



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 4th December @ 7.30pm** at the Parish Office

Attendance: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Kirsty Barnes
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Brigid Kelly
Councillor Joan King
Councillor Pam King
Councillor Stephen King
Councillor Ronan MacManus
Councillor Sean McCluskey
Councillor Michael Revan
Councillor Alison Scarth
Councillor Mandy Shumake
Councillor William Waite

Officer: Gareth Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Non-Attendance:

100) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were noted and accepted

101) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None

102) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
Cllr S. King, Cllr M. Revan & Cllr A. Scarth are on, or substitute for, the Three Rivers Planning Committee

103) **POLICE MATTERS**
Did not attend

104) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**
a) The Full Council Meeting minutes of 6th November were noted and agreed with the following change “[7.56 Cllr Ronan Macmanus arrived]” should have said “[Cllr Sean McCluskey Arrived]”



- b) The Emergency Committee minutes of the 20th November were noted and agreed.

[7.40pm Cllr McCluskey arrived]

[7.42pm Cllr Kelly arrived]

105) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ABOUT AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING (NB Not covered by Agenda items)**

Village Green – Agenda Item 82(2018-2019)

Awaiting update from TRDC cllrs who plan to ask at their Full Committee

Clerks Report - Item 55

Newsletter – Went out on time for advertising Fun Day with a new distribution company. Some cllrs did not receive them. Clerk to check tracking report.

South Oxhey Initiative – Agenda Item 58

a) Parking – received an email from Kimberley Rowley, Head of regulatory services outlining a meeting she had with our cllrs. Promised an undertaking to paint the disabled parking lines back on Bridlington road “shortly”

b) Henbury Way – application has gone in. Letter of support written but reference the need for Market Trader parking zone on Market day.

Trail Bikers – Agenda Item 59

Joint stakeholder meeting on the 29th November – TRDC are to serve a notice on the property management company who are looking after their clients land to deliver the contact details of the land owner. Clerk still intending to visit the potential location with Police to discuss with owner face to face

Delta Gain – Agenda Item 60

Still not had confirmation the architect’s drawings have been completed and therefore ok’d by stakeholders.

Golf range – Agenda Item 64

Clerk chased the leaseholder again. The last deal with a Leisure Group had fallen through and they are now in talks with another Leisure group.

Planning – Agenda Item 76

17/1010/FUL – Given in error – it should have been 19/2049/FUL – Little Oxhey Lane – application to turn green belt into bus/coach parking. Letter was sent calling it in to TRDC committee

19/1992/FUL – Letter sent

19/1961/FUL – Letter Sent

19/1937/FUL – The Clerk looked into this but the 21 days was up at the time of the meeting and was unable to submit

Wildflower Meadow – Agenda Item 80

Maydencroft have been made aware that we are to go with work in the spring/autumn 2020. I have chased for a quote on the bonded resin option and am still awaiting a quote from a local specialist.



Correspondence to consider – Agenda item 92

Herts/Essex Air Ambulance grant paid

106) **CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER**

- a) Request for donation from South Oxhey Girl Guides. Proposal to donate the £200 requested. Unanimously Agreed. Clerk asked to remind Guides they can apply again in the next financial year.

RESOLVED

107) **SOUTH OXHEY INITIATIVE**

Cllr J King was elected to chair the Board meeting.

Countryside are still to pay £260,000 in Section 106 developer payments

Countryside stated they would not be changing the lampposts at Station Approach. Will continue to lobby.

Issues with one large family still not being rehoused nearby. General agreement that TRDC are to blame for not stating Countryside must allocate suitable housing to all existing tenants.

TRDC cllrs will ask TRDC Council to see if purchasing a 4-bed property in Phase 2 is possible.

108) **FUNDAY**

Councillors acknowledged the day went very well considering it was a new venue. The Clerk gave a joint staff recommendation to Cllrs to keep the event there ongoing due to the good facilities and safe environment. To be discussed at a later date.

109) **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) October Accounts noted and approved
- b) ROSPA Inspection Report – Clerk was asked to check the warranty on the wood with the firm who installed them.
- c) Aldwyk Housing – Boundary Hedge/Ivy dispute. Proposal to write a letter from our solicitors asking Aldwyck Housing to undertake the removal of the Ivy and Pollarding of the hedge. If they do not undertake the work, we will carry it out and seek recompense for all costs. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**

110) **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Attended SO Jets memorial match which they won 6-1 against an RAF team. Great turn out considering the weather. Lovely to see so many youngsters.

111) **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. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- b) Earmarked Reserves – Initial discussions took place - will be finalised once TRDC specify the Council Tax Base
- c) Precept Budget – Initial discussions took place - will be finalised once TRDC specify the Council Tax Base



112) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

113) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING/LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

Cllr S. King, Cllr Revan, Cllr Scarth left the hall as they are on/or substitute for TRDC Planning committee.

Discussion regarding 19/2133/FUL – SO redevelopment phase 3.

Proposal to commission a counter report on daylight/sunlight from BRE. Unanimously agreed. RESOLVED

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114) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 8th January @ 7.30pm