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MINUTES OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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Monday 29th June 2026

Present:	Belinda Coaten, Elliot Hodgson, Vince Moon (Chair), Sally Weald
Ward Councillors:	Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Sarah Hillier
Visitors:	None
Apologies:	Charles Coxon, Tony Forster, Cllr Ann Shaheed, Geoff Smith

1. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the general public were in attendance.

2. WNC POST-AGM MEETING

Representative Appointments were agreed as follows: -
Werrington Community Association – Geoff to continue in this role.
Vince to continue as Chair
Sally to continue as Vice Chair
The Secretary role will continue to be split in two, with a Meeting Co-Ordinator (Belinda) and PR and Correspondence (Sally). Belinda offered to support Spotlight article production.
Elliot continues in the lead Planning role, with Martin, Charles and Tony.
Parish Council liaison – Vince and Martin to continue in this role.
The Environment role remains vacant; the decision was made that if a project turns up then people would be nominated to participate.
Roger Proudfoot will be a Co-opted member.
All Ward Councillors continue as ex officio members.
CIL committee – Elliott, Tony, Martin.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

3.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIR'S COMMENTS

See above.

3.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3.3 POLICING MATTERS

At this afternoon's police surgery, Sarah reported that concerns were raised about people riding scooters and motorbikes too fast in public spaces and without helmets. A recent incident had taken place in cuckoo's hollow, which the Police had responded to. At the same time as they were in the area, they issued fixed parking fines to residents

who were illegally parked in Canwell.

Residents continue to express frustration over parking in Werrington, which is becoming an increasingly significant issue. As parking is no longer allocated, efforts are being made to arrange a meeting with the parking team and a representative from highways to explore possible solutions and help alleviate the current problems.

Vince reported that at a recent online meeting he learnt that Sergeant Andy Gladders, covers Werrington. He suggested it would be useful to establish contact with the Sergeant and obtain his email address should any policing issues need to be raised.

Sally reported that the Peterborough Neighbourhood Watch AGM was attended by only 15 people. There are ongoing challenges in encouraging attendance and engagement across the whole of Peterborough, not just Werrington.

3.4 TREASURERS REPORT

Dukesmead underpass – Nathan has quoted, £4K for the work, including tidying up the Davids Lane underpass. He has invoiced for £3,300 and advised the reduced amount is his local contribution.

AGM expenses are outstanding.

£7K is left in the CIL fund. With £2,815.00 in the restricted fund left untouched. £500 has been identified to pay for repairs to the village sign on the Green. As Ron McKenna has advised he is no longer able to repair it, ideas were submitted as to who to approach. It was agreed that Nathan might be the best person as he may have contacts, or other local parish councils to see who they have used for similar work. Sally to follow up with Geoff.

The website will cost an annual £50.

The current insurance remains unchanged at £297.00, and it is hoped that the WCA will cover this funding. Sally has checked with Neil McCulloch, and he has advised that it is a good premium. However, Sally did question the extent of cover that the policy gives, £700 for the village sign, £1K for the plinth. It was agreed that all cover needs reviewing, and Geoff will be asked for his quick consideration. Elliott suggested contacting Peakirk Parish Council to enquire on their cover and also follow up with Henry Clarke.

3.5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
UPDATE ON DISPOSAL OF THE BARN

The planning application has still not been submitted due to a number of outstanding issues for the hydrotherapy pool.

THE BEACON

A forum meeting was held last week regarding the future of the Beacon. The public

consultation closes tomorrow. At the meeting, the Steering Committee gave a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The proposed plans include several small, flexible meeting rooms with movable partitions, allowing the rear space to be adapted for different uses. A new accessible kitchen is also proposed, along with opening the main hall onto the courtyard at the rear of the building.

There were concerns that the whole complex would not be fully utilised, and some attendees felt the proposals were not entirely convincing. Information regarding the capacity of the main hall was not provided, making it difficult to assess how restrictive the space may be for future activities and events.

The vision is to consider both buildings as a single integrated community complex. Any spare funds will be used to upgrade the Village Centre. The proposal is ambitious and may require a paid coordinator to manage and oversee both facilities. Half the funding has already been sourced.

Sally raised concerns about parking. Highways officers were not satisfied with the proposed access arrangements or the size and layout of the car park at the time planning was passed. A parking assessment and access needs to be undertaken, and residents have expressed concerns about how the site could be used and the types of activities and visitors it may attract.

The future business model remains unclear. While there is support for the principle of community development, reservations were expressed regarding the long-term financial sustainability and operating costs. It was suggested that a more appropriate approach would be to develop a larger, integrated community building with adequate parking and safe pedestrian access. Sally will draft a consultation response to this effect.

