

# GREAT WARFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 7:30p.m.

at Great Warford Baptist Chapel, Merrymans Lane, Great Warford.

Present - Councillor B. Thompson.

Members of the public (0).

Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs. L. Wildig, E. Wood.

2. **Minutes**

**DECISION (a) That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.**

3. **Parish Council Chairman's Report for the civic year 2022/23** – The Chairman had prepared the following report for the meeting:

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

We have had a full compliment of Council Members but on several occasions struggled to be quorate, this due to work, family and health commitments by some Parish Councillors.

We recognised the valued input of Cheshire East Borough Councillor C. Leach but again due to other commitments she was not always available.

Activities. Parish Council Meetings have been held in our local Baptist Chapel venue. The Council managed the affairs associated with its purpose in a diligent fashion competently dealing with all issues.

It was observed that there was an inordinate increase in correspondence to the Parish Council, particularly the number of Consultations, Strategic Reviews, Amendments to Regulations and Regulation Supplementaries. These were all dealt with and the relevant actions recorded.

It is also specifically worth mentioning the numbers of Planning Applications which were considered and processed by the Parish Council. However, the Covid boom in applications has tailed off, but there remains a considerable amount of public frustration due to the continued amount of outstanding planning decisions.

Where there were potential issues, the great experience of the Parish Council was used to bring them to fair and reasoned solutions.

The Council have continued to press Cheshire East very hard to make the roads in the Parish safer but even after assurances by them, we have only secured the bare minimum of remedial road works. We continue to submit Parish road condition surveys to get the roads to an acceptable level of safety.

Still relative to Highways, it is worth mentioning the Warford Lane Flooding is now remedied. This event has taken several years to correct.

The Parish Council continue to work closely with the Great Warford Residents Group ensuring we jointly address the issues raised.

The speed and volume of vehicles through the Parish continues to present great concern to everyone who use our roads. Particularly with the high activity of Horse Riders, Farm Vehicles, Cyclists and Walkers. We remain committed to get the speed watch team up and running again.

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The Parish Council has an active group monitoring litter and dog soiling on the Mary Dendy Playing Field and are urging everyone who benefits from this facility to behave responsibly.

Finally, we are asking residents to bring their issues and opportunities to our Council Public Forums where we can all help make Great Warford a better place to live.

## 4. Public Forum

No residents were present at the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:50p.m.

Signed:..... Confirmation date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023