

Councillors discussed the possibility of future discussions with Tame Valley Wetlands regarding the continuation of their current lease in the future, as well as the need for a permanent training base for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Cllr Reilly agreed to arrange a meeting with Martin Wheeler to discuss his input into the future management of the site. Councillors delegated authority to the Chair to liaise with Tame Valley Wetlands Trust and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

137/16 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hobster declared an interest under Planning re : a planning application submitted in her name. There were no other interests declared

138/16 Minutes

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2016, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record

Approval of the minutes of 3rd May 2016 were carried forward to the next meeting.

139/16 Progress reports for information/action

139.1 Woodhouse Farm

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next Agenda (Cllr Reilly)

139.2 Parish Newsletter

Cllr Bryson had circulated a draft of the newsletter prior to the meeting and it was agreed to combine both the newsletter and village questionnaire into one publication as A3 folded to A4. Discussed the use of photographs and noted that consent would need to be obtained from anyone included in the photos. Cllr Reilly agreed to liaise with Cllr Bryson regarding content and layout and a further copy would be circulated to the Parish Council.

139.3 Commemorative tree

The Clerk reported that this should have been planted the previous week, but due to weather conditions it would now be planted in the next few weeks.

139.4 Tame Valley Wetland Trust

The Clerk reported that she had applied for a grant from Warwickshire County Council towards the cost of the materials for the willow structures being built by the Tame Valley Wetland Trust.

139.5 Victory Hall site/playing fields

(a) Cllr Reilly would collect the deeds for Victory Hall site from the Coleshill branch of Garner Canning (Mrs Christensen) (b) final agreement on questionnaire for residents – this had been discussed earlier in the Agenda.

140/16 Finance

140.1 Accounts for payment

RESOLVED : Councillors approved the accounts for payment as detailed in Appendix A.

140.2 Financial update

The Clerk gave a financial update to the Parish Council ; there were no significant matters to report.

140.3 Repairs to Millennium bench

The Clerk and Cllr Watson reported that they were still awaiting quotes.

140.4 Grounds maintenance tender

Councillors discussed the Invoice from North Warwickshire Borough Council and agreed that despite initial teething problems, the service was proving good value for money. It was therefore

RESOLVED : that North Warwickshire Borough Council continue to undertake the grounds maintenance work for the financial year 2017/18

140.5 Precept 2017/18

The Clerk reminded Councillors to identify any items they wished included in the budget and precept request for the following year. The Clerk would produce a draft for the December meeting.

140.6 Asset Register

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register and were happy it contained all the items owned by the Parish Council and reflected appropriate values.

141/16 Planning

141.1 PAP/2016/0566 Elmdon, Kingsbury Road – erection of one dwelling. Cllr Hobster declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of this Agenda item. The Parish Council considered the application and agreed to SUPPORT on the basis that there was a residential dwelling on the site previously, so this is not a new development site. It was also felt that due to HS2 the local infrastructure could accommodate an additional dwelling and this was seen as a positive development investing in community unity in the parish. There were no concerns regarding access.

- 141.2 PAP/2014/0320 Marston Fields Farm – removal of condition 5 of planning permission relating to occupancy, in respect of outline of erection of one agricultural dwelling. Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to the application as presented. The land in question is for agricultural use and there still remains land available on the site suitable for agricultural use. It was the view of the Parish Council that the current owner made a decision to utilise the land for lakes and a caravan park, when should have been used for agricultural purposes. There is still land on the site that could be used agriculturally and it was agreed that the site should retain its character and purpose, given the rurality of the area
- 141.3 Cllr Reilly reported that Eon wished to further discussions with the Parish Council regarding the transfer of land to Parish Council, and also Lea Farm Cottage. It was agreed to put this on the next Agenda.
- 141.4 Cllr Reilly also made Councillors aware that North Warwickshire Borough Council would be shortly be publishing the Local Development Plan for consultation.
- 141.5 Reference was made to the Mineral Strategy out for consultation (Nov 2016) and in particular Site 9 which lies within the parish. Councillors were concerned about the failure to take into account the gravel extraction and also that there had not been a proper consultation process on the finer detail (reference existing case law re inappropriate consultation on HS2). Councillors delegated authority to Cllr Reilly to draft an objection from the Parish Council, for retrospective ratification at the next meeting and for the minutes.
- 141.6 Cllr Reilly reported that the application for the Bio-mass Gassification plant would go before the Regulatory Board on 6th December. Councillors continued to express concerns regarding the 50m chimney which would be visible from all over the local area and dominate the landscape. It was also noted that the applicant could not guarantee the content of the discharge from the chimney, or provide further details about how the hot water would be discharged from the site. Councillors delegated authority to Cllr Reilly to draft comment from the Parish Council and also seek to guarantee proper bio-diversity offsetting as part of any s106 agreement. Cllr Reilly would provide a copy of his reply for retrospective ratification at the next meeting and for the minutes

142/16 Neighbourhood Planning

It was agreed to defer this item. Cllr Reilly reported that the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan had now been published and expressed concerns that it made reference to an ongoing feasibility study for the construction of an Eastern By-pass via Faraday Avenue, Hams Hall. This would obviously have an impact on the parish of Lea Marston and Councillors were disappointed that Coleshill Town Council had not consulted with Lea marston before publishing their plan. Councillors asked the

Clerk to write to Coleshill Town Council accordingly, requesting that Coleshill TC liaise with Lea Marston about any further development on this matter.

