

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom (teleconferencing) on Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Richard Nicholls, Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Mark Priestner, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mrs Gaye Fletcher

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd March were duly approved by the Council.

Matters arising.

The visit due to take place by the Vernacular Archeological Group in Warburton on Wednesday 22nd April was cancelled due to the lockdown.

New Councillor

We have received an application from Mr Bob Jones. We will invite him to our next virtual meeting on 26th May and forward him the minutes of our last two meetings so that he can familiarise himself with the current affairs of the parish.

Lymm Leave No One Behind campaign.

After the successful launch of this help & support group in Lymm, they have reached out to the residents in Warburton. Anna Leaver is one of the organisers and the group is willing to offer help to anyone in need, be it for food, shopping, medicine, dog walking, etc. Many of the organisers are CRB checked and all volunteers have been vetted. Lymm Radio has been set up to entertain and keep people informed. The chair gave thanks to Mrs Grace for co-ordinating this initiative.

Finance

A Statement of Account for the period ending 31st March 2020 had been circulated before the meeting. Approval of the accounts was proposed by Mrs Lucy Houghton and seconded by Mr Paul Beckmann. There is £11,852.18 in the bank. We have received £6,380 from our appeal to residents to help us fight the Redrow case and the grant from Trafford for £2,098. A cheque for £240 was paid to Steven Abbott Associates for submission of brief to Killian Garvey and £6,000 was paid to Kings Chambers for Mr Garvey's services. It was agreed to pay the membership fee of £36 to CPRE.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are unable to seek approval for any Neighbourhood Planning issues until 6th May. Mr Beckmann has been working on the Landscape Character Assessment which he hopes to have completed in time to use in the Redrow inquiry. Although it will not have the status of an 'approved' document under the Neighbourhood Plan it will still play a large part in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. Norman Redhead from the Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service has provided us with the Warburton Historic Environment Records and Monument List Report. This will form the basic part of a Heritage Assets section for the Neighbourhood Plan. Contact has been made with Rachel Giles of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust who have completed surveys for other Neighbourhood Plans in Cheshire. The cost of £1390 + VAT (£1,668) was approved by the Council. The 2nd Steering Group meeting has been put on hold until the lockdown ends.

Redrow Developments

Warburton Parish Council's Statement of Case has been submitted to Killian Garvey. The inquiry scheduled for 21st April has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Miss Christina Downes, Planning Inspector, has asked that all parties should be involved with the Statement of Common Ground. We have requested this from Bethany Brown (Major Planning Projects Officer for Trafford). It appears there are several SCGs in circulation on different subjects. We in turn need to detail areas of our objection which are: Planning, Highways, Built heritage/heritage, Archaeology, Landscape and Viability. Proofs of evidence have been provided by Dr Mike Nevell (Archaeology) and Mr Mark Priestner (Viability, Highways, Planning). A discussion has taken place between Elisabeth Lewis and Mr Paul Beckmann on the heritage issues. We learn from Nic Follard of Barnes Walker, Landscape Architect retained by Trafford, that there are many inconsistencies in the submitted LVIA. Both Nic Follard and Elisabeth Lewis were unaware of the significance of the former deer park around which many of our listed buildings are found. This landscape feature of 'regional' importance should not be diminished because it is not listed as such. Speeding up the Landscape Character Assessment, obtaining the Cheshire Wildlife Survey and the report by Norman Redhead could all be useful in the Redrow Inquiry.

Correspondence.

All correspondence has been concerned with the green bins not being collected on 10th March as indicated by One Trafford.

Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications.

Manchester Airport Meeting

Mrs Clare Grace attended the Councillor's meeting at Manchester Airport on March 10th. She was most concerned at the proposed change in flight paths and felt the consultation undertaken by Manchester Airport had not been thorough enough. There is likely to be many after effects of the virus with reductions in flights though there would be more cargo flights.

Open Meeting

The proposed open meeting scheduled for 20th March had been postponed until conditions were lifted. It will be rescheduled when possible.

Climate Change Emergency and Threat of Flooding

We will contact Robert Reid, Tree Unit Manager from Trafford Council and suggest the verge alongside the end of Paddock Lane and Townfield Lane be considered for tree planting.

Tipping

Concern was raised about tipping and ground levels at Dunham Road. This is private land and the tipping was topsoil. The land is going to be flattened and used for haylage thus suggesting the tip application had run its course. However, the Council needs to be prudent and find out what the position is. The application was originally granted by Bucklow Council.

Defibrillator

There had been no movement on this subject.

Cross Base.

The names of two other companies specialising in maintaining stonework have been researched but in view of the lockdown any further work on this has been deferred. We will write to Stone Central asking that their quotation remain firm for a longer period.

Pavements

We had phoned for an update from Trafford on the maintenance of three vital pavements in Warburton but because of social distancing any work could not be scheduled.

Vehicle Accident Log

There had been no further incidents

Any Points of Interest

Mrs Joanne Fogarty is concerned at people gathering at the memorial alongside Heathland Farm and causing a nuisance and although she has informed the police they have not as yet done anything about it. Houses in Beckett Drive are leaving their waste bins outside their property. This is in contravention of Section 46A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and letters would be sent to them explaining fines could be implemented. The Council yet hadn't put forth a list of items on which to spend CIL monies from development. These are:- new village hall, heritage trail, refurbishment of the Parish Rooms, resurfacing of the car park, restore pavements, green infrastructure, affordable housing, road improvements, refurbishment of the cross base and the old Mersey crossing bridge and land drainage.

Parish Magazine

Notices for the magazine are on hold as production has stopped during this pandemic. We await further news on its future publications.

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 26th May 2020. Tuesday 7th July 2020.



Chairman's signature dated 26/05/2020