



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 8th January @ 7.30pm** at the Parish Office

Attendance:

- Councillor Kirsty Barnes
- Councillor Brigid Kelly
- Councillor Joan King
- Councillor Pam King
- Councillor Stephen King
- Councillor Sean McCluskey
- Councillor Michael Revan
- Councillor Alison Scarth
- Councillor William Waite

Officer: Gareth Williams (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Ronan MacManus
Councillor Mandy Shumake

Non-Attendance:

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- 115) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were noted and accepted
 - 116) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
Cllr S. King & Cllr A. Scarth are on, or substitute for, the Three Rivers Planning Committee
 - 117) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
 - 118) **POLICE MATTERS**
Did not attend
 - 119) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**
a) The Full Council Meeting minutes of 4th December were noted and agreed
 - 120) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING AND DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING**



Village Green – Agenda Item 82(2018-2019)

Awaiting confirmation from officers at TRDC. Will bring it up again if not forthcoming.

Newsletter

Tracking report shows that the roads were visited. Clerk will stress those roads that missed out last time are brought to their attention next time.

Trail Bikers – Agenda Item 59

Clerk went with TRDC ASB officer to an address in Pinner which turned out to be the landowner. They have stated they are going to reinforce the boundary to prevent access and the Police are now allowed to remove them from the land should they trespass.

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

Local specialist in resin pathways quoted £28k. Revisit should the path become an issue

Correspondence to consider – Agenda item 106

Girl Guides grant paid

Finance & admin – Agenda Item 109b

Clerk still to finalise wood degradation issue on our play equipment. Look into warranty etc

Finance & admin – Agenda Item 109c

Aldwyck housing undertook the removal of the ivy from our building and the pollarding of the hedge.

To consider planning/license applications – Agenda item 113

Wrote a letter to TRDC outlining our concerns regarding the extra units

BRE were commissioned to do a report on the impact to daylight/sunlight for existing residents

121) **CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER**

Request for donation from South Oxhey Police SNT for officers to take on Class D license to drive minibus. Proposal to donate the £595 for one officer to be trained. 3 votes for AS, DD, KB. 3 votes against JK, PK, BK. 3 Abstained SMcC, SK, WW. Chairman's vote took precedence. **NOT RESOLVED**

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

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



The Clerk was asked to write in to object to 19/

123) **SOUTH OXHEY INTIATIVE**

- a) Nothing to really update as no meeting has taken place. Phase 3 application confirmed for 23rd Jan TRDC planning committee.
- b) This item was not discussed

124) **MARKET**

Clerk explained that TRDC have pulled our delegated authority to run a market from March 2020. This is due to the area being used for construction for phase 3 from that time. Meeting will take place once TRDC have established if we can use Henbury Way Car Park for Trader parking on Market days.

125) **PARISH POTHOLES**

Advice given from Cllr J King (county councillor for SO part of parish) to report it on the Herts County Council website and then she can take action if necessary. HCC also have a website for insurance claims should damage be caused.

126) **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) November Accounts noted and approved
- b) Internal Audit Mid-year report was noted and approved.
- c) LGPS pooling policy – Proposal for WRPC to stay within the pension pooling aspect of the scheme. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**

127) **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

Discussion had around the process and the potential benefits to listing.

128) **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Attended Colnbrooke School Christmas Play which was a wonderful experience. £50 Donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital collection, who cared for one of their children who sadly passed.

129) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed to place TRDC collection calendars in our noticeboards for those who don't have access to the internet.

Clerk to investigate who best to speak to at NHS & County to explore the possibility of a Medical GP Hub

130) **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 2020-2021 proposed at £206,000. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- c) Precept for 2020-2021 to be set at £251,765, includes 5% (£13,250) contributions from general reserves, should TRDC ok the tax base of 7720.80 TBC in Febs full meeting



112) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 5th February @ 7.30pm