

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom (teleconferencing) on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Sean Anstee, Cllr Claire Churchill

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th December were duly approved by the Council.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Our Bank Balance stands at £7,483.35. The reimbursement of £2,708.77 from the VAT Office has been paid and we now have a reference number for future claims. A cheque of £40 has been sent to the ICO to cover the Data Controllers Fee.

Cross Base

Photos showing subsidence on the structure and a comparative quote for the work concentrating on just removing stones from the front and side has been sent to our insurers. Unfortunately we have not been able to get a structural report but PB will draw up a measured sketch and write a report. As it is taking so long to claim from the insurers, we will start to apply for grant funding.

Vehicle Accident Log and Road Safety Analysis

Another accident had occurred in Warburton, on Dunham Road. A cyclist was either knocked down or came off his bike after colliding with a pothole in the road. Details and an Incident Number would be sought from Greater Manchester Police.

Traffic Speed Review

In view of the latest road accident in Warburton, as it is not in our power to review/change these we will be asking Trafford to carry out a review with the aim of reducing the 40mph speed limit on the A6144 road to Altrincham to 30mph as well as a reduction in speed along Dunham Road. There is a Dept. of Transport Advisory Leaflet quoting speed should be 30mph in all villages with advice on footway widths. We need to draw Trafford Council's attention to this document as a matter of urgency.

Pavements in Warburton

A meeting took place on 20th January with Martin Scott from Amey. He showed how gulleys and pavements are being swept though areas of footpath not cleared of vegetative debris were pointed out to him. This will be rectified over the next few weeks as will improving sight of the edge of carriageway line not visible on some roads. Unfortunately he does not have enough manpower at the moment to clear the main pavements of vegetative ingress from the hedgerows but he hopes that the sweeping machine will soon improve things. The maintenance of footways however is not unique to Warburton as information gleaned from SLCC members reflect the same problem

Memorials

We have had many complaints over the memorial trinkets at Heathlands Farm and now there has been a planter erected on the grass verge. This is a large structure and we now learn it was authorised by Partington Parish Council with no consultation with WPC. The PC is concerned that another accident in the same location could have devastating consequences because of it. We have been told by Richard Roe, Corporate Director, Place, that the verge is unadopted. We will check with the landowner if the verge belongs to him. There have been e-mails from Katie Tomkinson, Adele New, Wayne Edwards, Jonathan Ezard and Richard Roe. Replies would be sent to relevant parties. We are still waiting for Trafford to publish (or at least let us have a look at) their policy on memorials.

Memorial Bench Draft Policy

Any decision on memorial benches will be deferred until considering the proposed memorial policy as the two can run alongside each other.

Correspondence.

- Views sought for the Civic Quarter Area Action Plan (Regulation 19)
- 4th Round of Trafford's Incl. Neighbourhood Grants Scheme
- An e-mail from Cllr Barclay advised on the changes to the GMSF with regard to Stockport pulling out.

Bus Stops on Dunham Road/Moss Brow & General Maintenance

There is still no solution to the broken bench at the bus stop by the junction of Dunham Road/Gorse Lane.

Bus Service

No progress has been made on the diversion of the CAT5 bus which we understand is due to signage problems on the road. We have written to Warrington's Own Buses to find out more so that the problem can be solved. Fiona O'Neill has replied from WOB advising Gareth Mead and Jonathan Lister are looking into the matter.

Oldfield Road Closure, Dunham

The road has been closed with no consultation with the residents of Dunham. It would appear Trafford Highways closed it to pedestrianise the area and make it safer for cyclists. However, this makes it difficult for vehicles to access areas beyond.

Pavement in Dunham Road

A small amount of work has been done to clear the pavement. Martin Scott of Amey was requested to find out more. However, as nothing yet has been implemented we will be asking Trafford (via Cllr Barclay) whether WPC and a working party from its residents can start to clear vegetation from the pavement to ascertain what the sub-strata is like in order for Trafford to reinstate the footway.

Neighbourhood Plan

Ongoing

Neighbourhood Watch

After liaising with our PCSO a leaflet had been drafted which will be circulated to councillors for comments before distribution to residents. Locations were suggested for PCSO Simon Elliott in order for him to undertake speed control measures. Signs, if we thought worth it would be £8 per sign.

Friends of Carrington Moss

Their next meeting is on Thursday 28th January at 7.00pm

Planning Applications.

There had been an application 102904/S211/20 for tree works at 1 Wigsey Lane to remove a holly tree and reduce the height of another to replace with a beech and white poplar. Unfortunately it was too late to respond to Trafford.

Barns Lane Development (Panflora Nursery)

We were surprised to see a reapplication to Trafford for planning permission 100346/FUL/20 as we had understood there would be a further meeting with the developers. There had been a wooden fence erected around the site and concern shown about waste and surface water runoff. Contact would be made with Amanda Oakden of Chadkirk Consulting.

Redrow Developments

The decision from the Planning Inspector was published on 25th January 2021. The inspector found in favour of WPC and TC. The full report can be found at

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3243720>

A great result. Letters will be sent to all residents advising them of this marvellous news, an outcome which would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of those who donated towards the legal costs. Cllr Barclay will check how to get the land back into green belt and we will look at the possibility of scheduling Warburton Park with English Heritage.

HS2

There had been a zoom meeting held by Mid Cheshire against HS2 group who were concerned of reports by their local Badger Trust Group that badgers were being ousted. They are keen to link up with Culcheth's Stop HS2 Group. They hold the view more is achieved via direct action.

Heritage Trail

Work in progress to create circular walks. Footpaths will need to have clear signage to stop people 'straying'. CG, PB and BJ are refining their thoughts which will be circulated or presented at the next meeting. Elisabeth Lewis, Heritage Officer for Trafford is looking at having more things listed.

Points of Interest

A census will be undertaken on 21st March and Steve Black, Census Engagement Manager, would like to meet the council to discuss how best to engage with the community. He will be invited to our next PC meeting. Badgers have been dug out at Carrington Moss, Moss Brow and Carr Green, and hare coursing is still going on.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Tuesday 6th April 2021

Chairman's signature



dated 02/03/2021