

## Watford Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Finance & Admin Committee

Held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at the Parish Office

### Attendance:

Councillor David Coltman  
Councillor Valerie Coltman (Ex-Officio)  
Councillor Yessica Gould  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Pamela King  
Councillor Shanti Maru  
Councillor Brendan O'Brien (Chair)  
Councillor Alison Scarth

Officer: Gareth Williams

### Apologies:

Non-Attendance: Councillor Ty Harris

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### 62) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

### 63) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None Stated

64) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

65) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

The Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true and correct. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

66) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

**26 Market**

It was agreed to postpone any further meetings until after the new Council has sat for the first time (15<sup>th</sup> May). This should allow time for a detailed report from TRDC (re. parking for Traders) to be completed. No discussion to be held on the Clerks recommendation to postpone the Tender till phase 2 is completed until the parking report has been discussed.

The new Council will decide whether to purchase uniform stalls later in the year.

**56 Parish Surveyors Recommendation**

Apologies from the Clerk who hadn't started looking into the various recommendations made by the surveyor but will have by the time of the meeting.

67) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were discussed:

19/0630/LBC, 19/0620/TCA, 19/0603/FUL, 19/0571/FUL, 19/0533/CLPD

No comments/objections were put forward.

The Chair agreed to move the Full Councils Annual Meeting to 15<sup>th</sup> May to allow the Clerk ample time to prepare the administration post-election and to finalise the Newsletter.

Planning applications will be discussed then. NB Planning applications needing urgent action will need to be brought to the Clerk who will ask TRDC to ask for an extension.

68) **WILDLIFE MEADOW**

The Clerk stated the project is nearing the finalisation of the construction phase. The path needs a final compaction and the sowing of the wildflowers is the next step required. Emergency spend creating a border for the annual wildflower beds was required.

69) **EXCLUSIONS OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

- a) Resolve to exclude the Press & Public under the provisions of **Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972** due to the confidential nature of the business transacted. Proposed by Cllr B. O'Brien. Seconded by Cllr D. Coltman. Unanimously Agreed.  
**RESOLVED**

- b) Pottery Teachers request for redundancy  
Councillors were given an update as to the current situation.
- c) Essential User Car Allowance  
*Recommendation of the F&A committee to pay the Clerk/RFO role essential user car allowance based on the National Joint Council recommendations for the 2019-2020 financial year and ongoing.*

a) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Agreed by a majority to have a discussion regarding the new black cab firm in South Oxhey (Mealings) receiving our Community Travel Scheme vouchers erroneously. It was agreed in the majority (Cllr P. King voted against, otherwise all in favour) to reimburse the outstanding fees for the vouchers accrued by them so far and to revisit the process going forward once a new council is sitting. Cllr P. King asked it to be recorded that she totally disagrees with the decision.

63) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business to be considered the chairperson closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm

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