

GREAT WARFORD PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

at GREAT WARFORD BAPTIST CHAPEL, MERRYMANS LANE, GREAT WARFORD

PRESENT - Councillors: D. Allman (Chairman), L. Roberts, P. Halman, C. Sweetman, G. Tuke, M. Gale.
Members of Public (1).
Cheshire East Borough Councillor J. Macrae.
Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - None.

2. **MINUTES** -

i) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th May, 2015 had been previously circulated to all Members.

Decision a) That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th May, 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/16** -

The Chairman, Councillor D. Allman, reported that the Parish Council was currently in 'good heart' and had benefited from a full complement of Councillors. All Members were thanked for their hard work during the past year. The Parish Council has had a busy year holding many meetings to meet the demands of the challenging issues affecting the Parish. Efforts have been made to engage with the Cheshire East Council Local Plan process and consideration of the merits of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is still ongoing. The Parish Council has been successful in a number of ventures this year. The Parish has enjoyed a Christmas Tree display, floral planting within the Parish and another successful Village Picnic. In addition, the Parish Council has secured external funding to support its work reducing the financial impact upon residents. Several challenges remain ongoing including securing a positive future for The Stags Head and developing more effective communication with Cheshire East Council.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM** -

A resident raised concerns regarding the current state of pavements within the Parish. In particular the narrow pavements, for example along Merrymans Lane, are becoming increasingly difficult to use due to overgrown verges. This problem is exacerbated by perceived speeding by motorists causing pedestrians to feel unsafe. It was suggested that speed indicator devices could be located in the vicinity of Warford Hall to alert highway users to their speeds. Councillor D. Allman advised that some locations for the speed indicator devices had been previously rejected by Cheshire East Council.

Borough Councillor J. Macrae suggested that some parishes endeavour to increase the effectiveness of their speed indicator devices by periodically moving their location. It is possible, with permission from the Highway Authority, to install additional mounting poles to allow more locations to be monitored.

A resident also expressed interest in progress with the current Warford Hall planning application (15/4515M). Councillor P. Halman noted that many residents had submitted comments to Cheshire East Council. Councillor D. Allman added that the application has raised many issues within the community which have been considered by the Parish Council.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7:43p.m.

Signed:

Approval date - 20th July, 2016