

Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Warkton Village Hall on Wednesday 30th October 2019

Councillors Present	Vicki Lamb, Mark Rowley, Paul Wharin, Hazel and James Woolsey (Chair)
Also Present	A member of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

147. **There were no Apologies**
148. **Cllr Rowley Declared an Interest in all things planning.**
149. **There was no question from the public.**
150. **Cllr Rowley** reported that the creation of the two new unitary councils in Northamptonshire has been laid before Parliament and hopefully will be debated before both Houses of Parliament and the House of Lords prior to the General Election. The local elections have been confirmed for Thursday May 7th 2020, this will be for Parish Councils, Town Councils and the two new Unitary Councils. There is a Wellibus operating from Wellingborough and is available to residents within the Borough of Kettering.
151. Cllr Rowley gave a report on the **Rural Forum Meeting** which had been held on October 3rd. The Police gave their crime report and crime is down in Cllr Rowley's ward from last year. The Police have been making 24 hours 7 days a week patrols in the rural areas in a bid to stamp out the illegal sheep killing, they have been using drones and some sheep had tracking collars fitted. 3 arrests have been made recently as a result of these patrols. The Clerk agreed to make the minutes available on the Parish Council Web-site as soon as they are available.
152. Cllr Rowley also attended the **East Kettering Liaison Forum Meeting** on October 3rd and reported that all the roadworks on the junction are scheduled to be completed by Christmas. The Clerk agreed to make the minutes available on the Parish Council Web-site as soon as they are available.
153. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** – Cllr J Woolsey informed the meeting that very little is happening with the village at the moment. Cllr Woolsey approached Boughton Estates with the suggestion that a "Coach Parking Sign" is erected when it is known that there will be a coach party visiting, was well received and have agreed to take this on board. Cllr Woolsey agreed to follow this up. The Clerk has also posted the doorstep SCAMS and Telephone SCAMS notice on the website.
154. **Village Hall Report** – Cllr H Woolsey informed that the meeting that she is still taking bookings for the Village Hall which include Marshall Arts, Birthday Parties, Christmas Wreath Making and it is hoped to hold a Christmas Film Night on either December 6th or 13th and have Mince Pies and Mulled Wine. The Committee held a success film evening and these will continue during the New Year.
155. **The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th August 2019** were approved and signed as a true record by Cllr J Woolsey.
156. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting-
- Cllr J Woolsey has successfully acquired £1700 KBC Community Fund for the **Defibrillator**. The Village Hall Committee will hopefully be paying for the installation. Cllr Wharin thanked Cllr Woolsey for his hard work in obtaining the grant.
 - Despite promising Gigaclear have failed to **side out the footpaths** from 5 to 7 and number 1 to the village signs. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to them outlining the fact that they are responsible for making good the footpaths to the correct width.
 - The Councillors approved and adopted the **New Financial Regulations** which Cllr J Woolsey and the Clerk duly signed.

157. Finance-

- a) The Clerk reported that there is currently £1141.06 in the bank which does not include the grant of £1700 from KBC.
- b) The following payments were approved in line with relevant legislations

Sue Cook	Clerk Salary	£221.70	Chq 100344
HMRC	PAYE	£55.80	Chq 100345

- b) The Clerk had presented her proposed budget/precept to the Councillors prior to this meeting which shows an increase from £1000 to £1500. Cllr Lamb proposed the budget with Cllr Rowley seconding the proposal, the proposal was agreed by all the other Councillors.

158. Planning: KET/2019/0673 Replace agricultural barn with dwelling with parking and access at Barn to the north of Moorfield Farm, Pipe Lane. Concern was raised about the access track and small parking area being able to cope with emergency vehicles, construction traffic, access to the site should only be made via Moorfield Farm and not in-between 44 and 45 and it is also believed that there is a large Roman Villa on the site which needs to be explored in more detail prior to building. The Clerk agreed to highlight these concerns to the Planning Department.

Outstanding Planning Applications:

- a) **KET/2019/0226** – 3 new dwellings at land adj. to Warkton Lodge Farm – awaiting decision.
- b) **KET/2018/0511** – Demolition of outbuildings and 1 new dwelling – Appeal.

159 Correspondence/Training/Events - all noted.

- a) KBC council meeting on September 25th
- b) East Midlands Airport Future Airspace Programme
- c) Meet the Funders at KBC on 17th October
- d) Telephone box in Warkton Village, it was agreed the Parish Council would not be purchasing the telephone box
- e) Shire Community Services - Volunteer Medical Car Service, the Clerk agreed to put this on the web-site and to arrange for it to be published in the next Village Newsletter
- f) Police Reports from Rural Forum
- g) Operation Stock
- h) OPFCC Funding Open Evening

160. It was resolved that the following should be future agenda items.

- a) The Clerk outlined that there is a need **to promote the Council prior to the Local Elections in May.**

161. The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 2020 and will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by Warkton Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:	
Signature of Chairman:	Date: 5th February 2020