

MINUTES of the WARNFORD PARISH MEETING held at 7.30pm on 3rd November 2016 in the Warnford Village Hall.

Chairman: Mark Rogers

Clerk: Lucy Hutchinson

1. Apologies: Derek Chapman, Sally Matthews, Kit Power, Penny Power, Candi Sellick, Clare Swinstead, Rev. Stock, Police Serg. Gilmour, PCSO Reeve, Cllr. Ruffell, Cllr. Thacker.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19 May 2016: proposed by Gerry Corden and seconded by Robin Athawes, these were approved and signed.

3. Chairman's report: Defibrillator: he reminded the Meeting that this is held in the pub. Attendance at the training evening in the summer had been disappointing, although of course one can use it without training.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Baynes for his work on the website, it is an excellent tool for communication and he encouraged all to use it.

Motor bike noise etc. on A32. Regrettably the new PCC has withdrawn the funding promised by his predecessor for average speed cameras, it had been hoped these would reduce the noise problem. The local parishes are getting together on this issue and our MP, George Hollingbery, is heavily involved. There was a discussion on how far the Meeting wished the Chairman to go on its behalf and it was agreed that he could join with the other parishes in putting pressure on the PCC and others, speak with the Press, be involved in the dialogue with Loomies, a website petition, signs on the A32 but not any more militant action, such as some in the area are advocating. Cllr. Huxstep said he would attend the anticipated meeting with the PCC if he could.

4. Police/ Neighbourhood Watch: In the absence of the Police the Clerk ran through the points they had emailed about recent thefts from cars, a burglary in Lippen Lane, Police anti-poaching operations and stone-throwing at cars further down the A32.

Anyone wishing to join Warnford NW should contact the Clerk.

5. Financial:

Receipts and Payments accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2016: The Clerk spoke to these. Proposed by Andrew Baynes and seconded by Peter Short, they were approved.

Budget 2017/18: The Clerk spoke to this, it was approved.

Precept 2017/18: As Cllr Huxstep explained, there are proposals to cap the increase of precepts to 2%, above which a referendum would be required. In view of this, there was a discussion on increasing the precept. The Chairman recommended an increase of 10% to £1,100, this was proposed by Gerry Corden, seconded by Andrew Baynes and approved by the Meeting.

Clerk's expenses: Proposed by Ann Hammant and seconded by Amanda Dunn these were approved at £50.

Donations: For many years those seeking donations (mainly the Playground and the Village Hall) have been asked to give the Chairman in advance of the November Meeting, financial information, including a budget, to support their request. It was felt that this procedure should be more formal, and it was decided that in future all seeking donations should provide such information in advance and it would be made available to the Parish.

Parish News: Rev. Stock had withdrawn his request for a donation as that would be given at the cost of some other worthy cause. Andrew Baynes suggested that nevertheless the Parish should give a donation, he gave some information on the Parish News' financial position and its advertising revenue. In the ensuing discussion there was much support for the Parish News as an important part of village life. The meeting voted to offer the Parish News £70. (Post Meeting note: Rev. Stock was very grateful for the offer, which he accepted on behalf of the Parish News, the donation will be made in the next financial year). The Clerk said that any individual wishing to make a donation to the Parish News should contact Rev. Stock.

The Village Hall: Financial information had been given to the Chairman in advance. Jeremy Barber said that it costs over £6000pa to run the Hall, capital expenditure is needed soon eg tree survey, drainage, outside painting and electricity (the provider has not billed for a few years). The Hall had £22,368 in the bank as at 01/01/16. He did not seek a specific amount but did ask for a donation as it is a village asset, even though residents do not hire it frequently. The Meeting voted to give the Village Hall £300.

The Playground: Stephen Short apologised for not providing any financial information in advance. He was asked to provide this in advance of the May 2017 Meeting so the Playground's request can be considered then. He invited all to the Bonfire on 5 November, where donations will go to the Playground, it is its main fund raising activity.

First Responder: It is not feasible for her to provide accounts, but any donation would go towards a choking dummy. The Meeting voted to give her £100.

6. Planning: The Chairman thanked Derek Chapman for his work on this. The Clerk spoke to the schedule of applications etc. Andrew Sellick confirmed that storage barn off Bosenhill Lane had been approved.

7. Cllr. Huxstep's report: He spoke about the changes to the opening hours etc. of household waste recycling centres. There is concern that fly-tipping may increase, anyone paying someone to dispose of rubbish should ensure that person has a licence. He mentioned the forthcoming meeting on Broadband in the area and also gave an update on local government devolution. He had chased the relevant HCC officer about the Green Lanes problems in Warnford and expected to have some news in a week or so.

8. Broadband: In the absence of Derek Chapman, the Chairman spoke to his note on this, which is on the village website and thanked Derek for his work.

9. Parish Lengthsman: Peter Short referred to the note about the PL on the village website and asked for suggestions of what the Lengthsman could do. The Chairman thanked Peter for his work on this.

10. Touchet Trust: In the absence of Candi Sellick, the Clerk ran through her note and thanked her for it. The Clerk also passed on the Rev Stock's (he is Chairman of the Trust) confirmation that the Trust does not wish to have any more publicity, whether on the Warnford website or elsewhere.

11. A.O.B.

a) River Lane: The Clerk said that Hampshire Highways were not being very helpful but Derek Chapman would continue to pursue a solution to the continued damage to the verges, the Parish may need to put in some posts, at its own expense, it was agreed that this should be pursued to see what cost etc. would be involved;

b) Footpaths: The Clerk referred to Derek Chapman's note on the website, questions should be directed to him;

c) Wheely Down Road: The Clerk reported that concerns had been raised about dangerous driving along it and asked for any examples of this to be passed to her. Amie Boyes spoke of damage to trees, leaving branches in the road, caused by extra high lorries. Hampshire Highways could be asked about signage discouraging lorries from using this road, and cutting back the trees more;

d) West Meon Facebook: The Chairman will ask if Warnford can use this;

e) George & Falcon: It is looking for a cleaner;

f) Village Hall: It is looking for a new Chairman from next spring, when Jeremy Barber steps down; and

h) Broken drain outside the Village Hall: in response to concern about this the Clerk said it had been reported twice. (Post Meeting Note: it appeared the drain had been replaced on the day of the Meeting)

12. Date of next Meeting: 7.30pm on 18 May 2017

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm