

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom (teleconferencing) on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Richard Nicholls, Mr Richard Clegg, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Bob Jones, Mrs Gaye Fletcher, Cllr Karen Barclay.

Apologies: Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Mark Priestner, Cllr Sean Anstee, Cllr Claire Churchill

Minutes.

Minutes of meetings held on 2nd March were duly approved by the Council.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision Draft

BJ presented an excellent draft of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) vision which set out the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our village the core factors being agriculture, community, environment and the historical landscape. The NP aims to develop Warburton which will sit alongside the GMSF. Councillors were asked for comments/additions within two weeks so that amendments can be made before our next meeting. The Chair thanked all those that had been involved in the work so far.

Bus Service Cat 5A

KB had received an email advising that comments from Warrington's Own Buses, Trafford Council and Transport for Gtr Manchester had all been sent to the Traffic Commissioner on 10th March. We are now awaiting the outcome which could be at the end of this week

Pavement in Dunham Road

An email had been sent to Ged Manning at Amey on 9th March complimenting the work done so far and asking if a programme had been written to clear the rest of the footway. This had been chased up on 27th March but so far we have not had a reply. KB was willing to press Amey on this matter.

Bus Stop and General Maintenance

The dilapidated bench at the bus stop in Dunham Road had been removed but this still left the question who is responsible for the standing areas at the bus stops. KB will investigate.

Vehicle Accident Log (VAL) and Road Safety Analysis

A FOI request has now been emailed to Gtr Manchester Police regarding the incident numbers required to complete the VAL. We are advised a reply will be sent within 20 working days, the deadline of which is the end of the week. This will be chased up if we do not hear anything.

Traffic Speed Review

As CG was unavailable, this item will be held over until our next meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

It seems not everyone had received the circular with the Parish Council Update March 2021 and details of the NW. In view of CG's absence this too would be held over until our next meeting.

Finance

Our Bank Balance stands at £7,483.35. A Statement of Account for the y/e 31st March 2021 had been sent to all councillors before the meeting and it was approved. Our accounts will be internally audited before the AGAR forms are completed. We have received an invoice from Cheshire Wildlife Trust for £1,668 and we had been sent policy documents from Zurich Insurance for renewal of our policy. These would be scrutinised by BJ, alongside our current policy

Memorial Planter

We have still not received a response to our formal complaint dated 23rd February even though a reply should have been received within 28 working days. As CG had sent this communication we cannot be sure if there has been any further movement. KB asked that our letter be forwarded to her.

Correspondence.

Another dangerous street light had been highlighted by a resident and reported to Trafford. A resident complained of speeding traffic and suggested 30mph roundels be affixed to lamp posts in Paddock Lane in the village. This was reported to Trafford who advised 30mph repeater signs were not added to lamp posts in a 30mph area as the spacing of the lamp posts themselves indicated the speed limit. Further reminders were requested such as more 30mph roundels on the road. These it seems are only painted on when entering a 30mph limited area. We were advised there is lettering of Slow on the road already.

Another resident had reported a blocked drain outside his property which was causing flooding. This was chased up with Amey.

Following the survey on memorials, a resident had complained about the planter near the junction of Moss Lane and Warburton Lane.

Cross Base

A Mr Paul Clifford from Sedgwick had visited the stone cross base on 16th March to make an inspection. He took photos which prove the cross is deteriorating and suffering from subsidence. A report has been sent to Zurich Insurance and he is awaiting their instructions. He will get back in touch with us as soon as he hears anything.

Tree Planting in Warburton

Trafford are encouraging tree planting in the area and PB has identified eight places where trees could be planted. About 40 trees could be introduced into the area. This would be dependent on grants being obtained from the Trafford Tree Planting Scheme. KB would contact Robert Reid from the Tree Unit at Trafford. It was identified that current farming methods had led to the decline of the number of trees in the countryside.

Barns Lane Development

A further meeting had taken place with Chadkirk Consulting on 11th March when agreement had been reached on the final outcome.

Friends of Carrington Moss

700+ people had signed the survey and they are to release a video highlighting the need to protect the moss against development.

Planning Applications.

There had been a Validation Request from Trafford regarding the Yew Tree Farm application (103511/FUL/21). Any response would be held back until we have had a meeting with Peter O'Connor. Regarding application 103757/LBC/21 for alterations to The Bent, we would write that we would support the reply from the department that deals with listed buildings.

Heritage Trail

BJ had been in touch with Martin Hamper from the Peak & Northern Footpath Society. Although MH had researched the footpath from Wigsey Lane he hadn't found any further information. We would communicate with the land owner to try and get agreement to use this unofficial footpath

Points of Interest

Trafford Waste are introducing Renew Shops at three of the recycling centres in Trafford, 1 at the Sinderland Lane tip, 1 in Salford and 1 in Oldham. These are places where pre-owned items can be left. Dr Mike Nevell is giving a talk on the Bridgewater Canal on Saturday 10th April at 2pm. The BT box on the railway bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal has been torched and caused a blackout to telephone lines in Partington. There are currently 280 environmental campaigns in the UK. There is a rumour that HS2 will be putting a roundabout at the junction of Paddock Lane, Warburton Lane and Dunham Road.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 18th May 2021 (also Annual Meeting), 29th June

Chairman's signature

dated