

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Richard Clegg (RC), Mrs Lucy Houghton (LH), Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Mr Bob Jones (BJ), Mr Tim Fairbairn (TF), Mrs Gaye Fletcher (GF), Cllr Michael Whetton (MW).

Apologies: Ms. Clare Grace, Mr Mark Priestner.

LH welcomed Louise Kirkup of Kirkwells who gave a presentation on the work done so far for the Neighbourhood Plan and a draft plan dated Autumn 2022 was handed round. 15 policies had been included in the NPD which would sit alongside the Local Plan and within it. Landscape character, wildlife, the deer park, and density would all be included as would the moss land which is so important. Included also would be active travel, encouragement in more cycling and improvement in public transport. The NP would give some protection from development and emphasis would be put on heritage and tranquility. Further study needs to be done and she is waiting for Trafford to get back to her. The next step would be a further consultation and amendments made based on comments obtained. A referendum would be held, probably before the end of the financial year. Finally a public hearing would be necessary by the end of 2023 or early 2024.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP), Community Assets and Green Spaces

NP is progressing. Trafford surprisingly have agreed AECON's masterplan upgrades. It is not realistic to expect high numbers to turn out for future consultations.

Minutes.

Minutes of the council meeting held on 25th October 2022 were approved.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance

Our balance stands at £27,101.54. A discussion was held whether or not we should request a precept. Although our finances look healthy there are a lot of actions to be undertaken, a statement of which will be included in our application to request a precept of £50 per Band D property. The CIL money due from the developers in Barns Lane is to be spent on Infrastructure and councillors were requested to come up with a list at the next meeting.

Warburton Toll Bridge

TF was able to update the council on the hearing. There had been over 300 documents presented. Trafford and Warrington councils had also objected to the amount of increase. Peel hadn't engaged with the local community and survey numbers hadn't been declared. He told us there were 3,800 cars crossing the bridge every day, but nothing was said about the impact on the local neighbourhood, the air pollution, speeding traffic, etc. Peel claimed there had been a 0.9% increase in traffic, but no modelling had been done on the proposed developments in Partington & Carrington. They didn't mention the lack of maintenance on the old bridge which is a heritage asset. Since 1997 there had been only four inspection reports

Boundary Signs & Heritage Trail Signs

BJ had lobbied CG regarding finished artwork from her team against which he could get firm prices and whether there had been any business responses. Amey would be the contractors on site and Trafford would need to approve the erectors.

Noticeboards

We learnt the noticeboards would be ready soon. Acrylic would be used instead of toughened glass and the backs would be cork lined. They will be given three coats of varnish.

Parish Email Newsletter

As CG was unavailable there was no further update.

P4E/Design Guide

There had been a meeting on 3/11/2022 with representatives from Trafford. PB and GF who attended were pleased with the outcome as Trafford had listened to our concerns regarding

development and were aware of our VDS. It was acknowledged that this meeting was not about P4E.

Correspondence

A letter was sent to Hynet North West regarding our objection to the Hydrogen Pipeline. MW had pushed Trafford on this item advising they should ask residents for their views. Some testing had taken place which had removed some concerns. Pipes would be brought in from Carrington which would be a challenge on the A6144

Road Safety

At the meeting on 25/10/2022 it was decided to form a sub-committee to address the dismal response we received from Trafford regarding our formal complaint. The sub-committee, TF, MW & GF would meet before our next meeting. Speed definitely needs to be reduced.

Memorial Bench

CG was unavailable and as this item was included at her request nothing more was discussed.

Defibrillator

No further update as CG was unavailable.

The Cross

No further update though it was suggested that possibly CIL monies could be used. MW would request details from Trafford on what CIL monies can be used for.

Points of Interest

It is probable that MN can do his walk between 11th and 15th April. It is possible the Local Listing could include Grade 3 buildings.

Chairperson's signature.....

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