

Warburton Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Bob Jones (BJ), Mr Richard Clegg (RC), Mr Mark Priestner (MP), Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Mrs Lucy Houghton (LH), Ms. Clare Grace (CG), Mrs Rosemary Cummings (RCFC), Cllr Michael Whetton (MW), Cllr Shengke Zhi (SK), Mrs Gaye Fletcher (GF).

Apologies: There were no apologies

BJ welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special welcome to Cllr Shengke Zhi
Minutes of the council meeting held on 23rd October 2023 were approved.

Matters arising.

GF advised there had been a further delay with the bench due to identifying the ground fixings. A photo had been taken of the fixings of the Jubilee Bench and forwarded to Streetmaster

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP)

It is hoped that the verbal agreement made with PB that our NP (up to Reg 14) can feed into the New Carrington Consultation process provided the draft NP complies with P4E. There had been a meeting on the 18th with Louise Kirkup to assess where we are up to with the NP which will be progressed to completion to Regulation 14 status before the end of 2023.

Road Safety

Traffic surveys were carried out in six locations in Warburton between 13th and 19th November and we will have a working report from Gemma Wheatley prior to our meeting on 16th January so that we can scrutinize the contents beforehand. She will also be invited to our meeting on February 27th when we will also invite Andrew Hague from Trafford Council.

Pavements/Footways

It is becoming essential that the pavement in Dunham Road is reinstated and needs ongoing maintenance. Peter O'Connor will provide estimates for restoring the pavement which the working group will consider and report their findings to the next PC meeting.

Signage and Heritage Trail

Final artwork has been agreed with the sign suppliers. The working group is awaiting Trafford's response on the sizing, positioning, etc, but it has been agreed that the Street Lighting Dept. will erect the signs and charge WPC for the work.

IT/Communications/Engagement (ICE)

All communication between WPC councillors will use WPC e-mail addresses and the WPC WhatsApp group. All working groups will try out the Google Drive template for the next updates. RCFC will coordinate any training necessary. It is hoped to have another newsletter out to residents before Christmas. Everyone was encouraged to send information for circulation to CG.

Planning

It was decided a new working group should be set up to keep tracks on the New Carrington Masterplan under which the application for warehousing and housing at Isherwood Road sits as the implications such development would have on Warburton could be enormous. The new working group would be chaired by PB with team members LH and MP. The requirements for CIL monies would be investigated and a report given at the next meeting.

Finance

BJ presented to the meeting budgets up until the end of this financial year and for next year. It was very pleasing to learn that we are on target to undertake the tasks set out for action. The question was raised whether we should apply to Trafford BC for a precept for the financial year 2024/2025. An indepth discussion followed after which it was unanimously decided that we should apply for a precept to meet ongoing costs. The clerk was instructed to contact Trafford to advise them of their decision. There is £48,186.72 in the bank.

Others

Defibrillator – after the decision was made that we need more than 1 defibrillator, more sites are sought. CG will continue to chase the Saracens Head for agreement and MP will sound out Overtown Farm. Birch Farm on Moss Lane has already agreed to position one there.

Points of Interest

The dates proposed for meetings in 2024 were approved after one or two changes. Wages scales approved by NALC for Parish Clerks was shown to the meeting, briefly app. 10 hours work per month at £12 per hour would be paid. It was decided we would employ a part time clerk. Also a handyman on an ad-hoc basis. Various locations of pot holes were reported to MW who would follow up with Trafford. Details of this would also be published in the newsletter.

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