

Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Warkton Village Hall on Wednesday 1st August 2018

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| Councillors Present | Vicki Lamb, Mark Rowley, Paul Wharin, Hazel and James Woolsey (Chair) |
| Also Present | 1 member of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk) |

73. **No Apologies had been received has everyone was in attendance.**
74. **Cllr Rowley Declared an Interest in Agenda Item 80.**
75. **There were no question from the public**
76. **Reports-**
 - a) Cllr Rowley gave the following report on behalf of **Kettering Borough Council** – the period of consultation for the Unitary Councils has ended.
 - b) **Cllr Wharin reported on the Rural Forum meeting held on 28th June in Warkton Village Hall** – much of the meeting was spent on the Public Sector Reform and Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan Consultation periods. Danny Moody from NCALC had attended the meeting and informed everyone that he believes that the Parish Councils will remain unchanged once the Reform had taken place.
 - c) Cllr Lamb reported on the **EKLF** held on 21st June – properties are still being built. The school is now on the mains sewer system. There is a new roundabout being constructed on Stamford Road/Windmill Avenue. No improvements are planned on the entrance/exit to Wickstead Park, Cllr Woolsey agreed to contact County Councillor Victoria Perry for advice on Wickstead Park.
 - d) Cllr J Woolsey gave the **NHW** report– Much concern has been raised since the arrival of the ‘travellers ‘ especially in light of the fact that whenever they arrive, the crime rate immediately seems to go up. At a previous Rural Forum meeting I asked both the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner what their policy was on carrying out impromptu checks at scrapyards, especially in the 24 hrs following church lead thefts. Unfortunately, the answer we all received was less than convincing – and still it goes on. There have been an abundance of bicycle thefts recently. This is despite the fact that many of them have been chained-up and/or have substantial locking devices fitted.
 - e) Cllr H Woolsey gave the following report for on the **Village Hall** – The Village Hall was officially opened on July 17th by the Duke of Buccleuch along with the presentation of the Rose Bowl. We had our last film night on the 20th April, as always, thankfully very well attended. There will be more Film Nights later in the year. The Steam Event is booked for August 18th, but not sure if it will be a big, or smaller event now; watch this space! The Post Office was due to recommence on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm –3pm, but due to issues regarding BT reconnecting the ‘line’ into the VH (that they disconnected because we haven’t been in there for over 12 months), and the lack of footfall the Post Office will not be returning to Warkton. The Christmas Party Entertainment is booked and everything is in hand. The Village Hall Constitution has still to be signed however clarification on some of the wording is needed before it can be signed.
77. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2018** were approved and signed as a true record by Cllr J Woolsey.

78. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting-
- Greenbelt Tickets – the free tickets should not have been advertised as they didn't exist. The £5 tickets were all sold by 16:00 on July 1st with several residents disappointed that they did not get any. Several Parish Councillors will attend the walk around the day before the event takes place. It was agreed that in future years an article will be put in the Village Newsletter reminding residents of the event.
 - VAS Sign – Cllr J Woolsey apologised to the meeting as he had missed the cut off date for applying for funding from the KBC Community Grant Fund. However he is looking at alternative funding.

79. **Finance-**

- The Clerk confirmed that there is currently £1940.95 in the current account.
- It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislations

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| BHIB Ltd | Insurance | £151.20 | Chq 100329 |
| Sue Cook | Clerk salary & expenses | £210.10 | Chq 100331 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £52.40 | Chq 100330 |

80. **Objections were raised on Planning Application KET/2018/0549**, due to the village has a whole being a conservation area, the property next door is of wattle and daub, along with a thatch roof. Other properties in the area are built of stone, or wattle and daub and the roofs are thatched, or pan tiled not Welsh blue slate. The property is out of proportion to the others in the Village and therefore is out of character. The neighbouring properties privacy may be comprised as the living areas are on the first floor. The Councillors voted to object to the application with 2 abstentions.

Planning application KET/2018/0359 Tough Mudder at Boughton House has been withdrawn.

81. **Correspondence/Training/Events - all noted**

- KCU Foodbank Appeal, it was suggested that the Clerk contact the Incredible Bakery
- Rural communities encouraged to use online crime reporting facility
- Development Plan
- Town and Parish Council Consultation Events
- Local Government Reform for Northamptonshire Bulletins.

82. **There were no Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda for discussion**

83. **There were no Future agenda items/business for future meetings.**

- Both the Clerk and Cllr Woolsey have received an e-mail from a resident asking if the siding out of the footpaths and hedgerows around the village could be cut back. Cllr Woolsey has contacted Ian Boyes, of Northamptonshire Highways, who has suggested that the Clerk should contact Community Payback Team at Kettering Borough Council. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Boughton Estates regarding cutting the hedge lines back that are their responsibility.

84. **The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th November 2018 in the Warkton Village Hall.**

This being all the business Cllr J Woolsey closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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| Approved by Warkton Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made: | |
| Signature of Chairman : | Date: 7th November 2018 |