

Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Warkton Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Warkton on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.00pm

Present Parish Councillors- Ian Bushby, Paul Wharin, James Woolsey (Chair),
Bill Archer- co opted councillor

Rachael Gladstone-Brown (Boughton Estates)
Clerk- Claire Tilley
Fiona Wharin (Local resident)

Nov 2015-1 Apologies

Received from Cllr Victoria Lamb and KBCllr Mark Rowley

Nov 2015-2 Declaration of Interests

None relevant- Bill was told of his obligations if co opted.

Nov 2015-3 Co-option of new councillor

It had been brought to the attention of the clerk by David Pope KBC that Warkton was in need of an additional councillor. Therefore Bill Archer a resident for 10yrs had been invited to the meeting for the purpose of co-opting onto the council.

James proposed that Bill be co-opted Paul seconded. Resolution carried - Bill Archer to become a Parish councillor. He was given the Acceptance of Office forms, information and a declaration of Interest form to return to KBC.

Nov 2015-4 Minutes of last meeting- Wednesday 5th August 2015

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

Nov 2015-5 Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting

Aug 2015-3

a) Coach parking near church- James would still like to pursue this for one coach. Rachael said that plans are being drawn up

Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date

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b) Siding out of pathways now on schedule and Ben Wright from Highways guaranteed to have done it by end of November

c) Aug 2015-3 Village Hall. James asked Rachael for timescale of renovations with reference to taking bookings for the Hall. Some discussion ensued over funding and misunderstandings. It was established that Boughton Estates would put up the funding, but the Parish Council would still seek to secure grants, which could be applied for at any point during –or indeed after renovations. Some grants couldn't be applied for until planning applications approved. £5000 due in soon (confirmed since meeting) and a further £35,000 has been applied for from Landfill tax. Lottery and Heritage fund grants will be applied for as well. Rachael stated that Boughton would be grateful for contributions as renovations will be expensive and also that a start date is not scheduled yet. The possibility of joint applications was also discussed.

c) Aug 2017-7 Cones- still required- Clerk to request funds from Mark Rowley for 12 cones at £12 each

d) James brought up matters from a previous meeting- re street lighting. A lamp fitted to a telegraph pole which was removed- needs to be replaced. There is an ongoing dispute between the Parish Council and KBC as to who should pay for it. Clerk to chase up and also contact Balfour Beatty regarding all lights being upgraded. Paul added that the Rural Forum also highlighted problems with many Parishes and street lighting.

Nov 2015-6 Questions from members of the public

The member of public present made contributions regarding the Village Hall and street lighting.

Nov 2015-7 Reports

East Kettering Forum-.no meetings at present as no progress, but one due shortly anyway

Rural Forum-.

Ian and James had attended the recent 'Forum Members only' meeting at Ashley on 1th Sept which Ian stated was not very productive.

Rural Forum- Paul & James attended the recent meeting at Geddington on 17th Sept

The main points were

- The Forum should remain independent
- Chair should ensure the RF runs itself with a proper agenda and be proactive
- A deputy CE of KBC should attend regularly, with a CE attending annually with a view to improving communications
- Draft minutes should be produced within a week.

Speeding in rural areas discussed as to what schools and parish councils are doing. Sgt Scott Little said that speeding should be informed via 101. Solar panels and planning also discussed- large new industrial units should have on roofs.

Neighbourhood watch- Moorfield Units- security lighting not working- Rachael will look into it.

Isebrook- may need cameras- this will be a Parish Council responsibility to fund- not Boughton Estates.

Meeting with police commissioner- James met with Adam Simmonds and gave him info on the issues faced by Warkton. Meeting seemed to go well with Adam taking notes and sending off relevant emails in response to James' concerns.

Nov 2015-8 Correspondance

Most had been circulated- recent communication received of 'Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document'- this is in reference to the Core Spatial Strategy at Borough level –involving open spaces of Historical and Visual Interest in village. Plans shown. - Councillors happy they were correct- no comments needed to go back to KBC.

Request for parishes to host next Rural Forum meeting- decided that Warkon Village Hall not suitable – Clerk to reply to David Pope

Nov 2015-9 Finance

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

Current account- £3138.15

Bus Savings - £171.27

Expenditure since April £167.94

Receipts for stationary and gifts for previous Clerk were circulated and agreed by James

Cheques signed at meeting	Clerk net salary for Aug-Oct and receipts	£267.56	Chq 100296
	HMRC PAYE	£50.40	Chq 100295

Nov 2015-10 Budget for precept

A preliminary budget was circulated to councillors. Discussion ensued that grant monies should be placed into a separate account to avoid confusion. BDO auditors often comment on large reserves, so this way easier to see what is being saved for Village Hall. Clerk to look at previous accounts to assert what has been received and transfers it to Savings account. Some query also as to situation with payments for Village Hall hire and allowances for Clerk stationary. New budget to be composed by Clerk and circulated- in order that a precept be agreed before due date of 29-1-2016

Nov 2015-11 Village hall grant monies

Signed as a true record

Chairman

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Minuted in point Nov 2015-5

Nov 2015-12 Gambling Act

A consultation was occurring regarding this- James wanted to ensure that Village Hall was adhering- and it is- in as much that no money changes hand for gambling (eg Bingo) nights

Nov 2015-13 Rights of Way

The fence along the River Ise is still in poor state of repair. KBC still not maintaining fence line- still some dispute as to who is responsible. James asked Rachael to check, although she stated that all gaps along walkway and river are not Boughton responsibility. Tenant farmer- Roger Steeples doing repairs and also checking their agreement to see what is stated. Cattle still getting through gaps in fence.

Rachael mentioned Natural England- who offer grants to fence off watercourses- Clerk to investigate

Nov 2015-14 Any other business

a) James asked Clerk to source a current Rights of Way map

b) The outside toilet floodlight at Village hall had blown. James requested that it be repaired- Rachael reminded councillors that all requests should go direct to John Webster

c) Issue of dog fouling in village- in particular outside Bills' house- where the street light is not working. More dog fouling notices needed. James will get some

d) James sincerely thanked Rachael for her attendance, help and support of Warkton Parish Council over the previous year and also to John Webster and Matthew Curwen for their work on the Village Hall plans

e) James also personally thanked the clerk on behalf of our Parish Councillors after the meeting, for her the hard work since starting with the council, which has been, and still is, quite a learning curve.

Date for next meeting agreed as Wednesday 3rd February - at Warkton Village Hall 7pm.

There being no further business the Chair thanked all for coming and the meeting closed at 8.40pm