

GREAT WARFORD PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY, 2019 at 7:30p.m.

at GREAT WARFORD BAPTIST CHAPEL, MERRYMANS LANE, GREAT WARFORD.

PRESENT - Councillors: B. Thompson (Chairman), L. Murray-Curtis, G. Tuke.
Members of the Public (0).
Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Councillor D. Allman - Personal commitment.
Councillor M. Read - Work commitment.

2. **MINUTES** -

01/APM/19 **RESOLVED** a) **That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 16th May, 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

Proposed Councillor G. Tuke Seconded: Councillor L. Murray-Curtis All in favour

3. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2018/19** -

Councillor B. Thompson presented the following report to the meeting:

People. We had a full compliment of active and participatory Council Members last year with the welcome addition of Lawrence Murray-Curtis. So I'd like to thank all the Councillors for their input and experience in making the Parish Council effective.

Sadly, we have just received the resignations of Peter Halman and Laureen Roberts who were part of that team. Peter had been an active Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council for 30 years and we will miss his steady hand, local knowledge and eager participation.

We also appreciated the work of Laureen whose care for the countryside approach made us think about the environment here in Great Warford.

We will attempt to replace the two retirees as soon as possible.

The Parish Council under the administrative and skilled financial eye of Elizabeth has a sound financial position with all actions being well structured and transparent. The preparatory work to make the Council effective and the record of its meetings are well presented and reflect well on a Clerk who is excelling in her work.

Activities. The Council is active and manages the affairs associated with its purpose in a diligent fashion, competently dealing with all issues.

- We continue with a desire to construct a Neighbourhood Plan but because such a plan needs high resources and skilled project management by a dedicated few we have failed to attract sufficient people to progress such an undertaking.

- **Highways.** The Council have pressed Cheshire East very hard to make the roads in the Parish safer but even after assurances by them have only secured the bare minimum of remedial road works. We will commit to another Parish survey and push to succeed to get the roads to an acceptable level of safety.

- Speed and a commitment to get the speed watch team up and running again.

- Litter in the Parish has been another issue together with a good measure of fly tipping and we have reacted wherever it has raised its head to resolve the issues.

- **Planning.** We have dealt with a multitude of planning applications and where there were potential issues used the great experience of this council to help bring them to fair and reasoned solutions.

- We have supported the Great Warford Action Group in their quest to deliver a Summer Fun Day in 2019 both financially to a limited extent but with a high profile when it comes to Parish Council backing.

- **Newsletters.** We distributed 2 newsletters with the intent of better engagement of the local community. Both contained appeals for more active support with some key issues but we had little or no response. (Speed action participants, new members and the Neighbourhood Plan.)

- Finally the continued success of the Parish Council will get down to the recruitment of two new Councillors and we should vigorously apply ourselves to the task of finding them.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM** -

No comments or questions had been received from or were presented by members of the public.

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7:35p.m.

Signed:

Approval Date - 17th July, 2019