

MINUTES
of
WARBOROUGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday 3rd April 2019
Held at The Greet Memorial Hall Thame Road Warborough 7:30pm

Present – Cllr – Paul Duncan - Chair (PD)
Cllr – Michael Herbert - Vice Chair (MH)
Cllr - Jonnie Bradshaw (JB)
Cllr – William Pattison (WP)
Cllr – Colin Mclarty (CL)
D.Cllr – Sue Cooper (SC)
Bryony Ringsell – Clerk

Eleven members of the Public

Apologies – C.Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay Gale – Cllr. Pat Elder

- 2019/067 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2018 had been circulated & approved in May 2018
- 2019/068 **PAGE report**
John Taylor gave an update on the work of PAGE highlighting that the annual planning sales number has been reduced 1.82mtpa to 1.015mtpa which although is an improvement is still considered too high by PAGE. He explained the first round of public consultations has taken place and that OCC are considering their response to them and that the second round is due to start in June/July 2019. A timetable has been created starting with the publishing of the proposed submission plan in Jan/Feb 2020 with various other events then culminating in the council adopting the plan in Dec 2020 but has warned that this timetable is subject to time changes.
- 2019/069 **SWATA report**
Read by PD as no SWATA representative. The report explained that they had had a successful coaching programme and that their courts remain in excellent condition. They are also keen for new members and have a new website – <https://swata.co.uk>. They have also updated their safeguarding, diversity and inclusion policies and had a very successful junior tennis day last September. Their AGM is to be held at 7pm on 25/04/2019.
- 2019/070 **Allotment Association report**
CM explained that all the allotments were currently full and that there was one person on the waiting list. An allotment Association has also been formed.
- 2019/071 **County Councillor's Annual Report**
Cllr Lindsay Gale had supplied her report as she was unable to be present, it had been circulated to all Councillors & it was suggested that it should be circulated on the Community email and put on the village email.
- 2019/072 **District Councillor's Annual Report,**
Cllr Sue Cooper was present and commented on the local plan, in particular that they were seeking to minimize the transport of gravel through the area. She also reported that the issues with the service provided by Biffa in emptying bins were ongoing but being monitored and encouraged people to continue to photograph and report and issues. It was also explained that funds and reserves were both low and that council tax was going up by £5 due to this, and that there was a possibility that SODC could merge with Vale in the future.
- 2019/073 **Chairman's Report**
Paul Duncan thanked parishioners for coming to the meetings and the councillors for their hard work over the last year. He went on to report on the work of the Council over the previous year. He highlighted that the neighbourhood plan was passed in October and that shortly after it was implemented an application for 110 houses to be built on Plough Field was withdrawn, showing its importance. He did also explain that despite the objections of the council and others planning permission was granted by SODC to rebuild St Lawrence House. Mr Duncan mentioned that the Expressway Action group were working hard to minimise the impact to the local area.

Other achievements included replacing bus shelters, putting football posts on the green, supporting the War Memorial refurbishment and setting up a Speedwatch group. He also explained that the council had continued to maintain the parish including its 100+ trees, ditches, potholes and drainage issues and had supported the installation of two AED's, as well as increasing the frequency of grass cutting on the green. The way the council monitor their finances was also changed to give more transparency on how funds are generated and spent.

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Reports by village organisations

Infrastructure and Environment – Pat Elder was not present at the meeting and so PD incorporated his report into his chairman's report.

Footpath Warden – William Oscroft reiterated the terms of his remit as footpath warden and went on to report on the activity in the parish including the following;

Footpath 6 – he explained that there is a continued level of concern over this path and that OCC had been asked to deal with the level of leaf mould and have also agreed that the surface of the Thame Road/Quaker Lane tarmac needs fixing.

Footpath 9 – explained that he is in contact with the landowner to maintain rights of way and that it is not a bridleway.

Footpath 17 – Tree management work currently being carried out but the path is still navigable.

He went on to say that when Footpath 7 is formally recognised again it will fall under his remit and that he will be monitoring Footpath 11b due to possible future building work.

Mr Oscroft also explained that signs in Plough Field advising walkers that there were no public footpaths in the field had been removed and thanked parishioners for routing their concerns through him and the Parish Council for their support.

Cricket Club – Jonnie Bradshaw, chair of the Cricket Club reported that the junior and senior sections of the club had been joined and that over 100 had been involved in the club last year. He went on to explain their difficulties with meeting guidelines for inclusivity and safeguarding due to the lack of space and facilities, especially for junior and female members but there were plans to rectify this in the future.

The meeting closed at 20.41

Signed

Name

Dated