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The timetable has not changed; a draft is due in August/September. Sarah advised that there has been no update to say there will be any delay and it is scheduled to into the agenda for the PCC Cabinet meeting in September/October.

CIL FUNDING UPDATE/APPLICATION

There is no further update. Elliot has spoken to the Church about an application for a fire alarm in the Village Centre, but to date no application received.

PLANNING UPDATE

Please Refer to Appendix A on page 5.

REVIEW/REFLECTIONS ON AGM & THE CARNIVAL

AGM**:** The **P**resentations were good and well received with good attendance. The fact that no food or drink was included made it much easier to clear up. John and Judy advised that they have subsequently presented the Community Appreciation Award to Terence Wilkinson.

It was agreed that we need to think about suitable speakers for next year, the subject of Trees was discussed.

THE CARNIVAL: The photo display was successful and caught people's attention. This will be used again next year. The banners were also good. It was agreed that it gave a good visual presence within Werrington.

3.6 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Johd advised that the 20mph in Church Street and surrounding streets has now been installed, he has received several complaints. More 20mph signs will be installed**.**

3.7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bus consultation of route 62: Concerns were raised by John and Judy, especially in view of the doctors surgery moving to the Centre, John has requested a meeting with Adam Marsden, Network Delivery Manager, Public Transport and asked WNC to be involved too. A date for the meeting has not yet been confirmed.

The Fence: Save Werrington Fields Group have various ongoing issues with PCC. A meeting took place 2 weeks ago with PCC, WNC and Ward Councillors. It was a positive meeting with views being listened to and taken on board. Clarity is needed on what the plans are, what the Academy will be bringing to the space, the timetable, and whether access will be given this year, what will be offered for the public and how? Will there be concessionary rates for residents to hire. Sally has an online meeting update with PCC officers tomorrow where she will be pursuing these questions.

Vince has received an interesting document on the Lincs Coastal Supertram Network, he passed this to Elliot to review.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS – TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2026

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 20.58

APPENDIX A – PLANNING REPORT JUNE 2026.

Status of Applications – since beginning of June 2026 up to 26/06/2026

Note*: Planning Application register has been updated to reflect the start of a new WNC year commencing after the AGM 2026 – Outstanding applications awaiting decision have been carried over and are shown above the line.*

1 No New application submitted for current year.
17 No Applications caried over from 25 / 2026, of which **6 No** have been permitted and **1 No** refused since.
New applications consist of:

- Full Planning applications - **0 No**
- Validation or Discharge of previous approved application conditions - **0 No**
- Works to trees - **0 No**
- Change of use - **1 No**
- Withdrawn Applications - **0 No**

Of the above new application No responses have been submitted to PCC by WNC

19 Barnes Way – Two storey and Single-story extension

The decision of the Planning was to grant permission for the development.

Olympus House, Staniland Way – proposed Boundary Treatment to form Nursery Play Area.

Permission previously granted for change of use to Nursery. Th new application approved for reduced number of door openings from 7 to 5 No. The works have commenced to form the nursery garden, and it is believed that despite our comments the overall works have been given approval by default.

Werrington Healthcare - 97 Church Street, Werrington, Double story side extension

The new submission reflecting a reduced scale compared to the previous proposal is still awaiting decision. Additional information was submitted including updated traffic management study.

- WNC supports the current application, recognising that it will enhance healthcare provision in Werrington.
- It has been requested that the parking situation be closely monitored to address any potential impact.

32 Hall Lane, Rear single storey extension.

Application for extension to rear of Listed Building – refused not happy with design and impact on Listed Building.

Ploughman, Staniland Way - Greggs

Application submitted for Gregg's signage – permitted.

Ploughman, Staniland Way - Sports Bar

New application for change of use from Sports Bar to retail following failure to secure interest, also includes removal of condition involving first floor accommodation being linked to the sports bar.

- Awaiting decision

Staniland Way, (Staniland Court) - Proposed Residential

- **Application not submitted yet**, pre application meeting held with Architect and Accent Housing by WNC Vince, Sally and Elliot)
- On the whole a more acceptable development but concerns raised over:
    - Loss of mature trees and shrubbery
    - Proximity of new development to Goodwin Walk and also footpath by Dentist.
    - Loss of direct access from Northeast of Goodwin Walk – to be reconsidered.
    - Loss of primary Gate way Access form existing bus Stop / layby
    - Main access to Centre from bus stop via footpath in front on dentist, not very inviting and narrow
    - Increase in anti-social behaviour as result of above.
    - Bus stop relocated and insufficient for use, one bay provided at least two bays required.
    - Impact on parking associated with Olympus House – current 28 cars on old Staniland Court.
    - Loss of parking in service yard for new road access