143/16HS2

It was noted that there would be an announcement in December regarding Phase 2 and there would also be opportunities to submit petitions. It was also noted that within the parish 8 properties had already been sold to HS2 and there were currently negotiations around a further 2 properties. Cllr Reilly reported that the information about the Community Benefit Fund would be published in 2017 and that initial thoughts from the Railhead Group was that funding to provide combined cycle routes, footpaths and bridleways throughout the local parishes may be a consideration for funding. As a Parish Council it was felt that Lea Marston should consider enhancements to the local environment and funding towards the management and restoration of land being donated by Eon, including Lea Ford Cottage. Councillors agreed with this.

144/16Information items

Details of communications received (Appendix B), all of which had been circulated to Councillors prior.

145/16Councillors reports

- 145.1 Cllr Reilly reminded Councillors that Birmingham Airport would be consulting with the community in the New Year regarding proposed changes to the flight paths. He would be attending the next PC meeting at Curdworth where representatives from Birmingham Airport would be attending.
- 145.2 Councillors discussed the services provided by a Community Rehabilitation Company who for a nominal cost, will remove graffiti, litter, clear footpaths, bus shelters etc..., and it was felt that their services may be of use in the future particularly clearing the Victory Hall site. Cllr Watson reported that some residents may not be too keen, but Councillors noted that participants are supervised and generally they are people who have not done things that are of a nature that warrant custodian sentences.
- 145.3 Councillors expressed their concerns that Mr Breeden, car boot operator, appeared to be dumping tarmac by the unofficial gate/crossover by the car boot site. It was also noted that the site used to be a tip and there would be trapped gas which could cause environmental damage. It was agreed to ask NWBC to speak to the operators.
- 145.4 Cllr Reilly reported ongoing concerns regarding the noise from shooting, including contact from Lea Marston Hotel where it is having a significant impact on their

business operations. Councillors wished for NWBC Enforcement Officers to investigate further as shooting should be restricted within certain time frames and there should be sand barrels around the shooting areas to act as noise barriers. It was also noted that signage had been erected on the fencing promoting the shooting range.

145.5 Cllr Reilly reported he would be standing as a candidate for as a County Councillor for Warwickshire in the 2017 elections.

146/16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.00pm at Nether Whitacre Village Hall.

147/16 Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

APPENDIX A

CHEQUE PAYMENTS NOVEMBER 2016							
Creditor	Purpose	checked	Amount (ex VAT)	Claimable VAT	non-claim VAT	Total (inc VAT)	
Mrs L Baudet	Clerks salary	y	261.66	0.00	0.00	261.66	
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	61.40	0.00	0.00	61.40	
Grant Thornton	External Audit	y	25.00	5.00	0.00	30.00	
Louise Baudet	Office allow, internet, reimbursements	y	24.38	0.00	0.00	24.38	
North Warwickshire Borough Council	Grounds maintenance	y	499.50	99.90	0.00	599.40	
Cllr D Reilly	Expenses - meeting with Eon	y	48.05	0.00	0.00	48.05	
			919.99	0.00	0.00	1024.89	

Lea Marston PC – communications reported at November 2016 meeting

	Date		From :	Purpose	Action
1	31.10.16	E	CSW Broadband	Contact 3 re public consultation into phase 3	For info
2	31.10.16	E	Rural Services Network	Weekly digest	For info
3	28.10.16	E	Warks Rural Housing Assoc	Annual Report 2015-16	For info
4	27.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Items of interest from WALC AGM re affiliation fees and relationship with town/parish councils	For info
5	26.10.16	E	Jim Rowe, WCAVA	Local events and updates	For info
6	26.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Newsletter of Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board	For info
7	26.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Warwickshire Volunteering Forum – 23 rd Nov – challenge of recruiting disabled volunteers	For info
8	25.10.16	E	Pat Baptista, NWBC	North Warks Council Sports and Playing Pitch Strategy – by 4global – link to survey	For info
9	24.10.16	E	Rural Services Network	Weekly News Digest	For info
10	24.10.16	E	Charity Commission	News – Summer 2016	For info
11	24.10.16	E	Robert Beggs	Safer Warks Partnership News	For info
12	23.10.16	E	Margaret Hughes, North Warks Heritage Forum	Info re Heritage Awards (req for donations – not possible)	For info
13	22.10.16	E	Scot Ramsell	Community grants funding 0-5yrs	For info
14	21.10.16	E	Jenny Price, NWBC	Local Devt Framework Sub Ctte	For info
15	19.10.16	E	Mike Cunningham, WCC	Details re flower baskets attached to street lights	For info
16	19.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Info re Transparency Fund for Councils under £25k	For info
17	13.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Govt consultation on referendum principle on precepts - circ	For info
18	17.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Recording Parish Orchards	For info
19	17.10.16	E	Sarah Furniss	SLCC Branch meeting 20 th Oct	For info
20	13.10.16	E	Cllr Reilly, LMPC	HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) – Kingsbury Action Steering Group meeting 27 th October	For info
21	13.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	10 th edition of Charles Arnold Baker available	For info
22	13.10.16	E	Fields in Trust	Nominate favourite park for UK Best Park Award	For info
23	13.10.16	E	Rural Services Network	Newsletter Oct 2016 – focus on rural transport	For info
24	12.10.16	E	Sarah Deeming, WCAVA	Local events and updates in North Warwickshire	For info
25	11.10.16	E	John Crossling, WALC	Become dementia friendly – examples sent eg Dementia Champion, newsletter, dementia café, encourage young people to visit elderly	For info