

GREAT WARFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held

Wednesday 15th May, 2024 at 7:30p.m.

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

Present Councillors B. Thompson (Chairman), N. Peacock, J. Shasha, L. Wildig, E. Wood.
Members of the public (3).

Cheshire East Ward Member: Cllr. H. Moss.

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor C. Rossington.

DECISION (a) **To note the above apologies for absence. (All in favour)**

2. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 17th May, 2023 had been previously circulated.

DECISION (a) **That the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 17th May, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (All in favour)**

3. **Parish Council Chairman's Report for civic year 2023/24** – Councillor B. Thompson presented the following report:

Dr. Elizabeth Maddock – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer has continued to manage the administrative and financial processes, enabling the Council to be both effective and efficient. All this work is timely done and presented well, with the records of meetings reflecting a Clerk who is excelling.

Following the election in May 2023 the Parish Council has secured a full complement of Councillors who are working together to represent the interests of the Parish. We do, however, need to hear more from our Residents to enable us to improve the effectiveness of the Council.

The work of the Council covers a broad range of subjects but has continued to be largely focussed on three main areas. 1. Road Safety and Safety of on our Roads. 2. The Planning Process specifically directed at New Builds, Home improvements and general enforcement issues and 3. Keeping pace with the vast amount of new or changing regulations; new government processes, consultations and notifications etc etc

Road Safety and Safety of our Roads. We continue to struggle with speeding through the Parish and although we have had some tangible police support, reducing the speed of all vehicles must remain a high priority. Great Warford on any day on its narrow roads, frequently, can have Farm Vehicles, Cyclists, Walkers (dog and otherwise) and speeding 'through traffic'. Not to mention resident's traffic!

The conditions of our roads and pavements continues to be poor and road markings are all but worn away.

We continue to highlight the areas of our roads and pavements needing improvement to Cheshire East, and where possible push for them to be expedited. We have also involved the local Police Force on speeding enforcement and road safety consultation.

We remain committed to get the speed watch team up and running again.

The Planning Process. We continue to deal with a great deal of planning applications and use the great experience within the Parish Council to bring them to fair and reasoned solutions. It is worth noting that we still get submissions of applications retrospective to the completion of work and deal with a considerable amount of public frustration when this occurs.

Correspondence. We have continuous correspondence on a wide range of topics,

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each needing understanding and consideration. We are grateful for Elizabeth Maddock for her diligence in keeping us informed and directed as to potential impacts and her wisdom on further actions.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with the Great Warford Residents Group and provides support when they put in place Residents events.

Activity on the Mary Dendy Playing Fields appears to have increased with large numbers of players and supporter's cars 'descending', seasonally at weekends. It has become obvious that parking space is now insufficient, causing cars to be parked in the entrance lane and on the adjacent housing estate.

Great Warford continues to be a 'great' place to live and the Parish Council will strive to keep it so.

DECISION (a) To receive the report. (All in favour)

- 4. Public Forum** – A resident, along with two consultants, presented information about a proposed residential development within the Parish. Information about the proposal included the intention to use newly developed materials which are considered to be less detrimental to the environment.

DECISION (a) To note the information presented. (All in favour)

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8:08p.m.

Signed:..... Confirmation date: 17th July, 2024