



MINUTES OF WARFIELD PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held on **Wednesday 22 April 2015** at **8:00 pm** in the Whitegrove Community Centre

Present: 28 electors of the Parish and 4 non-residents.

Chairman: Councillor Ms Healy

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Parish Councillors Mrs Barnard, Dackombe, Mrs Ingham and Jones. Apologies were also received from Cllr Thompson, Borough Councillor for Warfield Harvest Ride.
- 2. The minutes of the previous Parish Assembly** held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 were read. They were proposed by Cllr Fitzwilliams, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from these minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive a presentation

Helen Barnett of the Bracknell Regeneration Partnership delivered a presentation on the regeneration of Bracknell Town Centre.

5. To Present and adopt the report of the Parish Council

Councillors Ms Healy, Chairman welcomed residents and introduced members and employees of the Parish Council. The following presentation was then made:

Treasurer's Report

Councillor Harrison reviewed Parish Council income and expenditure for 2014/15. The parish precept remained the lowest band D rate in Bracknell Forest. It was reported that monies would continue to be allocated for future investment in the parish. The parish council had taken over the management of the Whitegrove Community Centre during the summer of 2014 and would be investing money in improving the centre for users.

It was noted that the preliminary figures for the year 2014/15 showed income of £194,430 against expenditure of £209,330. In 2014/15 the council awarded £18,635 to local groups and organisations in grants and support.

Planning

Councillor Ms Healy, Chairman of Planning, gave an overview the new development planned for Warfield which included:

- up to 2,200 homes;
- 2 primary schools;
- a new link road from Quelm Park to Forest Road
- a Neighbourhood centre with community hub
- improved open and recreational spaces
- Allotment provision

Cllr Ms Healy updated members on the current position with regards to the development delivery areas. Area 1 – the masterplan had been approved. Area 2 – the master had been approved and phase 1 house and road building had begun. The planning application for the first primary school had been approved. A planning application had been submitted for phase 3 housing and for works to 'The Cut'. In Area 3 the development of the masterplan had begun and in area 4, development was almost complete. A planning application had been submitted for the suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANG) for area A.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Ms Healy explained the background to the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan which is currently being developed in partnership with residents and local businesses. The plan concerns community led planning for the future of Warfield, where the community decides the vision for the future of the parish. It includes housing, environment, infrastructure, the economy and leisure and wellbeing provision.

The application for the designated plan to cover the whole of the parish of Warfield had been approved. The steering group were now looking at wide ranging consultations with all parties, for topic groups to meet and to begin a first draft of the plan. A resident survey had been completed in the spring with over 550 responses.

Parish Facilities

Councillor Fitzwilliams gave an overview and report on the facilities managed by the parish council. These included the Brownlow Hall, The Whitegrove Community Centre and the Frost Folly Country Car Park.

Cllr Fitzwilliams updated the assembly on the Jealotts Hill Community Landshare of which Warfield Parish Council is one of the partners. The project is nominated for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2015.

Supported Groups, activities and events

Councillor Ms Healy updated the assembly on the groups and organisations the parish council supported during 2014/15. This included helping to maintain the graveyard at St Michael the Archangel, the play area at the Memorial Ground and financial support for Lily Hill Park. During the year the parish council installed bike stands at Priory Field and

restarted youth activities at the Whitegrove Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

In addition the parish council arranged the annual Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week, the Summer of Fun event, the family bike ride, the annual community litter pick around Larks Hill, the Vegetable Take and Grow event and the annual gardening competition. These events would be continuing in 2015/16.

6. Open Forum

A question was asked concerning proposed greenways as part of the new development plans. Cllr Ms Healy replied that the greenways would be integrated into the development plans including the road crossing points. Maintenance of the greenways was likely to be overseen by a management company set up by the developer.

A comment from the floor was made concerning the works carried out around Warfield Chase and how this may have affected the wildlife. Councillor McLean, Borough Councillor for Warfield Harvest Ride responded by apologising on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council for how recent improvement works had been carried out. Mistakes had been made and lessons learnt and it was recognised that there needed to be more consultation a more involved process in future with greater scrutiny of works and that residents should be able involved more in the process. This was an area where neighbourhood plans would prove important in future.

7. Parish Awards

Councillor Ms Healy presented the 2015 Warfield Award to Lesley Johnson in recognition of Lesley's service to the community in Warfield including 9 years on Warfield Church of England School PTA and for her commitments to local groups and events including the Warfield Village Fete and the church.

The 2015 Chairman's Award was presented to the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in recognition of the time and personal commitment made by the resident members of the steering group, as they have engaged with local residents and other interested parties across the parish to gain their opinions and for the work completed to date in preparing the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Closure of the meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.04pm.