



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 15th July @ 7.30pm** Online via Zoom

Attendance: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Kirsty Barnes
Councillor Donna Duncan
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Brigid Kelly
Councillor Joan 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: Councillor Pam King

Non-Attendance:

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- 11) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were noted and accepted
 - 12) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
 - 13) **POLICE MATTERS**
Police did not attend
 - 14) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**
Full Council 3rd June – Minutes were noted and agreed
 - 15) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING AND DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING**
F&A – Agenda Item 8.Planning Item 9
The Clerk wrote to the Sgt at the local SNT about issues related to Covid 19
His reply:



Here is a brief summary, however I will ask Chris to complete any follow up for you....

- 1) No reports from licencing for breaches by Dick Whit – they are providing a service within COVID guidelines which our licencing team are monitoring, however if there are any breaches they will be dealt with. If the community can call 101 or report online, it will give us the evidence to pursue.***
- 2) COVID fine were issued and 59s were also issued – we are taking a no tolerance approach now we have it confirmed via the landowner that no access is permitted (and obvs COVID breaches are dealt with normally)***
- 3) The playing fields are a part of our patrol plan and have also been signposted for the intervention teams to provide additional support. Anyone who appears to be breaking the breaches are challenged and dealt with proportionately. I can confirm police have been patrolling as I too have been up there***

Planning 9 – The clerk wrote to TRDC planning to call in 20/0744/FUL – this application was refused

Flag pole – (Agenda Item 16b last year) now in situ.

Kitchen Refit – Fit taking place 10th – 15th August

Clerk put forward an option to install triple phase wiring to ensure that we can have a suitable sized cooker to enable lunch club to continue. Proposal to agree to triple phase wiring for the Council Office circa £5k. Unanimously Agreed.

RESOLVED

Fencing to secure back and side – Agreed a fee with a local firm, just awaiting a date

16) COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER

- a) South Oxhey Jets Grant Application
Proposal to award SO Jets the £800 requested. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**

A discussion was held regarding the lack of access for disabled, especially those in wheelchairs. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the owner to see if there is anything we can do to assist.

- b) Proposal to sponsor the joint partnership scheme (TRDC/MIND/ YC in Herts) at Warren Dell school in the summer to help families affected by Coronavirus. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- c) Proposal to Award the £5k for the Bespoke Covid 19 meeting place initially and for the clerk to work with the care home to find joint funding after the build from local councils. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED.**

17) COVID 19 MATTERS

- a) Charity Donations. Proposal to allocate £6k from Funday Budget into the COVID 19 budget. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**



- b) Cllrs to go away and come back with proposals for September's meeting
- b) Christmas Lights/Events – Christmas Lights – to continue with current provider and purchase the tree for this year.
- c) Memorial for Covid victims – The clerk to look into the purchasing of an appropriate memorial to remember the victims of covid 19 and for the essential workers who served the community when needed. Benches/plaques/trees were mentioned for ideas. Cllrs to decide in a later meeting.
- d) Public facilities opening. The building will remain closed and will be reviewed at the next meeting in September. The Play area at Greenfields will remain closed to allow the Clerk to oversee some repairs. It will open immediately after with appropriate Covid 19 safety advice for users.
- e) Government Funding. Proposal for the the Clerk to write to TRDC CEO to seek financial aid from the allocated fund from Central Government. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**
- f) Red Rose Buses. Cllr Scarth to write into Red Rose about the driver not wearing a face mask with the bus having no screen. The Clerk to do the same for Arriva.

18) **SOUTH OXHEY INITIATIVE**
Hoping to have a meeting in the near future

19) **FINANCIAL & ADINISTRATION**

- a) May accounts were noted and approved
- b) Proposal to accept recommended Hall Hire costs for 2020-2021. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- c) Proposal to accept Standing Orders for 2020-2021. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- d) Proposal to accept Financial Regualtions for 2020-2021. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- e) Proposal to accept Financial & Management Risk Assessment for 2020-2021. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**
- f) ROSPA report was noted and agreed. Clerk to undertake repairs

20) **PLANNING**
No applications of concern

a) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**
The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Next meeting to be arranged