

Warkton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Warkton Village Hall on Wednesday 5th February 2020

Councillors Present	Vicki Lamb, Mark Rowley, Paul Wharin, Hazel and James Woolsey (Chair)
Also Present	10 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

162. There were no Apologies

163. Cllr Rowley Declared an Interest in all things planning.

164. Members of the public enquired about:

How much development is there planned for Warkton? Cllr Rowley explained that Plan 2 of the Planning Policy has identified Warkton as a restricted village however Warkton Lodge has no boundary and will be treated as open countryside. If residents have concerns about any planning applications, they should look at the application on KBC Planning Portal and make their comments.

Concern was raised about the amount of empty properties in the Village. Cllr J Woolsey explained the situation to the meeting.

165. Cllr Rowley reported that the creation of the two new unitary councils in Northamptonshire has been laid before both houses at Parliament and is now at the Committee Stage. There is a lot of work going on the background with a project team being built and 42 of those members are from KBC. The Council Tax has not increased in the last 9 years but may have to increase this year.

166. Both Cllr J Woolsey and Cllr Wharin attended the **Rural Forum Meeting** which had been held on 30th January. Ken Brown was introduced as the Interim Neighbourhood Sergeant for Kettering Rural, who reported that thefts are down in the area with convictions up. Ken can be contacted by emailing ken.brown@northants.pnn.police.uk The draft Budget was presented. The next Health and Wellbeing Festival will be held on 13th and 14th June at Boughton House. Rural Homelessness was discussed along with the Public Sector Reform. Cllr Rowley explained to the meeting how KBC copes with homelessness around the Borough and if any one has any concerns to ring 01536 410333.

167. Cllr Lamb reported that the next **East Kettering Liaison Forum Meeting is due to be held on 13th February.**

168. Village Hall Report – Cllr H Woolsey informed that the meeting that the Village Hall is doing very well, and is fully booked until December. There have been 3 film nights which have been well attended, the next one is on February 28th when Downton Abbey will be shown. On February 16th there will be a film crew using the Village Hall for filming, permission has for this has had to be obtained from Boughton Estate. In March the Civic Society will be holding a function and in November the Kettering Photographic Society will be holding their Annual display all proceeds will be going to Water Aid.

Cllr Woolsey is looking for someone to take over the bookings and the Committee will be looking for new members.

169. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 were approved and signed as a true record by Cllr J Woolsey.

170. Action points arising from Minutes of last meeting-

- a) Cllr J Woolsey has successfully acquired £1700 KBC Community Fund for the **Defibrillator**. Cllr Woolsey to purchase the Defibrillator with the Village Hall Committee paying for the installation.

- b) Despite promising Gigaclear have failed to **side out the footpaths** from 5 to 7 and number 1 to the village signs. Cllr J Woolsey agreed to contact the Community Payback Team.
- c) There has been no progress on the **Parking of Coaches outside the Church**, both the Clerk and Cllr J Woolsey to chase.
- d) The **telephone box** has been removed.

171. Finance-

- a) The Clerk reported that there is currently £2563.55 in the bank which includes the grant of £1700 from KBC.
- b) The following payments were approved in line with relevant legislations

Sue Cook	Clerk Salary	£222.10	Chq 100346
HMRC	PAYE	£55.40	Chq 100347

- c) It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr Steve Reed if he will kindly carry out the Internal Audit for the fee of £50.

172. Planning: No new planning applications have been received

Outstanding Planning Applications:

- a) **KET/2019/0673** Replace agricultural barn with dwelling with parking and access at Barn to the north of Moorfield Farm, Pipe Lane - Refused
- b) **KET/2019/0226** – 3 new dwellings at land adj. to Warkton Lodge Farm – Withdrawn.
- c) **KET/2018/0511** – Demolition of outbuildings and 1 new dwelling – Approved.

173 Correspondence/Training/Events - all noted.

- a) Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019/20
- b) NCALC Training Newsletter, Cllr Wharin would like to attend Election Workshop on March 2nd if a place is available.
- c) Changes to the way KBC consult Parish Councils on Planning Applications
- d) KBC Council Meeting on January 13th
- e) New Interim Neighbourhood Sergeant for Kettering Rural.

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

- a) Possible amalgamation of Warkton and Weekley Parish Councils as suggested by Weekley Parish Council after the Local Elections in May. It was felt that the this should be left until after the Elections to see how many Parish Councillors Warkton have.
- b) The Clerk has handed in her resignation, her last working day will be April 30th. It was agreed that the position should be advertised in the correct manner. Clerk to contact NCALC.
- c) Cllr H & J Woolsey are leaving Warkton at the end of February and will not be available for re-election at the Parish Council Elections in May. Cllr Rowley also said that he will not be looking for re-election but may be available for co-option if not enough residents have come forward.
- d) Cllr J Woolsey has been awarded a Citation from Weekley, Warkton, Kettering & District for the prosecution of Felons.

175. The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th May 2020 and will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Approved by Warkton Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:

Signature of Chairman:

Date: 13th May 2020