

MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING held at 7.30pm on 2nd November 2017 in the Warnford Village Hall

Chairman: Mark Rogers Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Lucy Hutchinson

1.Apologies: Kathy Athawes, Rob Athawes, Sarah Medd, Kit Power, Penny Power, Pauline Swan, PS Gilmour, PCSO Reeves.

As Rev. Stock and Cllr. Huxstep would be late as they were at a meeting in West Meon, the order of items would be varied so they would be present for the items which involved them.

2.Minutes of the AGM held on 18th May 2017: proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Ann Hammant, these were approved and signed.

3. Chairman's Report: He reported on various matters including:

the defibrillator: this is currently held in the pub, where it has been used, but will soon be on the wall of the Village Hall, he thanked the Hall's committee for this;

motorbike noise /speed on the A32: there is a meeting in West Meon at 10am on 18th November at which the local MP and Press should be present, as efforts have been made for years to try to get some action on these problems without success, he encouraged people to attend the meeting and express their concerns etc.;

the reintroduction of wolverines in the area was being successful; and

he thanked Derek Chapman for his work on Rights of Way issues, Andrew Baynes for his work on the website and the Clerk for her work. He reminded the Meeting that in the interests of good communication he had established a Parish Meeting email distribution list and also was happy for people to contact him via his mobile phone.

4. Richard Sykes (Hampshire Highways): he gave an update on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting motor vehicles from parts of Green Lane, Dark Lane and Bosenhill Lane, there were only three objections when the proposed TRO was advertised in the summer. He now has to prepare a report for his superior and he asked for any further evidence, this should go to Derek Chapman who will forward it to Richard Sykes. The Chairman thanked him for his work on the TRO and for attending the Meeting.

Percy Odell asked when poles with red reflectors, which had been knocked down by verge cutters, would be replaced. Richard Sykes asked him to let him know exactly where on the A32 this had happened and he will then follow this up.

5. Police/Neighbourhood Watch: in the absence of the Police, the Clerk read out an email from PS Gilmour asking all to be aware of a scam whereby the fraudsters claim to be from the police, say that the victim's bank account has been compromised and get them to withdraw money and hand it to the fraudsters.

The Clerk explained that Neighbourhood Watch would now usually use the village website for circulating Police reports and information etc., details of the new arrangements are on the website.

6.Cllr.Ruffell's Report(WCC): This was on the website and copies were available at the meeting, he spoke to it and also reported on the amounts WCC spends on residential repairs etc, the problem of flytipping, WCC seeks to impose fines where it can and said that if proposed boundary changes go through this area will become part of Winchester, comments/objections can be made online.

7. Planning: The Clerk spoke to the Planning schedule, copies were available at the Meeting as well as being on the website.

8. Rights of Way: Derek Chapman's Rights of Way Summary was on the website and copies were available at the Meeting, he spoke to it. In relation to the problem of poo bags on the Meon Valley Trail, mainly at the West Meon end, Cllr. Ruffell will ascertain if CCTV might be installed in West Meon because of this issue.

9. The Touchet Trust: Candi Sellick is stepping down as the Warnford representative on the Trust, the Meeting thanked her for her work as such. Jeremy Barber has offered to take on this role and the Meeting appointed him.

10. Broadband: Derek Chapman spoke about this; many people in the Parish have poor broadband, there may be an opportunity to take advantage of a HCC scheme to upgrade but it would need sufficient people to participate and contribute financially (if 20 people signed up they might need to pay in the region of £500-700), he will put something on the village website about it. He and others encouraged people whose broadband was weak/unstable to continue pressing BT etc., in the hope that eventually the service in Warnford will be improved.

11. The telephone box: Its removal had been raised at the AGM, the Clerk reported that as it had not been used for so long and no one had objected to its removal, Openreach had put it on its 'current removal' list, so it should be removed this year, but Openreach had also said they had no control over when their contractors would remove it.

12. Financial:

Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2017: These were on the website and copies were available. The Clerk took the meeting through these, and explained that although a cheque for £100 had been given to the First Responders, it had been returned as some of the local first responders had resigned. Proposed by Andrew Baynes and seconded by Ann Hammant, these accounts were approved.

Budget 2018/9: this was on the website and copies were available. The Clerk spoke to it, there were no questions on it.

Precept: the Chairman said that an increase of £100 would not mean a big increase for individuals but had been unable to learn the exact cost from HCC. Following a suggestion from the floor that the precept be left unchanged, this was agreed. Later in the Meeting Cllr. Huxstep said that in future the Parish Meeting might wish to consider increasing the precept, although increases are not capped at the moment, that may change and a cap of a small percentage would be very limiting, especially given the current size of Warnford's precept.

Grant requests for 2018/9: A new system for requesting grants, introduced following the decision at the November 2016 meeting, was now in place (Guidance notes detailing the procedure have been on the village website for some months). The Village Hall Chairman could not recall this decision, in the ensuing discussion the background to and reasons behind the new system were explained by the Chairman and the Clerk, including that requests are put on the website so all who are entitled to vote on whether grants should be made can see who is seeking what and why etc., in advance of the relevant meeting, providing visibility to all, rather than the financial etc. information only going to the Chairman and Clerk. The requests could be taken down after the relevant Meeting. During the discussion the views were expressed that the Meeting needed an understanding of what was being asked for and why, so it was reasonable for the background financial information etc. to be provided to all, and that there might be requests totalling more than the precept so it was important for all to have details of all the requests in advance to give time for consideration of them. The Playground Chairman and the Village Hall Chairman were concerned that no money was being paid to the Playground. The Chairman said that no request had been received from the Playground, there was no intention to prevent it receiving money but a request would need to be made.

Parish News: Rev. Stock spoke for its request for £100 (copies were available as well as being on the website). Comments were made about the sometimes poor standard of proofreading, Rev. Stock will take these comments back, he is already aware of similar concerns. The Meeting voted to give the Parish News £100.

Village Hall: The Village Hall Chairman spoke for its request for £250 (copies were available as well as being on the website). The Meeting voted to give the Village Hall £250.

Playground: It was suggested from the floor that the Playground be granted £450 (the amount its Chairman said it would like, to go towards its insurance premium) subject to submitting the relevant paperwork for a grant request. This was agreed. The paperwork will go onto the village website, so all can see it. The Chairman said that proper requests must be made in future.

13. Cllr. Huxstep's Report(HCC): His report will go on the website shortly. He said that HCC was having to find £140m of savings which clearly would impact on people. There was a

discussion on the impact of imposing charging on Older Persons' passes. He said that individuals were welcome to email him with any questions etc..

14. A.O.B.

a)'freecycle/for sale: this had been raised at the last meeting, and subsequently discussed with Andrew Baynes, who he said he would put a link on the village website to the Facebook page : 'West Meon/Warnford Selling Page';

b) Motorbikes on the A32: A resident warned against antagonising motorcyclists, however badly they are behaving, he had had a very unpleasant experience when some had sought to 'kettle' him. The Chairman said that many offensive comments had been posted by motorcyclists in response to the mention of the 18th November meeting;

c) it was noted that there were nine new children in the village;

d) traffic on Lippen Lane: a resident of Lippen Lane raised the issue of drivers speeding etc. on it, including past the Village Hall, especially around 8-8.30am. The drivers seem to be some of those working at The Old Calf Shed, it was agreed that the Chairman should contact them;

e) Communal waste disposal: the Chairman asked that anyone interested in clubbing together to get better rates for this should contact him; and

f) Bonfire: the Playground Chairman invited all to the bonfire run by the Playground on 5th November at Pinks Hill.

15. The next meeting: 7.30pm on 10th May 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.