

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom (teleconferencing) on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr Richard Nicholls, Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Richard Clegg, Mr Mark Priestner, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Bob Jones, Cllr Karen Barclay, Mrs Gaye Fletcher

**Apologies** Mrs Lucy Houghton Cllr Claire Churchill

**Minutes.**

Minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May were duly approved by the Council.

**Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Finance**

We have £11,414.58 in the bank. The Accounting Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 has been sent to the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, and their receipt confirmed. The information has been sent to Trafford for inclusion on the website and the Notice of Public Rights posted on the notice board.

**Redrow Developments**

This appeal is starting to become a nightmare. The Addendum to the Statement of Case has been submitted. We are concerned that the scheme is changing during the Appeal process. The proposed schemes have been amended since the date of the appeal and it is very unclear to establish the baseline of the appeal. The timescale window to give the general public time to object was minimal from mid November 2019 to early December 2019. We are still unclear as to the exact changes being brought. Mike Nevell has been brought up to speed but until we hear from the Inspector nothing more can be done because things seem to be changing all the time. We have not heard anything further from Redrow or Trafford, and if nothing has transpired by the end of next week we will pursue it with the Inspector. We have still not been able to ascertain how substantially different an application has to be before a re-submission takes place. The revision to the footbridge applications do not seem much different and like us the Environment Agency report the lack of freeboard in the plans. The new appeal dates are weeks commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November with a possible further week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November. Our barrister is not concerned with the proceedings being on Microsoft Teams. It is unsure whether anyone will be able to observe.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft plan regarding the Deer Park had been sent to Ward Councillors so they can familiarize themselves with Warburton's cultural history. This highlights the value of the area which it dominates. It was noted that if the road re-alignment goes ahead because of HS2 a complete corner would be taken out of the deer park. Further investigative work will be done on footpaths in the area so that people can move around in safety. The steering group meetings have been put on hold because of the pandemic.

**Correspondence.**

Cllr Anstee had requested Warburton's view of the proposed development in Barns Lane. A copy of our letter to Trafford Planning had been sent to him. Cllr Barclay had written to Leader of the Council of Trafford highlighting the plight of Warburton's footways.

An e-mail from Cllr Barclay advised us of the damage to the Bollin Way.

Details of how CIL payments were made had been sent to us by Sarah Stansfield of Trafford.

An e-mail to WPC from a resident concerned with safety on our roads had also been sent to Trafford Traffic, Greater Manchester Police, Traffic for Greater Manchester and the Mayor of Greater Manchester. Another resident had been assured the PC were doing all they could to bring safety to our roads.

We had received a request from the charity Marie Curie which was declined.

Letters had been sent to our MP, Sir Graham Brady, asking him to write to the Secretary of State reminding him that the Golborne Spur has been deemed unnecessary though HS2 seem to be ignoring this logic.

**Planning Applications.**

The following planning applications were discussed, 100703/VAR/20 and 100922/TPO/20. There were no objections and Trafford Council will be notified accordingly.

### **Tipping**

More fly-tipping had occurred in Gorse Lane which was reported to Trafford Council and removed. Black bags which have been dumped in Sinderland Lane were noted and they would be reported. Waste tips have been fully re-opened and green bin collections will recommence from July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cross Base**

We have now had three quotations for this work. Stone Central had quoted £12,956.25, Lyons Stonework £12,336 and James Stone Masonry £26,693. The latter suggested enlisting a Structural Engineer to advise on the plinth required and a Jonathan Reeves from Amey (suggested by Elisabeth Lewis) had come to inspect the site. It transpires Amey could undertake the work to lay a plinth *and* renovate the cross base and we await their quotation.

### **Pavements in Warburton**

We had a visit from Ged Manning, Operations Manager/Trafford, who was shown the narrowing of pavements through vegetative ingress. He understood that weed spraying which had been suggested was not sufficient. He advised that a weed ripping machine could be utilised in Warburton in the coming weeks.

### **Refuse Bins**

A letter has been sent by Trafford Council to the two homes leaving their bins outside their property.

### **Memorial near Heathlands Farm**

The Chairman had tried to contact Mrs Fogarty by phone to find out if the situation had improved.

### **Vehicle Accident Log**

Two accidents were added. The bus shelter in Paddock Lane had been severely damaged by a car crashing into it on 16<sup>th</sup> June and on 6<sup>th</sup> July a cyclist was forced off his bike by a car turning at the junction with Bent Lane/Paddock Lane. We had had a visit from Sue Whitehead, Trafford Traffic Project Manager who had been shown the four major junctions in Warburton and had their dangers highlighted. Speed through the village is becoming a major issue and it was suggested to hold an open Zoom meeting with residents. We need to collect data to discuss with traffic experts within Trafford to decide on a plan of action. There are more cyclists on the roads because of the pandemic and rural roads are very attractive. This means we have a disproportionate number of cyclists on roads not wide enough to cope. Accidents will happen. A review of accident hot-spots will be undertaken which we will report to Trafford.

### **Standing Order Review and Declaration of Interests**

It was suggested that there should be changes to our Standing Orders. To facilitate expenses such as professional fees, the word 'Orders' in Section 3.21.2 should be changed to 'Capital Purchases' and Section 7.1 should state at the end that 'in which case Section 7.4 does not apply'. The changes were proposed by Bob Jones and seconded by Richard Clegg. The Council's agreement was unanimous. The chairman pointed out that since assuming that position, he felt it inappropriate to continue to act as the internal auditor and the council will therefore look for a new person to take on this responsibility.

### **Any Points of Interest**

In view of the pandemic, Warburton Village Committee will not be taking their senior citizens on an outing. A request was made for a donation in order to give these residents a small token gift. This was declined. It was noted that planning permission for 3 terraced cottages for elderly persons in Brook Farm Close in Partington had been submitted. Cyclists were at a disadvantage as pot holes were emerging at the sides of roads which in wet weather were invisible as puddles formed. Drainage issues were identified.

### **Parish Magazine**

Notices for the magazine are still on hold.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Chairman's Signature dated: 28/08/2020