

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Richard Nicholls, Mr Mark Priestner, Mrs Gaye Fletcher  
In attendance: Mr Paul Beckmann

Apologies: Mr Alec Austin, Mrs Clare Grace, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Marion McNaughton, Cllr Claire Churchill

Mr Richard Nicholls chaired the meeting

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr Alec Austin offering his resignation from the Council. His work role had altered and he felt no longer able to do justice to his position. A reply thanking him for his service would be sent.

**Minutes.**

Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were duly approved by the Council.

**Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Finance**

There is £10,866.18 in the bank.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

The drop-in session on 11<sup>th</sup> January was hailed a success. Lots of positive comments were received to take forward to the first Steering Group meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February. There were also lots of comments, while not necessarily just about the NP, regarding the current housing stock being, in many cases, not big enough for modern life as houses have been converted to have an internal bathroom at the expense of a bedroom. The NP should sympathetically reflect local needs in its development. Trafford want to introduce more footpaths and cycleways but the footpath, for example, along Dunham Road towards the TransPennine Trail is totally overgrown and non existent.

**Redrow Developments**

Redrow have appealed under non determination of the outline planning application. There will now be a public enquiry. We will contact Richard Percy from Steven Abbott Associates again about representation at the appeal. Following discussions in the section above, there are in Redrow's plans, provision for footpaths and cycleways but there are none to link onto outside of the development. Further the proposed area inside the development for a play area and footpath is where the land floods.

**Correspondence.**

We have been asked to find out who is responsible for some of the Cheshire fences in Warburton following the accident near Heathlands Farm. E-mails have been sent to Chris Gildea and John Leaver and a letter to Trafford dated 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. regarding repairs to the road near Heathlands Farm and requesting to have SLOW painted on the carriageway before the Parish Rooms on Bent Lane.

**Defibrillator**

There was no further information. Our past Chair had taken the lead on this and another person needs to take on this project.

**Planning Applications.** 99540/LPC/19 The Old School. An application to alter the internal rooms in this listed building has been made. The Council have no objection to this scheme.

**Climate Change Emergency and Threat of Flooding**

Trafford have produced a document on the borough's carbon footprint and we will find out the name of the person in charge at Trafford for Climate Change.

**Toll Bridge**

At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January between Trafford Council, Warrington Borough Council, Peel Ports, Warburton Toll Bridge Action Group and Warburton Parish Council, Peel reaffirmed their proposals for strengthening the bridge to a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes, installing turning circles for HGCs and ANPR cameras for the toll (likely to be increased). The approval for which lies with the Department for Transport. There will be a further meeting in three months time. Because of traffic build up, particularly when the M6 or M60 is blocked/closed any request for the bridge to be opened has to come from Highways, not from, as we requested, a designated member of the public.

### **Trans Pennine Trail**

It would appear that Amey have no knowledge of where the drains are on this stretch of trail. A lack of maintenance on the drains has added to the problem. It is still too wet to undertake any work.

### **Cross Base.**

Elisabeth Lewis from Trafford have given us the name of a company specialising in stone work to whom they refer all their enquiries. We will follow it up.

### **Litter**

Mark Dale from Trafford has enquired where our litter hot spots are and will introduce some enforcement activity. A new initiative by Trafford to limit householders to 52 trips to the recycling site each year will worsen the fly tipping problem experienced in Warburton. **Any Points of Interest**  
A suggestion that Mr Paul Beckman should join the Council was made. This would be formalised at our next meeting. Also at the next meeting a decision needs to be made who will become chair person.

### **Parish Magazine**

We will advise parishioners that the Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session on 18<sup>th</sup> January was successful. Advise discussions with Peel Holdings about the Toll Bridge are ongoing. There has been no further news about the Redrow Development. The Council will keep a Traffic Incident Log.

### **Dates of next meetings:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Minutes duly approved at Council Meeting.



Chairman's signature. Date 03/03/2020