

# Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Warkton Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Warkton on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.00pm

**Present** Parish Councillors- Ian Bushby, Victoria Lamb, Paul Wharin, James Woolsey (Chair),  
KBC Councillor Mark Rowley  
Clerk- Claire Tilley  
Hazel Woolsey (VH Committee Chair), Julie Bushby  
John Brunige  
Rachael Gladstone-Brown (Boughton Estates)

## **Aug 2015-1 Apologies**

None received

## **Aug 2015-2 Minutes of last meeting- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

These had been circulated and were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

## **Aug 2015-3 Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting**

2015-May 05 (iii) Parking- still ongoing problem due to possible large numbers visiting monument, especially weekend. However only small numbers so far- so perhaps limited need for additional parking facilities at present. Suggest one coach parking space- James asked Rachael to look into gaining planning permission- signage will also be needed.

2015 May 05 (v) Community Enhancement gangs- James was pleased Boughton Estate had organised some hedge cutting although top hedge and near phone box still need doing. CHG can do their work on siding out footpath once hedge work done. Rachael to meet with James to look at areas

2015 May 05 (vi) James again thanked Rachael as fence had been repaired-

(vii) Open Stiles near Ise Bridge still ongoing issue- Rights of Way stating Boughton responsible. Cattle escaping onto roads- motorcyclists speeding along river bank. Rachael offered to walk footpath to see problem. James very keen to get this resolved.

2015 May 12 (ii) Unsafe wall now being remedied- James thanked Rachael

2015 May 08 Village Hall- planning application now submitted. James found some issues with it- re underfloor heating and floor covering. Rachael had meeting with new Conservation Officer- who was

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Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date

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unhappy with the plans although planning Officer Rebecca was fine with it. Project was due to finish 2013, not even started. Mark Rowley declared he is on planning committee to represent all villages' voice and believes plans are now being looked at more fairly. James vehemently asked for issue to be resolved.

#### **Aug 2015-4 Questions from members of the public**

Members of the public also voiced their concerns over state of Village Hall and need for refurbishment

#### **Aug 2015-5 Reports**

East Kettering Forum- Vicky elected Deputy Chair. 36 wks to sort out strategic drainage by 2016. Ongoing discussion re: J10A, WE/WA (link road near Grange estate) on hold- discussions soon. In September traffic lights will be installed on Deeble Road, Warkton Lane etc. Primary school opening in September with YR and Y1. Next phase -road into main site. Next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Rural Forum-.25<sup>th</sup> June meeting- Paul attended- correspondence previously circulated to all. Had descended to just a reporting meeting- rather than a discussive meeting. Next meeting to discuss future of Forum in Ashley in September.

#### **Aug 2015-6 Finance**

a) An up to date financial statement was circulated to councillors

Current account- £3306.09  
Bus Savings - £171.25

Expenditure since April £599.89

b) New clerk Salary discussed. Agree at £1007.76 for 9 hrs per month- taken from the Local council Payscale. Contract to be forwarded to James for signing.

James proposed Paul seconded

Cheques signed at meeting Clerk salary for June and July £134.36  
HMRC PAYE £33.58

James thanked Clerk for assistance in applying for funding and policies etc

#### **Aug 2015-7 Any other business**

- a) James asked that council contribute with PCC to purchase 2'6'' high heavy duty red and silver traffic cones 12 x £12 each to replace ones used to stop parking. Clerk to contact PCC for a firm commitment to contribute before 22nd August unless Mark could source some. Mark explained about him needing training before he can spend his funds –Possibly ask Jim Hakewill for funding from his Borough council pot.

- b) James has thanked John Swinger for removing sheep on the field next to Church in readiness for Village Fayre – Clerk to write letter of appreciation. James asked Rachael if Boughton could arrange to mow both fields- before 20<sup>th</sup> if possible. Also mentioned about sign for parking for monument on church gate to signal where car parking is. Resident have had problems with cars parking and blocking access. James will send letter to residents on behalf of Village Hall committee to ask not to park in the car park on the day of the Fayre.
- c) Vicky mentioned to Rachael about an access road up from the village loop road to bottom of ‘6-rows’ to allow residents to park, thus leaving loop road clear for Fire Service access and larger vehicles. This would require Boughton gaining planning permission for new road, and may be looked into next year.
- d) Since the circulation of agenda, the BDO audit had been received, so was presented to councillors. The issue raised by BDO was that although a precept was set, an adequate budget had not been prepared, which may have contravened the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Councillors agreed that at the November meeting to discuss next year’s precept, an adequate budget would be drawn up and agreed. The Annual Audit was approved and the Notice of Conclusion placed on the Parish Council notice board.
- e) Boughton Estates GreenBelt festival to be held on August BH- smaller event than last year with only 8000 tickets sold. Apparent that local PC had not been offered free tickets this year. Rachael to look into. James asked about meeting that Boughton used to hold re information about upcoming events. Member of public raised concerns over traffic for Tough Mudder event. Rachael gave apologies on behalf of Boughton Estates, but much out of their control due to thefts of signs and broken down horse boxes. Tough Mudder may not take place next year.

Date for next meeting agreed as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015- at Warkton Village Hall 7pm.

There being no further business the Chair thanked all for coming and the meeting closed at 8.10pm