

Warburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr. Bob Jones (BJ), Mr Paul Beckmann (PB), Mr Richard Clegg (RJC), Mr Mark Priestner (MP), Mrs Lucy Houghton (LH), Ms Clare Grace (CG), Mrs. Rosemary Cummings (RCFC), Mrs Gaye Fletcher (GF).

Apologies: Cllr Michael Whetton.

Minutes & Matters Arising

Proposed dates for meetings in 2025 were presented so that we could invite Andrew Hague to the March meeting as he had offered to attend annually. Dates for 2025 are 21/1, 4/3, 15/4, 27/5, 15/7, 26/8, 7/10, 18/11 and 16/12.

Warburton Neighbourhood Plan and JPA33 New Carrington.

Our current situation is that Trafford Council have accepted that The Warburton Neighbourhood Plan will be accepted as Warburton's contribution to the consultation procedure to JPA33 New Carrington. It will not carry any special weight within the New Carrington consultation procedure even after receiving approval under the Regulation 14 consultation. It will be accepted on the proviso that it is in conformity with the New Carrington Masterplan concepts.

There are four Groups represented in the New Carrington Masterplan and it is envisaged that these groups will participate in five half-day workshops throughout the consultation process.

- a) Local Trafford Councillors and Parish Councils (in which we have four members, who have all signed a confidentiality document).
- b) New Carrington landowners and developers
- c) Statutory and non-statutory consultees
- d) Local community groups and representatives (in which we have no members, despite it being open to Warburton residents and despite the fact that it has apparently had some strong debate and comments).

The Masterplan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2024. Trafford Council have been at pains to state that all groups have an equal role in the preparation of the New Carrington Masterplan and that it will be in compliance with the Main Modifications of P4E.

Places for Everyone (P4E) was adopted by Trafford Council on 23rd March 2024. A legal challenge is likely from the Save Greater Manchester Green Belt Group (subject to their raising funds etc.). This would have to be lodged within six weeks of the adoption of P4E.

Trafford have informed the Local Trafford Councillors and Parish Councils Consultation Group that they will continue to actively discourage developers (such as Redrow) from jumping the gun and developing sites which would be prejudicial to the New Carrington Plan. In the case of Redrow this would essentially be the 'Southern Relief Road' running through the eastern half of their site.

Actions required.

- a) We need to submit the Neighbourhood Plan asap so that it can be consulted as part of the New Carrington Consultation.
- b) We need to approve the Neighbourhood Plan today so that we can commence the formal six week consultation period with local residents. It was decided that May 1st should be the target date for commencing the consultation plan, and the six week

period should end on June 15th when the Parish Rooms would be booked for the main consultation event to take place between 10.00am and 16.00pm. GF would book the room. Consultation tactics to be similar to last time with a leaflet drop, door to door visits, website reviews and emails. A format would be developed for who does what on the day.

- c) We need to find people from Warburton to represent us in Local community groups and representatives consultation group for the New Carrington Consultation. Two names were suggested and councillors would make enquiries
- d) We need to consider whether or not to support the legal challenge to P4E either by giving a donation or by providing evidence.
- e) We have submitted a document to the Barristers (via SMGB) representing WPC opinions on P4E. Essentially the main challenge against P4E is that the forecasts for growth are wildly optimistic and were based on the boost which HS2 would give to Manchester. An example being, warehousing provision within P4E is 75% greater than the forecast needs during 2019/20 when P4E was being drafted. It was approved that PB should provide a document on behalf of WPC.

All agreed that approval be given in principle to the existing NDP to progress to the final consultation with residents towards Regulation 14.

Signage & Road Safety

All agreed the Gateway form of identifying the village was best and BJ would liaise with Trafford when the revised SCP report is available. BJ would also liaise with sign suppliers for prices for both styles of sign for different locations. As SCP and residents had identified difficulties with HGVs accessing CarrGreen Lane from the west entrance, it was decided we should purchase a sign 'Not suitable for HGVs'. MP could supply the posts and RJC the best location. They would work together to erect the sign.

IT/Communication/Engagement (ICE)

CG will compile a newsletter for sending out this week. RCFC will develop an email template for Working Group updates and also create a Google Workspace to act as a repository for council documents. Updates would be advised as now via email.

Planning

There are three applications pending since 2019 for Carrington which if approved will have huge implications for an increase of traffic in Warburton. Further 113151/RES/24 is a Reserved Matters application for a further 144 houses and apartments in Carrington by ANWILL (who used to be Wain Homes).

Finance

There is £41,781.87 in the bank. Invoices due for payment are Hire of the Parish Rooms £180.00, membership of SLCC £75.00, Zurich Insurance £257.60 for Public Liability Insurance, which also covers Employers Liability, Legal Expenses, All risks, Libel & slander, Fidelity guarantee, money and Personal Accident. As our income has gone above the £25,000 threshold we will have to complete Form 3 of the AGAR forms and have our accounts externally audited before presentation.

Other

Pavements: RCFC will draw together the initiatives and liaise with Andrew Hague/Martin Scott of Trafford to create a plan. **Buses:** RCFC will also liaise with Dunham Massey PC to join forces to press for better transport links with Trafford/TfGM. **Litter Pick:** RJC will store

and update banners. **National Trust:** GF will invite the new Estate Manager, John Robertson Mclsaac, to our next meeting to do a presentation at the beginning of same. **Village Hall Renovation:** It was agreed that we should support/donate presentation hardware to this venture. RJC will advise. **Village Arboretum:** This would be discussed at our next meeting. **Coronation Bench:** It was suggested we should get on with the positioning of the bench which has been delivered to the village and is stored at Moss Brow Farm. **Memorial Tree:** Ex councillor Richard Nichols would like to plant a tree in memory of his wife, Jan. It was thought to have one planted on the green. PB would check the variety of the flowering tree already there to identify it and so plant another.

Points of Interest

The landslip in Covershaw Lane has resulted in the road being closed. This is having dire consequences for Moss Lane where traffic is being diverted.

Signed..... dated