

Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Warkton Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Warkton on Wednesday 2nd November at 2016 at 7pm

Present Cllrs James Woolsey, Ian Bushby, Vicky Lamb, Mark Rowley, Paul Wharin
Resident- Michael Jeans (PCC)
Boughton Estates- Rachael Gladstone-Brown

1. **Apologies- all present**
2. **Declaration of Interests** –Mark Rowley is on the KBC planning committee
3. **Public Session-** none present- though sent apologies

4. **Reports-**

Borough Councillor Mark has paper work from Cllr Jim Harker, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund to apply for funds from it.

Church Michael Jeans- happy for next meeting to happen in the church – and it is also available if council should need it another time- glad for PCC and PC to work together. James gave thanks for this. Church clock serviced, works well and is designed to change when clocks do. If any electrical supply issues- leave alone and it will correct itself. 25 visitors to church recently. No parking problems at present. Remembrance Sunday- urge all residents to attend

EKLF- if construction traffic seen through the village- details of vehicles should be passed to KBC planning enforcement to deal with.

Rural Forum, last meeting 21st September. Due to admin error- new vote for deputy needed, resulting in Cllr David Watson taking post. Street lighting- KBC to maintain current level of support and doing stock check of lighting over 18mth to inform future budgets. Official lorry parking brought up- letters going to Philip Hollobone and Highways England to keep moving this forward. Reps to bring Key issues in advance of the Police Commissioners meeting. Chief constable to be invited to next Rural Forum- to hear concerns about inaccuracies over rural crime statistics.

NHW- James no particular issue with this at present. Had productive meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner- his particular interest at present in cybercrime.

5. **Minutes of last meeting-** 3rd August 2016- Resolved to sign and approve
6. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting-
 - a) Village Hall works update -Building works now resumed- after various planning issues resolved- toilet block started. Roof now being done at a later date- Rachael will confirm the dates of complete closure in order that users can be informed. PC and Village Hall committee thanks the Estates for keeping things moving
 - b) Wall along churchyard at back of village opposite six row- was bowing- is now on long term work schedule from Boughton Estates
 - c) River Ise walkway repairs- all been cleared/ hedge cut back. Fence line repaired sufficiently
 - d) Kissing gate along the River Ise walkway – has been replaced by NCC- one at roadway has been repaired by tenant farmers, as side panels had been vandalised.

- e) Enhancement Gang Update- Thanks to Rachael for organising hedge cut back, so Enhancement Gang were able to do the siding out of the footpath. After correspondence between James with Ian Boyes, further works have now been carried out, including filling ruts, clearing walkways etc
7. **Chair update-** Cllr Harker village walkabout- Q&A- good constructive advice with help and advice about grants and funding options- Village Hall grants and communities both available. £50,000 funds for Highways initiatives.
James has a discussion with Village Hall committee- about installing a bench to commemorate the life of Betty, a long standing resident, who sadly died recently. Discussion on where to site it, possibly in Village Hall grounds. When decided, write to Boughton Estates formally to ask
8. **Finance-** members received a current account of financial situation showing balance of £1768.61.

a) Resolve to pay the following

Claire Tilley	Clerk salary	£205.54	Chq 100309	LGA 1972 s112
HMRC	Clerk PAYE	£51.60	Chq 100310	LGA 1972 s112

- b) Members to consider the budget for precepting- Some residents from caravan park had voiced concerns to a councillor over what the precept pays for-as they do not know what is happening in the village and suggested that they should not pay for a Clerk. Discussion ensued over various options to involve residents and also the future of a parish council. **Decided to include as an Agenda item at the Annual Meeting of the Parish next May. Resolved to precept for £1000-** this is insufficient to cover the budget, but the members decided to keep it low and use more reserves, as they are not being held for anything in particular.
- c) BDO conclusion of audit- was presented to council-after Clerk answered queries sufficiently there were no outstanding issues to report
9. **Planning-** KET/2016/0352 Re-notification for Church car parking- council have no objections
10. **Discussion of Traffic management plan for Warkton during construction of Hanwood Park-** It is apparent that despite Warkton PC asking, in the initial stages for a Transport Plan, there is nothing in place at present for Warkton. The village does have a weight limit on it anyway. Ian Boyes has provided ‘unsuitable to heavy goods vehicles’ temporary signage.
11. **Correspondence/Training/Events-** letter received from resident re Green Belt ticket allocation- discussion ensued. Unequal allocation- only 200 tickets to cover Geddington, Warkton, Weekley, and Grafton. **Clerk to reply-** Resolved in future to put a sign up on Notice Board and website- suggest they email the organisers as well

Clerks & Councils Direct - circulated
Barclays- savings rate decreasing to 0%

12. **Dates for next meetings-** 1st February 2017 (Church room), May TBC

13. **Items for next meeting- any action points from above**