



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 2nd December @ 7.30pm** virtually via Zoom

Attendance: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Kirsty Barnes
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Joan King (Chair)
Councillor Pam King
Councillor Stephen King
Councillor Ronan MacManus
Councillor Sean McCluskey
Councillor Michael Revan
Councillor Mandy Shumake
Councillor Alison Scarth
Councillor William Waite (V-Chair)

Officer: Gareth Williams (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Donna Duncan

Non-Attendance:

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

62) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None

63) **POLICE MATTERS**
PCSO Chris Baldwin gave an update on Police Activity. Notable points included:
Covid checks at our local supermarkets to ensure mask wearing.
Halloween & Fireworks night went of without issue.
Speed check op using the Speed Indication Device (SID) on Brookdene Ave. Further ops planned for Prestwick Road, Hampermill Rd & Hayling Road. One of which being a full operation to check seatbelts, mobile phones, road tax rules all being followed.
Working with British Transport Police at Carpenders Park & Watford. Drugs were seized.
Drug Crime. Local resident aided by Police after he had been cuckolded by a known



criminal. Partial closure of a property being used to supply drugs. Mini Cannabis factory found in Oxhey Hall.

Halloween raffle undertaken with kids at Woodhall School. Talks about knife crime with Oxhey Wood & Warren Dell Schools

Confirmed checks will be made on our two locals pubs to ensure they are following COND restriction guidelines.

Confirmed they will keep an eye on the Labour Club for ASB, whilst closed dur to COVID

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

- a) Full Council 4th November – Minutes were noted and agreed.
- b) F&A meeting - Minutes were noted & Agreed. The Chair will sign the minutes at the earliest opportunity

65) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING AND DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING**

Agenda Item 16a - COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER – Oxhey Jets Disabled Enclosure

Clerk contacted the disabled supports charity for some guidance on enclosures for the disabled and met the builder and John Elliot to go through these to ensure we are funding a perfectly built enclosure. Coming along nicely.

Agenda Item 16c - COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER – care home grant

Still haven't had an update for the care home manager regarding finding another supplier.

Agenda Item 43e – New Boiler

New Boiler and pipes installed. All working well. Recommendation to replace thermostat on next round of work as its so out of date and now being temperamental

Agenda Item 55ai – COVID MATTERS – SO Mobile Santa

Four of the six residents setting this up are DBS checked due to working in the care industry. Based on this the clerk purchased £120 on lights for their vehicle. They are collecting for Children with Cancer. Giving out sweets and chocolates at 5 locations. Community are pulling in with donations

66) **COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER**

- a) Citizens Advice Bureau Grant application for debt advisor
Proposal to award the £4748 to continue support for our community. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**

67) **COVID MATTERS**

- a) **Christmas Help for families.** The Clerk has liaised with the Heads of the schools and identified 44 families that are in need of assistance costing approx. £2900. Proposal to take funds from earmarked reserves Emergency fund to purchase Food parcels to help over Christmas. If further families require then we will fund these too. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED** NB Once school was omitted from the email sent to the clerk it was actually 54 families requiring help
- b) Proposal to reopen reception Jan 4th 2021. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**



68) **MARKET**

The Chair gave an update regarding TRDC's recent decision to follow our recommendation to utilise Henbury Way Car Park for Market Trader Permit Parking. The Clerk to look into getting a market consultant in to manage preparation of the tender brief in 2021 for start in 2022.

69) **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Mid-Year Internal Audit Report was noted and agreed.
- b) October 2021 Accounts were noted & agreed.
- c) Phase 3 block naming – councilors to go away and come back with suggestions at next month's meeting with an aim to find local people recently deceased that helped the community.

70) **EXCLUSIONS OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC (NB took place after 45 & 46)**

- 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) Further Budget discussions held. Some items were agreed in principle. A new budget item created for Citizens Advice Bureau Debt Advisor. Earmarked Reserves discussed and agreed in principle. To be finalised in January meeting

Discussion regarding funding Scout Group in CP. Before anything can be done the Clerk to start dialogue with Scout leaders (and landlord) to see what is required to help get the site up and running again.

71) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Funday – July 17th put forward for the Summer to allow maximum chance of COVID restrictions being gone. December 4th for Winter

72) **PLANNING**

No applications were discussed

73) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Next meeting Wednesday January 13th 2021