

## **Notes of the Warley Community Association Open Meeting at The Maypole Warley Town 6 30pm 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**In Attendance:** Thirty Seven individuals signed the attendance sheet. A number in attendance who didn't sign the attendance sheet brought total attendance up to a figure nearing fifty. June Illingworth took the Chair.

**Apologies:** Councillor Amanda Parsons-Hulse; Councillor James Baker; Rev Caroline and Aidan Greenwood; Zeta Barron; Andrew Berry; Ruth and Richard Levery.

**1** June welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting in particular those who were attending specifically to assist in the discussion about highway/parking and unsocial behaviour issues in the Warley Township namely: Councillor Ashley Evans; PC Joshua Clough plus two Community Support Officers; Dan, Neighbourhood Officer (who gave apologies from James and Amada from the Calderdale Council Neighbourhood Team) and Mary Farrar Corporate Lead on Transportation from Calderdale Council.

**2** Notes taken at the previous Zoom WCA meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were duly approved.

**3** June addressed the meeting and covered the following matters:-

**Warley Lantern July issue** – was produced and approx 500 copies distributed within the Warley Township. Next issue is planned for late October early November 2021.

**Warley Calendar 2022** – The calendar has now been printed and sales are buoyant priced at £6 a calendar.

**WCA 2021 Defibrillator Project for the Cote Hill/Trimmingham area** – the defibrillator is now attached to the Peacock wall and the

required electrics fitted free. With regard to funding, £500 had been awarded through a Warley Ward grant. A grant application also had been submitted to the Warley Trust for some funding and received a favourable reply. However, most recently a gift covering the total cost of the new defibrillator had been received. Discussions were taking place regarding the Warley Ward grant and the Warley Trust grant to see if the funds could still be accepted but used for other needed project expenditure within the village.

#### **4 Main Item- highways/parking and unsocial behaviour issues –**

Councillor Ashley Evans kindly agreed to take the Chair for this agenda item. In his opening remarks Ashley referred to an upsurge of Fly Tipping in the area and problems surrounding the lack of adequate parking and issues specifically in connection with the dropping off and collection of children from Warley Town School. In addition, Ashley mentioned traffic speeding issues as well as antisocial behaviour taking place in the car park by the recreation ground including drug offences and adult sexual behaviour. The antisocial behaviour takes place most nights of the week and occasionally during the day as well when school children are about.

Ashley invited comments and questions from the floor and several observations and suggestions were made. A number of comments were made from residents by the car park area affirming the antisocial behaviour activity going on in to the early hours of the morning and there had been screaming and shouting. Police had been called on a number of occasions.

PC Clough responded to reference made about Police intervention. He confirmed from recent records the Police had over recent weeks received 31 calls for service in the area, 10 calls specifically from Warley Town and 5 calls specifically from Newlands. There was not

unfortunately due to staff turnover and not enough staff to respond to every referral made, it was not always possible to be there when activities were going on. Car collisions had increased in the village and it was estimated 80% of drivers were breaking the speed limits.

On occasions in the past speed tubes had been laid across the roads coming in and out of the village for set periods and the data recorded passed on to the Council as research data. Mary Farrar helped to clarify the legal position concerning speeding issues and said she would look to once again placing speed tubes in appropriate places for monitoring. There have been issues with the bus not being able to get through the village and not always able to park and pick up/drop off passengers.

Now that school pupils are back in school full time, car drivers are leaving car engines running whilst parked and dropping off children. In addition, cars are left abandoned for periods of time whilst drivers accompany children to the school gate.

A number of suggestions came from the floor to address some of the issues raised:-

- Possibly use The Vandals car park for dropping pupils off and have them walk down the edge of the playing field to the school gates.
- Have Traffic/PSO's be present at specific times when school starts/ends at least for trial period.
- Encourage car sharing more.
- Possibly widen pavements.
- Introduce permit parking for residents.
- Improve the official car parking area, maybe have specific bays.
- Introduce CCT cameras over the car park area and on street in the village perhaps temporarily or permanently.

- Would it help to have Windle Royd Lane one way traffic.

Ashley brought the open discussion to a close and agreed to take on board what had been said. He proposed to arrange with the relevant officers of both the Police and different departments of the Council to look collectively in addressing the issues endangering the safety of residents, other adults and children living or travelling daily to the village as well as finding ways to encourage a reduction in traffic speed and discourage inappropriate and antisocial behaviour that is taking place.

It was agreed there should be a progress update given through the next issue of The Warley Lantern late October early November. Also it was agreed to include an update on the Agenda of the AGM due to take place in November.

**5 Future Dates** – Next Litter Pick clean up week is from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Remembrance Sunday Service 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Outside the Maypole Inn in the village starting at 10 30 am (No procession to the church this year).

AGM – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 6 30pm at The Maypole in Warley village.

Warley Chatty Cafe – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 From 12 noon to 1 30pm at Warley St John's Church. Opportunity to meet up for light refreshments over lunchtime and chat in a cafe style setting - everyone welcome.

Any planned Christmas activities will be announced at the AGM.

