

Minutes of the meeting of Warborough Parish Council
Wednesday 1st December 2021 7.30pm
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Present:

Cllr Nigel Conie (NC) Chair
Cllr Jonnie Bradshaw (JB) Vice Chair
Cllr Michael Herbert (MH)
Cllr Mieke McLarty (MM)
Cllr Will Partridge (WP)
Bryony Ringsell – Clerk (BR)
County Cllr Robin Bennet (RB)
District Cllr Andrea Powell (AP)
16 Members of the public

- 2021/218 **To accept apologies and reason for absence**
Apologies Cllr Nick Brown and Cllr Helen Brawn
- 2021/219 **Declarations of interest (existence & nature) with regards to items on the agenda:**
None declared
- 2021/220 **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2021**
NC proposed the minutes be approved, all other councillors in favour
- 2021/221 **District Councillors Report:**
Report will be uploaded to the website. AP reported that amongst other things a new round of grants has been opened.
- 2021/222 **County Councillors Report:**
RB gave a report which included information on a request for foster families in Oxfordshire and an update on Covid measures. Report to be uploaded to the website.
- 2021/223 **Planning (NC):**
P21/S4584/FUL –
Applicant had sent a report to the council prior to the meeting answering questions made of the application. He also added that the site in question had been described as a very clearly sustainable location for houses. There were many objectors to the application with at least 10 members of the public asking to speak against it. The list of objections included but was not limited to the following;
- Loss of privacy and light to houses in Caldiclott Close and Hartley Close
 - The belief that the proposed development went against Neighbourhood Plan, most notably policies VC1 and H3
 - Concerns relating to the increased flood risk of the area should the development go ahead
 - The fact that the proposed access road is a private road and unsuitable for access, partly due to its narrow and often already congested state
 - That the pre application advice was sought before the Neighbourhood Plan was made and before the 5 year housing plan so is no longer valid
 - The National Planning Policy states that it is not suitable to build in the garden of listed buildings
 - That the local school is already full and there are no additional provisions for infrastructure with the proposed development
 - The proposed development would require the removal of trees which would result in a loss of habitat and biodiversity
- NC then summarised as follows;
- The fact that the proposed access road is a private road is a legal matter and not something that can be factored into the decision.
 - The proposed development site has been designated as 'Flood risk 1'
 - The wall that would need to be lowered is not listed
 - The trees to be removed were not in a conservation area
 - The matters of heritage, privacy and inappropriate development are subjective
- JB also added that construction traffic was not something that could be considered as it was not a material consideration and that it was the job of the biodiversity officer to speak on that, not the PC. He added that in his opinion the buildings were in keeping with the village, that it was infill as it was within the bulk area of the village and that he did not believe it to be overdevelopment of the site.
- MM stated that in her opinion the Green Belt should be protected and that she believed the proposed development went against S.147 of the National Planning Policy and several policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. MH explained that he believed the one soakaway planned was insufficient and also raised concerns as to why results of a permeability survey had not been declared and suggested this would need careful investigation and further percolation tests.
- WP thanked everyone for coming along and sharing their views and reiterated that the Parish Council were confined to making a decision on planning considerations only.
- NC proposed to 'Respond' to the application citing concerns over drainage, heritage conservation, construction traffic and protection of trees. WP, MH, JB for, MM against.
- P21/S4762/LB** – NC reported that this was largely internal and posed no concerns. NC proposed to support, all other councillors in favour.
- P21/S2804/LB** – NC reported nothing of concern, recommended supporting. NC proposed to support, all other councillors in favour.
- 2021/224 **Representations from the Public for items not on the agenda (limited to 15 minutes)**
J Heinink asked to speak on infrastructure. He asked for an update on the weight limit on the bridge and the repainting of the 30mph signs and the road markings on Wallingford Road.

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NC to chase RB on both.

J Heinink also reported that further speedwatch sessions had taken place on Wallingford road and asked for an update on the SID poles. WP clarified that there was only one SID planned for Wallingford road and that we were still waiting for the poles to be installed. BR to chase Jon Beale on this.

