

# WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th January 2020 at

Lyppard Hub commencing 7:30pm.

## PRESENT:

Cllrs A Cross, R Norfolk, A Taylor, D Merriman, D Carney, S Hodgson, L Hodgson, J Scrine

Also, present : Cllr A Roberts, 2 members of the public.

## APOLOGIES :

Cllr. Nidda Hassan

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :

Cllr L Hodgson declared a non-pecuniary interest for discussions re SWDP should they occur.

**Police report** – the officer in attendance had no report. He did say that an arrest had been made which should stop the recent spate of reported incidents of burglary.

## THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED AT THIS POINT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

There were no comments from the members of the public present.

191. The minutes of the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed : Cllr. Taylor, Seconded : Cllr Scrine, all present agreed.

### 192. **Appointment of Clerk.**

A brief update was given by the Clerk. We have 12 applicants in total and this number will be reduced for interviews.

### 193 **Councillor Reports**

- Cllr. Roberts reported that he was concerned about some long-term light outages and was asking for further information. Some requests for additional lighting had also been received, this would be more difficult to satisfy. The County Council would be doing a budget presentation for parish councils on 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm at County Hall.

Cllr. Norfolk asked if the County Council had considered zebra crossings across Wood Green, specifically at the crossing opposite Tolladine Wood; Cllr. Roberts replied that he couldn't promise anything and that he would circulate more information to councillors about the costs involved and talk with the highway engineers.

- Cllr. L Hodgson presented her report, she mentioned the rejection of the planning application for the 5G tower by the old golf course and was pleased by the result. In answer to a question from Cllr. Norfolk regarding the Worcester

City Light Night, about additional plans for public transport for the event she said that she would investigate and advise him.

**194. To receive Environmental Reports from :**

Cllr. Merriman – had supplied a late report which some people had not received. She gave a brief overview. No further progress on the Tree Survey.

It was decided to remove the matter of a City Council report from the agendas for future meetings.

Village Gateways – still waiting for County road scheme to be announced.

VAS Result – no report was available. An undertaking was given that a report would be available for February 2020.

The Council then discussed the purchase of a Solar Powered Speed Indicator (SID) which will be used permanently on Plantation Drive, the unit will also contain a Bluetooth download system. It was proposed that the Council go ahead with this unit from Westcotec at a price of £4380.00 plus VAT. This was proposed by Cllr. L Hodgson and Seconded by Cllr. S Hodgson. All present agreed.

**195. Environmental Committee.**

Cllr Norfolk had looked at the Environmental Sub-Committee terms of reference and made a proposal to add three clauses to the document to clarify the Terms of Reference of the Committee. This was Seconded by Cllr. Taylor.

The Clerk will draft up the final document and circulate to all within the next few days. The completed document can then be approved at the next meeting.

**196. Planning and Rights of Way –**

Planning Applications - Cllr. S. Hodgson presented his report. He has concerns about the Saltwood Avenue proposal. In answer to a question from Cllr. Scrine regarding the Stableford development, Cllr. Hodgson advised that she would look into the matter of flooding from the reservoir.

Review of the Planning Sub-Committee Terms of Reference were discussed at length. It was decided that an initial meeting would be held between Cllrs. Cross, Taylor, Scrine and S Hodgson where the Terms of Reference would be reviewed and updated if necessary. This would be complete by next meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> February).

Cllr. Taylor raised the subject of the Process for Planning Applications as it relates to the way in which they are handled by the City Council. He would favour the Parish Council having a monetary amount set aside to take legal advice on some recent matters. Even though several attempts have been made to clarify matters directly with WCC officers no resolution has been reached. He Proposed that the Parish Council set aside a maximum figure of £5000.00 to cover legal costs. This was Seconded by Cllr. Cross.

*Cllrs. L & S Hodgson Declared an Interest at this point and took no part in the remaining discussion or voting.*

This proposal caused considerable debate with some members being concerned about the lack of knowledge of how much the eventual cost would be. On being put to the vote, the result was 3 in favour, 3 against the motion. The Chair used his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

*Clerks note: Following the meeting advice was sought and note, it was felt that the decision immediately above this note should not have been made at this meeting, as the item was not on the agenda and, as a result, has been placed on the Agenda for a Special Meeting.*

Cllr. Taylor presented a short report updating progress on the NP. He proposed that delegated power be given to himself and the Clerk in order to process orders and payments for an amount up to that in our latest estimate, so that we can ensure that payments are maximised from this year's funding. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Cross and unanimously agreed.

#### **197. Report of the Clerk.**

##### **Budget**

Some updates numbers from the Clerk has shown that there is no need to increase the Precept for the Financial Year 2020/21. It was proposed by Cllr. Carney and Seconded by Cllr. Norfolk that the Parish agrees that our Precept will not be increased for the coming year, the Precept will remain at £109,588.33. This was agreed unanimously.

##### **Deposit Account**

The Redwood Account is now up and running, our first interest payment was received at the end of December 2019.

#### **198. Leisure and Community Affairs.**

- Newsletter – one more to be circulated before the end of March 2020. Cllr. Merriman asked all members to provide articles for consideration by mid-February latest.
- PC Facebook – no report.
- Bench Strategy – no further progress. Two sites for the location of benches have been identified and permission requested from the City Council has been requested. Delegated powers to Cllr. Norfolk in conjunction with the clerk were agreed, to enable payments to be made by end of March 2020. All present agreed with this proposal.
- Unadopted Land – no further report.
- Allotments Update - 9 on the Waiting List.
- Website – Cllr. Norfolk presented his report and suggested that a competition is held for resident's photographs. Members thought this was a good idea.
- Defibrillators – no further report.

199. **To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies.**

- Lyppard Hub Management Board – No report.
- Worcester City Standards Committee – No meeting.
- CALC updates – update to be circulated on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

200. **Future Reports to Council.**

This matter is waiting for a Working Party to meet.

201. **Report of the Clerk.**

**Approval of Accounts for Payment :**

**The following accounts were approved for payment.** Proposed Cllr. Norfolk,  
Seconded Cllr. Taylor. All present agreed.

• Parish Websites	Deposit	£384.00 (Retrospective)
• Brodie PA	SWDPR response	£481.20
• Worcester City Co.	Dog Bins	£522.00
• Worcester City Co.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Warden	£10,500.00
• Worcester City Co.	Enhanced Grass Cutting	£15,000.00
• Clerk	Stationery	£8.85

**Confirmation of Cash received**

• Allotment Plot	Deposit (LSm)	£10.00
• Allotment Fee	19b	£6.56

**EMR**

The EMR against allotments (£4000.00) has been placed back to general reserve as agreed at our previous meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.11pm.

**Date of the next monthly meeting is 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm**