

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs Lucy Houghton Marion McNaughton  
Mr Tony Pearson. Mr Richard Nicholls  
Mr Richard Clegg Mr Mick Joyce  
Cllr Sean Anstee Mrs Gaye Fletcher

Apologies: Mr Priestner, Cllr Karen Barclay

In attendance: Mr Austin

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were duly approved by the Council.

Finance

Our balance stands at £11,748.54 after paying £15 to Friends of the Earth and £96 for planning training for two councilors. We are due to renew our subscription to CPRE. We have been notified that SAAA Ltd will be our external auditors for 2017/18.

Broadband.

There had been a report of a blockage found by Open Reach when laying cables. This is complicated as the cabling in part runs alongside a gas main and Cadent, the company responsible for maintenance of the gas supply, has been involved to ensure safety. This has delayed the introduction of faster broadband to the residents of Warburton serviced by the Lymm Exchange and Openreach have apologised for this delay. According to Voneus's Facebook page, equipment is being installed on properties in Dunham and the remaining properties in Warburton serviced by the Altrincham exchange and both companies are on track.

HS2

There is a meeting planned in January between the Rail Minister, Graham Brady MP and the Warburton StopHS2 Action Group to which members from other Action Groups, Rixton, Culcheth and Lowton, have been invited.

Foothpaths.

The Clerk is to write to Andy Turner from Amey regarding the continuation of footpath clearance in Warburton.

Toll Bridge.

Mr Nicholls had met with Mark Broadstock of the Warburton Toll Bridge Action Group who had asked for a donation. He had learnt the group had no formal financial structure or specific aims other than to relieve Warburton residents from the effects of the queueing traffic. The request for financial aid was turned down. A meeting however had been set up between Trafford Council, Warrington Council, members of the WT BAG and Peel Ports. Councillor Anstee extended the invitation to Warburton Parish Council and our chair person Mrs Houghton will attend. Mr Nicholls had also learnt that the WT BAG had involved the HSE regarding working conditions for the staff on the toll booth. They wanted to put up posters in Warburton highlighting the crisis and Mr Nicholls had asked for a map to show where these would be put.

Air Pollution Monitor

The result of the air monitoring sample taken near the toll bridge over two weeks in November has been returned to us from the lab. The result showed an average of 22.5 micrograms per cubic metre of nitrogen dioxide. Although this is below the legal limit of 40 micrograms set by the EU, it is high for a rural area, and gives cause for concern, as it shows that the build up of traffic at peak times is having an effect on the air quality of the village, which adds to the urgency to remedy the congestion caused by the toll bridge.

Correspondence. An e-mail had been received from Ted White requesting an update on the installation of faster broadband to those properties on the Altrincham Exchange. His email also gave us details of the WT BAG meeting and asked for details from the Speed Data Sign. A letter had been received from Peel Ports asking if the criteria listed in our letters to them about the congestion of vehicles waiting to cross the toll bridge was still relevant. We had been asked by Trafford Council if Warburton wanted to set a precept this year and an e-mail received from a company offering