- 2021/225 **Queens Platinum Jubilee – proposal and recommendation for funding**
No update
- 2021/226 **Parish Footpath Warden’s Report**
Postponed until January
- 2021/227 **Infrastructure – proposal to hire a lengthsman and purchase a brushcutter update**
MH to confirm whether Walter Harwood is still willing to take on the role
- 2021/228 **CIL – to accept the recommendation of the sub committee regarding scoring bands and to discuss when and how scoring will take place**
NC proposed to use the scoring system submitted by the sub committee as a guide when considering applications. MM, JB, and WP for, MH abstained.
NC proposed to hold two separate meetings in January in which to consider the submitted capital projects applications – all in favour.
- 2021/229 **Proposal from W&SS for funding to look at options for cricked pavilion.**
R Pullen spoke for the W&SS and clarified that the council were not being asked to fund the £6000 needed for a feasibility study, only a portion of it. NC proposed to partly fund a feasibility study on the pavilion, MH and WP for, MM and JB against.
- 2021/230 **Draft strategy to deal with biodiversity loss and climate change to include the Queens Canopy Project**
Prior to the meeting WP had circulated a draft strategy document to councillors as per the minute from the November meeting. This was accepted and agreed that W&S would join other Parishes in advancing the aims of the project. WP to begin recruiting parishioners. Strategy document to be uploaded to the website.
- 2021/231 **2021 Tree Report from Sylva – To discuss proposals for priority tree work**
WP reported that there were 5 trees that needed removing and some others that needed maintenance. WP to get a quote from Altom for all of the work.
- 2021/232 **Report on progress towards erecting Freddie Beesley’s Marker Memorial**
WP reported that the memorial was due to be installed and gave an overview of it.
- 2021/233 **Middle Farm Lease – agreement to appoint Royds Withy King to draft a lease**
MH explained that he had read all the information provided and proposed the councillors approved the agreement, seconded by NC, all other councillors in favour.
- 2021/234 **Cricket Club rent agreement and terms – pavilion – agreement to appoint Royds Withy King to draft a lease**
MH explained that he had read all the information provided and proposed the councillors approved the agreement, seconded by NC, all other councillors in favour.
- 2021/235 **Future of the Greet Hall**
For discussion at next meeting.
- 2021/236 **6 Acres Art Installation**
The chairman met recently with Sheila Partridge at a site meeting at St Lawrence school. Contact has been made with the school and awaiting an opportunity to discuss with the Head Teacher. In the meantime, the project team will begin design discussions with Wallingford School Art and Design students. BR to confirm exact budget available.
- 2021/237 **Working Groups Report**
Communications – No report
Infrastructure and Environment – RB reiterated that an opportunity is offered to all communities to consider 20mph speed limits. The meeting concluded that this may be appropriate either side of the school in Thame Road
Recreation and the Green – ROSPA safety report identified some maintenance work for the playground, JB to get quote
Greet Hall – Front door is broken again, JB to liaise with lock company to get a replacement. MM to find a plumber for minor works.
Events – No report
- 2021/238 **RFO Report**
Payments authorised and receipts confirmed as below.

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Supplier	Description of Goods	Value	Method	Code
Castle Water	Greet Hall Water	£376.18	BACS	5020
SODC	Dog Poo Bin Emptying – July – September 2021	£968.76	BACS	6020
SODC	Dog Poo Bin Emptying – January – March 2021	£484.38	BACS	6020
EDF	Greet Hall Electric	£78.20	DD	5030
Duocall	Phone	£17.10	DD	4320
Opus	Pavilion Electric	£11.84	DD	6055
Gigaclear	Internet – Greet hall	£39.00	DD	4320
ROSPA	Playground Safety Inspection	£409.20	BACS	6030
Chip Hosting	Microsoft 365	£44.91	BACS	4320
Sylva	Tree Survey	£954.00	BACS	6060
Will Partridge	Reimbursement – oil for brushcutter	£4.98	BACS	6075
Bryony Ringsell	Salary	xxxx	BACS	4110
Robin McLelland	Fuel – brushcutter	£21.00	BACS	6075
SODC	Waste Collection	£77.49	BACS	5070
Pauline Barnes	Greet Hall Cleaning	£90.00	BACS	5080
Aisha Stores	Store Tab	£69.08	BACS	5010
Receipts				
Lendrums Fair	Use of Green	£50.00	Cash	1245
W&S Short mat bowles	Greet hall hire	£208.00	Cheque	1310
SODC	Mispayment – reimbursement	£300.00	BACS	1230
M McLarty	Greet Hall Hire	£37.50	BACS	1320
V Chell	Greet Hall rent	£40.00	BACS	1310
W&S allotment	Allotment fees	£732.50	BACS	1235
A Young	Greet Hall rent	£24.00	BACS	1310
Vaughn	Greet Hall Hire	£30.00	BACS	1320
A Miller	Greet Hall Hire	£30.00	BACS	1320

2021/239 **Correspondence for further discussion if not covered under other agenda items**
Lendrums have asked to come back to Warborough from Sunday 1st to Sunday 8th May 2022 – approved.

2021/240 **Any other business**
WP asked that we get a quote from Scofield re maintenance work in the Parish – BR to action.

Meeting ended at 21.19