

**Minutes of Meeting of Warborough Parish Council  
Wednesday 9th September 2020  
Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions**

**Present** Cllr William Pattison (BP) Chair  
Cllr Jonnie Bradshaw (JB) Vice-Chair  
Cllr Nick Brown (NB)  
Cllr Helen Brawn (HB)  
Cllr Nigel Conie (NC)  
Cllr Michael Herbert (MH) – Joined Meeting late  
Laurie Kosobucki – Chair NHPSC (LK)  
Lynda Raynor (Acting Clerk) LR

6 Members of the public

2020/151 **Apologies** – Cllr Will Partridge (Family Commitments)

2020/152 **Declarations of interest (existence and nature) with regards to items on the agenda.**  
Jonnie Bradshaw – re Item 2020/153 where he would abstain from the vote.

2020/153 **Planning**

**P20/S2214/O** – This planning application had been presented for comment again by SODC following a notice to establish ownership of the land over which access was intended. The council had been advised that they should review their previous comments on the application. NC informed council that having looked at responses on the planning portal from the Conservation Officer, Forestry Officer, Highways & Countryside Access he saw no reason to change the original motion to support the application but though the council should double down on the access for an alternative access.

LK was asked to give her view in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. LK informed that five members of the NHPSC had been asked to review the application and she highlighted their collective agreement on policies from the plan. They has felt this application (with Thame Road Access) did not meet the criteria for on VC1 (Village Character) A,C & D with concerns over B,E & F. On Policy H3 (Infill) it failed on H3 ii, with concerns over iii, iv & v and on Policy H4 (Pedestrian Links) it failed on A - safety.

NC questioned pedestrian safety in relation to this application considering there were several other crossings of the Ditch, highlighting the Six Acres access. It was pointed out that the Six Acre access was already in place before the application for development had been submitted. The development of 29 homes and a school car park had required careful consideration, including pedestrian safety. The planning consultation concluded that safety at this existing access was possible without removal of trees, hedging or changes to public space. A widening of the entrance was rejected to maintain the street view. It was felt the school car park that was offered would improve safety by removing cars and children from the main road.

BP said he did not think the proposed access would be safe, with it crossing a main footpath, that has an intersection close by, that in turn limits visibility for pedestrians and drivers. He felt the proposed access would detract from the aesthetics of Thame Road, due significant removal of greenery to provide the width of the vision splays that the site would require both at footpath & roadside stages He felt it would have a detrimental effect on the street scene, safety and compromise the conservation area. BP asked for a proposal to vote on and NC proposed a response of Support – Two voted in favour and three against. MH then proposed a response of Object and the vote was three in favour and two against. Therefore, a response of OBJECT will be submitted to SODC

2020/154 **To discuss seeking ownership of the Thame Road Ditch, Warborough.** MH had previously suggested that the Council look into seeking ownership of the Thame Road Ditch. He felt that having maintained the ditch for many years the council had a good chance of success. JB questioned the need and MH explained that it would help if further applications to bridge the ditch were made. The Clerk had enquired at Land Registry regarding procedure and it appears that Adverse Possession would be the route to take. MH said he had tried to speak to R Peet on the matter, but he was not available until October. It was pointed out that Council now used Slade Legal and that any legal advice should be sought from them.

2020/155 **Any other Business**

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 20.10

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.  
In line with Government COVID-19 Guidelines this will be another virtual meeting.

Signed .....

Name .....

Dated .....

