 8 spaces in the car park. It was out of keeping with the area and more better suited on the edge of the car park or elsewhere. Application was subsequently approved.

- **Coniston Road mast:** After resident's upset this has now attracted a lot of political attention with Paul Bristow and Officers involved. Neighbourhood Council originally encouraged resident engagement for both application via Facebook and sent in objections.

4.5 DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parish Council Liaison Committee: There have been three meetings with Werrington represented including the Climate Emergency Session. Cate Harding is now replaced by Jane Taylor-Pitt. Meetings continue to be online with the obvious disadvantage.

Christmas Light Switch On. Well organised with hundreds attending although there was a dog problem. Difficult for interaction especially with the dark. It was agreed to explore some pens using Forum money especially as this will help Plan engagement at the Carnival.

Werrington Centre: Ploughman will be closing. Building Inspector has visited. Still maintenance problems especially with the roof near The Lounge. New Planning Application is imminent.

Peterborough Local Plan: Brookside field has been identified as a development site. There have been several nominations for the Ken Stimpson fields to be made a Local Green Space. Some of the fields east of A15 and north of Hurn Road have been identified as possible industrial development sites. These are being reviewed and next consultation is Summer 2024.

City Council Budget Consultation and Asset Disposal. The Budget Consultation refers to Community Activity not being high priority which is concerning. Nothing else of Werrington Interest. Whilst the Asset Disposal list isn't official yet it must be expected that The Barn, Loxley and Hodgson Community Centres, the library and Sports Centre will be on there.

PECT Funding Application. A bid has been made for £350 to PECT for the rising collection/seed purchase. They have asked if we want to extend our bid but no other projects were suggested

CO OP Funding: Neighbourhood Council is now one of Loxley's two charities so people need to nominate us as their chosen charity. At least £1000 for mental health with a suggested Happy to Chat bench will be received next October

Benches: Werrington Community Association has funded the Coronation bench at Canterbury Road corner. They wanted the old bench placed in Werrington Recreation Ground. But the City Council wanted a second £165 for moving the old bench in addition to the £165 for the new bench installation which WCA refused to pay so PCC have taken bench.

A summary of the Happy to Chat bench costings with a picture of what it might look like was circulated. With the original Co Op funding (of c £200), the new Co Op funding (of £1000+) and the Waitrose £1000 this can be easily afforded and this was agreed. Concern was raised about the reliability of the pending Co OP money but this has all been put in writing. A meeting with the Co Op has confirmed that any project can be proceeded with the money when received then used to replace funds. Sally awaits a meeting with PCC to seek their approval and agreement on the location. It is hoped that negotiations can be made to retrieve the Canterbury Road bench and place in a similar location for not too much extra cost

Civic Awards: Two nominations have been made in WNC's name and outcome awaited. Geoff made another suggestion but it is too late for this year.

5 WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Judy Fox: Road lines being dealt with in Davids Lane

John Fox: Graffiti tags are appearing on utility boxes. Tagger is known to Nathan. New gas building in Ken Stimpson fields has already been damaged.

20 mph in Church Street/Amberley Slope is progressing (as part of National Cycleway criteria). Signage finance is being looked at with half/half Highways and local Councillors. There will be consultation on this. Villages with 20 mph around schools have Parish Council's to progress.

Community Leadership funding: PE4 Wombles given litter pickers and jackets

Sandra Bond: Described the work with the Coniston Road Phone Mast including the complaint letters, the attendance at the Council Meeting and the follow up meetings. Next step will be a formal petition. Similar graffiti problems

6 ANY OTHER MATTERS: None

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Change of date. Tuesday 13th February 2024 Monday 22nd April