

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 3rd August 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs Clare Grace, Mr Richard Clegg, Mrs Lucy Houghton, Mr Paul Beckmann, Mr Bob Jones, Mr Tim Fairbairn, Mrs Gaye Fletcher, Cllr Karen Barclay

Apologies: Mr Mark Priestner

Present: Cllr Graham Gowland

The agenda was changed to give Cllr Gowland the chance to speak before the meeting began.

Toll Bridge

Following an email from Peel Ports to KB alerting us to the pre-consultation they planned, Cllr Gowland had been invited to attend the meeting by CG. After hearing the information by LH on previous dialogue with Peel Ports, GG spoke about the pre-consultation that Peel Ports had issued suggesting the toll be increased from 12p to £1 one way to cover their Sustainable Investment Plan for Warburton Toll Bridge. Clearly the company have not invested in the structure of the bridge having done little maintenance over the years. There had been a protest group meeting on the bridge which had attracted local papers and television reporters. As Peel Ports had not contacted WPC, it was decided we would not respond to this pre-consultation but would to the formal one. We learnt of a vehicle tracking camera called Teleram which could give data on cars and HGVs and TF would check it out. It was proposed by CG and seconded by BJ that we should invest in purchasing the camera. All agreed.

Minutes.

There were some inaccuracies in the minutes of the council meeting held on 3rd June but would be approved after amendments had been made.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Our balance stands at £11,528.75. KB will chase up the posting of our accounts on the Trafford website with Ian Cockill. Our external auditors have received our Notification of Exempt Status 2021.

Neighbourhood Plan

We have been sent a Neighbourhood Plan Support Package by Louise Kirkup of Kirkwells following her visit to our last meeting which we will accept. We will press ahead with the NP and the listing of buildings. It was decided we should have a small working party on this led by PB. Others would be BJ, LH and MP.

LGO Complaint & Legal Advice

Enquiries had been made regarding specialist legal advice on highways but this proved too expensive for WPC to fund. All documents would be sent around to councilors for scrutiny and comment before submission on 6th August.

Bus Service Cat 5A

A meeting had been held but the TfGM had not turned up. There will be a new meeting this week. The petition has been sent in. Issues had been evaluated and a smaller bus seemed to be the answer. Would a subsidy from TfGM be forthcoming? An email would be sent to Sir Graham Brady about this.

HS2

There had been a zoom Mitigation Methodology consultation on 15th July which turned out to be a presentation giving little chance to ask questions. We are still unaware of the heights of track locally as HS2 are loathe to give any information but TF will try and find out and give feedback

Road Safety

KB will again chase up Sue Whitehead about the reinstatement of the electronic signs. All Police Officers are on Community Service busy answering 999 calls. The force is strapped for cash and

training will not happen until after the summer. Two traffic accidents were reported and would be entered in the Traffic Accident Log.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

CG will send out a request to all co-ordinators and interested parties to get together to discuss how our communication routes will pan out.

Cross Base

Further suggestions for grant funding to repair the base are HS2 and Manchester Airport. We will apply to these bodies. The Lottery Fund has already been approached with no luck.

Tree Planting Opportunities

We are now waiting for Trafford with regard to street trees. Beth Kelsall is the contact for City of Trees and Farmland Grants. There are also grants for hedges and Warburton Lane was suggested. RC will ask David Roberts of Warburton Nurseries about the scheme. Has he land on which to plant trees? There needs to be more clarity regarding the stabilising of trees. There will be an opportunity for more tree planting within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Correspondence

- Trafford had been emailed regarding flooding of houses due to blocked drains
- Fly tipping has been reported in the layby opposite Moss Lane on Warburton Lane
- Worsening conditions in Townfield Lane and our concerns for pedestrian's safety have been highlighted to Trafford. They are waiting for their weed spraying contractor.

Planning Applications.

We had received an email from Amanda Oakden at R4 Planning advising an application would be made for change of use of the office space & car parking in Barns Lane. A meeting took place and fears of low broadband speeds, staff facilities, traffic movements and lack of electric charging points were all allayed when we learnt Edgfold Homes themselves intended to use the office building on Barns Lane for offices and convert some of the vegetated area for car parking. There has still been no meeting with P O'Connor regarding P/A 103511/FUL/21.

Points of Interest

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 7th September 2021, Tuesday 19th October 2021

Chairman's signature

dated