

**NOTES OF A WARMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: James Richardson (Chairman), Jo Price, Robert Newton and Simon Moss

Councillor J Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Member (for part of the meeting)

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite - Parish Clerk.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Councillor Oliver Rowe.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2024

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2024

All items covered elsewhere in the agenda.

6. HIGHWAYS

Following discussion about the ongoing highways, it was agreed that the PC should forward these on to Councillor Wray to follow up with CEC Highways, as follows:

Potholes – some of the potholes have been filled, but the PC would like to request a site visit with CEC Highways to look at the gullies that are blocked, on School Lane and White Hall Lane. The blocked gullies have been reported on Fix My Street but remain blocked and are causing flooding and potholes. The incident numbers are: **5820903** - reported in April 2024 and **3677356** - reported in July 2022.

Following the flooding (due to the blocked drains) at the junction of White Hall Lane, the road markings have worn away. This has been reported several times on Fix My Street.

Councillor Newton had followed up with Trading Standards the groundwork lorries that are travelling through the village over the bridge, where there is a weight limit. The PC are to follow up with CEC Highways the Weight Limit sign and whether there should also be an alternative route sign alongside this.

Action – Clerk to follow up with Cllr Wray

Councillor Newton is continuing to follow up the timescale for the programming and resurfacing/state of the roads, including the blue light route and a speed reduction on various roads.

The PCSO is to be invited to the PC meetings in 2025 and Councillor Newton will attend the next PCSO's surgery to discuss the traffic issues in the village.

7. ANSA WASTE TRANSFER CENTRE TRAFFIC

The PC are to continue to monitor and review the HGV traffic movements in and around the Warmingham area.

8. PLANNING

24/4244/HOUS - Fields View Warmingham Grange Lane, Warmingham, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 3RH: Development Proposal: Single Storey Oak Framed Orangery Extension to Rear/Side.

There were no PC comments on this application.

9. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

A finance and budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The balance on the current account on 4th October 2024 was £6813.26

2025/26 Budget and Parish Precept

To be carried forward to the January 2025 meeting

The following payments were approved for Bacs payments:

- Reimbursement - Renewal of Microsoft 365 Subscription WPC Laptop – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite - £41.99 – Auto renewal on 9th October and backdated payment from April to November 2024 following the 2024/25 Pay Agreement.
Action – Clerk to advise the PC of the new net amount for the monthly standing order for the Clerk’s pay from December 2024 and the net amount for the backdated payment that is due from April-December 2024.
- Payroll - £110.40 – Invoice No: 2454 - Shires Accountants

Clerk’s Salary

The PC noted the new rates of pay for Parish Clerks for 2024/25, with effect from 1st April 2024. The Clerk is currently paid on Point 24, which has now increased from £17.16 per hour to £17.79 per hour.

It was agreed that with effect from 1st April 2025 the Clerk will receive a £7.00 mileage allowance.

Action – Clerk to follow up with Payroll what the net amount will be for the monthly Clerk's salary from December, following the new rates of pay for Parish Clerks for 2024/25, with effect from 1st April 2024 and the net amount for the back payment from April 2024 to November 2024 - increase of £6.30 per month for 8 months = £50.40 (gross).

11. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

2025 Meeting Dates – starting at 7.00 pm

The following 2025 PC meeting dates were agreed:

- Wednesday 22nd January
- Wednesday 12th March
- Wednesday 14th May
- Wednesday 9th July
- Wednesday 10th September
- Wednesday 12th November

Action – Clerk to book the meeting room and send the 2025 meeting dates to Councillor Wray and PCSO Kim Bowyer.

Following the suggestion about putting a defibrillator in the Telephone Box, Councillor Newton had checked whether there was power in there. There is a light at the top, but would probably need to be checked by an electrician. Further suggestions were a book or Plant Exchange or for themed events/art exhibitions.

Action – Clerk to add the telephone box to the Assets Register.

The following correspondence had been received and noted since the previous meeting:

From Chalc

- Bulletins, Newsletters and training events
- Heads Up: Cheshire East Council Online Town and Parish Council Network Meeting - Tuesday 19th November at 6pm
- Planning Service - Website Update
- Ofgem Changes to Unmetered supply streetlights
- Cheshire East Community Grants

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 22nd January 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Richardson mentioned about the notification that he is now receiving about the British Salt works. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the PC also received notification from EDF about works that are taking place.

Councillor Newton is to follow up the arrangements for a VE Day lighting the beacon event at 9.30 pm on the 8th May 2025, to be advertised at the Warmingham Wakes event in May.

There was a question about adding up to date Warmingham photographs to the website. The PC website is to be discussed at the January 2025 meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm