

Warkton Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Meeting of Warkton Parish Council held at The Warren Room,
St. Edmunds Church, Warkton on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 7pm

Present

Cllrs James Woolsey, Paul Wharin, Mark Rowley, Vikki Lamb
Residents Fiona Wharin, Hazel Woolsey
Clerk- Claire Tilley

1. **Apologies-** all present
2. **Declaration of Interests** –Vikki Lamb declared an interest in the planning application, so had refrained from making comments when it they were submitted
3. **Public Session-** nothing brought up
4. **Reports-**
Cllr Rowley
 - Now Portfolio holder for Housing, Communication and Youth.
 - All Borough Housing cladding has been checked considering the Grenfeld Tower fire, and are safe
 - Broadband still on track for installation by end of year. Still undecided about location of green box

Rural Forum- 29th June Paul attended-

- Jim Hakewill re-elected Chair.
- Planning applications will start to go out electronically.
- Hot spots identified for fly tipping- being labelled now
- Training available for Parishes to develop Parish plans- not relevant for Warkton
- Chief constable/PCC/MP may come to a meeting next year

NHW

- sheep handling equipment stolen from Moorefield recently
- Motorcycles going along footpath past river-**James will check if fencing still intact at Warkton end**

EKLF

- 30 houses now occupied at top of Deeble Rd
- First 20 Social housing will now be built
- Primary school still on temporary utilities
- Hanwood have to put infrastructure in- but are waiting for developers to start building
- Anglian Water on schedule
- Traffic management works moving on
- Highways may put a bid in for money from government for We/Wa

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date

5. **Minutes of last meeting**- Annual Meeting 24th May 2017- Resolved to sign and approve as an accurate record
6. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting-
- a) Construction lorries through village- Ian Boyes- Highways has stated that Chris Bond, head of Development Control section at Northamptonshire Highways, has been made aware of the issue and will be contacting the Developers to remind them of the restriction. The actual enforcement of the restriction is a police matter and must be set against their other priorities. Also, unless there is monitoring at both ends it is challenging to prove the vehicles reported are actually directly related to the development and going against the posted weight limit.
Noted that the trucks have not been coming through recently
 - b) 7.5ton signs- **James is still on the case- and will contact company who deal with VAS sign as it is staying on after speed has been displayed**
 - c) Footpath questionnaire had been completed by James- discussion ensued over Right of Way across church land. **Clerk to ask Boughton Estates** if the hand gate on Pipe Lane opposite post box is their responsibility, as it is in disrepair and access has been restricted to this Right of Way.
7. **Village Hall renovation**- still ongoing- inside is still a shell, building is sound. Maybe ready for Christmas. Toilet block still being completed. Water meter leaking under pavement/wall- giving rise to huge bill. Issues with Boughton Estate and Anglian Water. **Clerk to ask for update on repairs on behalf of the Village Hall committee.**
8. **Clerk resignation**- current clerk resigning on the 31st August- therefore four applicants interviewed by members of Warkton and Weekley at Boughton Estates Office (Clerk to write to thank them) **Resolved to offer post to Sue Cook**, who is already a parish clerk, subject to references. **James will speak to her tomorrow.**
Many thanks were given to Claire for her sterling work and for her continued help and advice.
9. **Councillor numbers**- due to the resignation of Cllr Ian Bushby, there is a vacancy- which has been advertised. Hazel Woolsey has put forward herself for consideration, and if no election is called for will be co-opted at the November meeting.
10. **Parish Council website**- £500.16 in total now received from Transparency Fund for developing/maintaining and upgrading website. **Mark will facilitate this**- Clerk to give him access rights to the current one, so he can migrate all information onto a new website.
11. **Finance**- members received a current account of financial situation, showing balance of £1894.95
- a) Resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislations

Claire Tilley	Clerk salary & expenses	£296.16	Chq 100320	LGA 1972 s112
HMRC	Clerk PAYE	£70.00	Chq 100321	LGA 1972 s112
 - b) Internal controller checked and approved accounts and bank reconciliation
12. **Planning**- KET/2017/0478- demolition of barn and erection of 1 four bed dwelling. Comments have been submitted- councillors did not wish to discuss this further

13. Correspondence/Training/Events-

For circulation

Clerk & Council direct – which contained a question from the clerk!
Police & Crime Plan

14. Dates for next meeting – Nov 1st 2017

15. Items for next meeting- none at present

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Parish Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edley".