

Minutes of the Meeting

Warfield Parish Council

23 March 2011

Present: Councillors: Ms Healy (Chairman), Barnard, Gates, Mrs Ingham, M Jones, N Jones, Taylor and Towle.

1. Apologies for absence Councillors Fitzwilliams, Harrison, Mrs Menon, Morgan and Parks.

2. Declarations of interest

It was noted that Councillor Barnard has a standing interest as a Borough Councillor but no direct pecuniary interest in any matter to be discussed. Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest in item 6a cheques for payment. There were no other declarations of a personal or prejudicial interest in respect of any matter to be considered at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2011

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from this meeting

There were none.

5. The Brownlow Memorial Hall

The minutes of the March meeting had been previously circulated. Councillor Ms Healy drew Members attention to the following:

- A meeting has taken place with Plus Three Nursery to review current usage. No further action is planned with regard to the potential requirement for the hall to have a commercial Energy Performance Certificate.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 16 March 2011 be formally adopted. All agreed.

6. Accounts

- a. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16 March 2011 had been previously circulated. Councillor N Jones drew Members attention to the following matters arising:

- 2 additional payments:

		£
Bracknell Forest Council	Green waste sacks	175.00
South Oxfordshire Lawn Care Ltd	Reimbursement to Cllr Taylor tree guards for WEG planting Priory Field	66.48
- Item 7 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations – an initial review has been carried out. It is still planned that updated versions will be adopted after the May elections.

- b. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March be formally adopted. All agreed.

- c. The budget sheet for the period to 23 March 2011, attached and previously circulated, was received.

7. Planning Matters

- a. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were available. Councillor Taylor, Chairman drew Members attention to the following matters:

- Item 6, 35 All Saints Rise – it was noted that planning application 10/00653/FUL had been refused by Bracknell Forest Council only on parking issues. A further application for the erection of a house has been submitted and it is likely that the Parish Council Planning Committee will recommend that the Local Planning Authority decline the application on the grounds that it is similar to previous applications.
- Item 7 Matters arising from the meeting with developers – Councillor Barnard reported that Warfield Harvest Ride and Binfield with Warfield Councillors have continued to meet with Officers and other Members regarding the Warfield urban expansion. The Northern Arc Action Group is still actively campaigning and he hoped this lobbying would not result in a review of the Core Strategy. Although the total number of new homes has yet to be confirmed he believed that the Core Strategy offers the best protection for Warfield against speculative development and increased housing numbers however, more work is needed to ensure that the number of homes proposed for Warfield is reduced. Following discussion it was agreed to seek a meeting with Bev Hindle as soon as possible to discuss progress on the Warfield Supplementary Planning Document prior to a proposed site walk with developers' representatives in mid May.

- b. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2011 be formally adopted. All agreed.

8. Jealotts Hill Community Land Share

Following a recent meeting of the Steering Group, Councillor Jones advised that he had put his name forward to represent Warfield on an executive sub group.

8. Jealotts Hill Community Land Share continued

The date for the first meeting is awaited. A meeting of residents who have expressed an interest in the community garden plot had been held on Saturday, 19 March. All but 2 of the 20 attendees wish to be involved in the scheme. A site visit has been arranged for 6.00 pm on Monday 11 April. It was noted that difficulty in obtaining funding towards the cost of a project manager's salary and an organisation willing to take on the lead role will probably delay the anticipated Easter start up.

9. To consider nominations for Parish Award and Chairman's Award

Following discussion it was agreed to present the Parish Award to Claire Wallen who has made a significant contribution to the parish over a number of years as a lead member of Warfield Environment Group. More recently she has been organising tree planting in Priory Field. The Chairman's Award will be presented to Warfield Environment Group. The Group continues to make an important contribution through regular litter picks involving local schools, managing Hayley Green Woods and with many other local environmental activities.

10. Representative Reports

Bracknell Town Centre Regeneration – Councillor Barnard reported that work on the new Waitrose store on the old Imation House site in the town centre will start shortly. He explained that this development is very encouraging for the regeneration as it will hopefully attract other big name retailers. Development is also continuing at Market Place, the site of the new Healthspace.

Northern Parishes Meeting – The minutes of a recent meeting attended by Councillors Ms Healy and Taylor were available. Arising from a Big Society discussion it has been agreed to explore the idea of producing a Northern Parishes Directory which would provide both parish specific and information common to all three parishes. The Playbuilder project at Locks Ride will have an official opening event on 15 May.

Planning & Localism Training – Councillors Ms Healy and Parks had attended a recent session organised by BALC.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence was available for inspection; there were no specific items to note.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 20 April 2011.

13. Closure of the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm.