

**NOTES OF A WARMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
9th MARCH 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: James Richardson (Chairman), Simon Moss, Jo Price,
Robert Newton and Oliver Rowe

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Ward Member - Councillor Wray.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2022

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2022

All items covered elsewhere in the agenda.

5. HIGHWAYS

Following the November PC meeting, the PC requested further details about when the last structural review of the bridge took place. Councillor Wray followed this up on behalf of the PC and a further response to the enquiry about the change in weight limit on School Lane and Crab Mill Lane is awaited from CEC Highways. Councillor Wray is continuing to follow this up.

The following highways issues that had been reported, remain outstanding:

- Following the investigatory works that had taken place on the blocked drains/gullies on School Lane, opposite School House and on White Hall Lane, there has been no update on when the major review of the drains on White Hall Lane is to be undertaken.
- Councillor Richardson had logged the replacement boundary 'Warmingham' sign on Forge Mill Lane and Hoggins Brook via the CEC Highways reporting tool but there has been no action yet.
- A change in weight limit on School Lane and Crab Mill Lane
- The flooding at the junction of White Hall Lane/Dragons Lane

Councillor Newton had reported two highway issues relating to signage on the highway online portal in December, as follows:

- 316727 the bend sign on Warmingham Road between Meadow drive and Hall Lane – reported on 8th December – status - not yet allocated
- 316093 the chevron sign on the bend on Hall Lane Between Hall Lane Cottage and Hill Farm – reported on 5th December – status - now allocated

6. ANSA WASTE TRANSFER CENTRE TRAFFIC

The PC are continuing to monitor the waste transfer traffic travelling through the village.

7. QUEENS JUBILEE

Preparations are underway for the Village event on Thursday 2nd June.

As part of the National and Commonwealth celebration for the Queens Jubilee on the 2nd June 2022, the PC have suggested organising a lighting of a beacon in the village.

The proposal is to light a beacon in the Church field on Thursday 2nd June at 9.15 pm with a hog roast at the Village Hall, starting at 6.15 pm. Councillor Newton is following up the ordering and costs of the provision of a hog roast. The prices are based on the number of attendees. For 50

people it would be £8 per head. The PC are anticipating 100+ attendees and suggested selling tickets for the hog roast and a vegetarian option at £5 per head for an adult and free for under 16s (costs to be subsidised by the PC) and a complimentary drink. Tickets to be advertised in the Church Magazine and sold at Warmingham Wakes.

EDF Energy have very kindly made a donation of £400 towards the drink and bunting for the event and the Village Hall have offered the hall for the 2nd June and the weekend.

There was a suggestion about obtaining a clock at the Village Hall as a lasting momentum of the Queens Jubilee, with a plaque underneath. The PC are to follow up the cost of a clock that would be suitable for the village hall.

Councillor Price has ordered 100 Tower Mint medals for pupils at the school and for children who live in the village but don't attend the village school. The school PTA are to share the cost with the PC.

Actions:

- **Councillor Price to organise the beacon/oak tree and to register the beacon.**
- **Councillor Rowe to work out the costs to the PC to fund candles for the lighting of the beacon, clock and plaque for the village hall, tickets for the event, hog roast, 50% donation towards the Tower Mint medals (other 50% from the primary school) and what the PC retain in the 2022/23 budget for the funding towards village projects.**
- **Councillor Newton to follow up the cost and possibility of a clock at the Village Hall.**

8. COMMUNITY LITTERPICKING EVENT

Councillor Newton had delivered a leaflet about the 13th March litter picking event to every house in the village. The event is due to start at 10.00 am, meeting at the church field.

Currently there are 11 volunteers

Litter bags, gloves, 20 hand pickers and 20 yellow jackets have been obtained from ANSA.

The Bears Paw are providing sandwiches, chips, coffee and tea after the event.

Action – Clerk to follow up the PC insurance cover for the event.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The work on the Neighbourhood Plan is currently on hold due to Covid-19. Work on progressing this will commence as soon as possible.

10. PLANNING

22/0853D HILLTOP FARM, SCHOOL LANE, WARMINGHAM, CHESHIRE, CW11 3QN – there were PC comments.

11. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated a 2021/22 accounting report with details of income and expenditure and a budget monitoring report.

- the 2021/22 budget was reviewed against the current total expenditure which was £4238.06 and the balance remaining of £4931.94. It was noted that there was no unforeseen expenditure that the PC had not budgeted for in the 2021/22 budget
- The balance on the current account on 25th February 2022 was £8634.56.
- It was noted that the Clerk had made a HMRC Payment of £77.80 on the 14th January 2022 for quarter 3.
- As Councillor Rowe and the Clerk were unable to attend the January meeting at the village hall, the bi-monthly audit was completed by Councillor Rowe at the March meeting.

Annual Review of the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment and Assets Register

Prior to the meeting Councillor Rowe had reviewed these documents and the updated versions are to be published on the website.

Action – Councillor Rowe to publish the updated documentation onto the website.

The following cheque payments were approved for payment:

- Invoice room hire parish Council meetings from May 2021-November 2021 – Warmingham and District Parish Hall - £100.00
- Back dated pay for Clerk's Salary – 2021/22 National Salary Award – April 2021 to March 2022 - £27.60

Action – Following the National Pay Award, Councillor Richardson to notify the bank of the change in the Standing Order for the Clerk's monthly salary to (13.75 per hour x 10 hours per month + £24 per month Working from Home Allowance from 1st April 2022, totalling £161.50 gross per month)

- **Clerk to notify payroll of the changes in the Standing Order for the Clerk's Salary and the backdated payment**

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Following the letter that had been received from edf relating to a potential new project at Hole House to explore how compressed air might be used to store and then release electricity a meeting has been arranged with edf to discuss this further.

The following correspondence had been received and noted since the previous meeting:

From Chalco

- Bulletins and Newsletter
- Andrea Pellegram Online Training Sessions in March and April 2022
- Aid for Ukrainians

From CEC

- CEC Neighbourhood Planning Digital Drop-in Sessions
- The 2023 Boundary Review
- Introduction to Rural Affordable Housing (for Parish Councils) - on Tuesday 22nd March 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- HS2 - High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill

Action – Clerk to invite a HS2 representative to the July PC meeting to discuss the impact of HS2 on the village.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 11th May 2022** - Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items reported.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm