



# Watford Rural Parish Council

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm** virtually via Zoom

**Attendance:** Councillor Angela Arnold  
Councillor Kirsty Barnes  
Councillor Donna Duncan  
Councillor Joan King (Chair)  
Councillor Stephen King  
Councillor Michael Revan  
Councillor Mandy Shumake  
Councillor Sean McCluskey  
Councillor Alison Scarth  
Councillor William Waite (V-Chair)

**Officer:** Gareth Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillor Ann Grant  
Councillor Pam King  
Councillor Ronan MacManus

**Non-Attendance:**

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- 48) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were noted and accepted
  
  - 49) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None
  
  - 50) **POLICE MATTERS**  
Sgt Amos sent his apologies but due to the lockdown the next day, teams were placed on patrols
  
  - 51) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
Full Council 7<sup>th</sup> October – Minutes were noted and agreed. The Chair will sign the minutes at the earliest opportunity
  
  - 52) **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** – work hasn't started yet but he will inform the Clerk as soon as it does



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

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

**Agenda Item 17c – COVID 19 MATTERS**

Celebrational Bench

x2 benches ordered – one will be located in South Oxhey, the other in Carpenders Park - final design for rainbow below – Our logo will be engraved into the wood in the corner.



**Agenda Item 41 - COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER – scout grant**

Leader of scout confirmed the error in the application with the following:

Hi

Sorry having read this again I can see my error- All of the members in the group live in Carpenders Park, South Oxhey, & Oxhey hall (according to my records the only person that doesn't is me )

So my answer would be 100% of our members will benefit from this and 99.9% come from the local parish

Regards

Dave Fayer

Group Leader

Therefore, the grant as per resolution instruction

**Agenda Item 43c – New Boiler**

New Boiler and parts purchased. Installation will take place 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November

**This will be installed 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November**

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

- a) Oxhey Wood/Warren Dell Primary School Grant application for books/games libraries Proposal to award the £500 to each school. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**

**54) DROPPED KERBS**

Concerns were raised by councillors about the high number of people driving over pavements to park. Damage caused to the pavements and flooding concerns with more front gardens being paved/concreted over. If anyone sees this practice, then they should report it to HCC Highways. Enforcement is undertaken. Concerns were also raised about the price that HCC Highways charge to put a dropped kerb in – believed to be significantly more than needed.

**55) COVID MATTERS**

- a) Christmas Help for families



- i) Food Parcels – The clerk to contact schools to see what help they may require over Christmas to help families in need.
- ii) Mobile Santa – The clerk to ask the group who want to put a mobile Santa on if they have DBS checks before we can help them
- b) Building to remain closed
- c) Christmas closedown proposed to be from close of play Wednesday December 23rd returning Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> 202. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**

56) **FINANCIAL & ADINISTRATION**

- a) External Audit Report was noted and agreed.
- b) Arboricultural Quotes – Proposal to accept Artemis Tree Services. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**
- c) Local Area Forum – Questions for the agenda. The following items to be put forward by the Clerk:
  - i) An update on the Local Plan as its been delayed nearly 3 years now.
  - ii) In addition – an update on when CILCA will be looked at again. Will TRDC be using the same parameters as last time? Will they be using the same independent consultant?
  - iii) Is there any way TRDC can work closer with Highways to ensure that our area does not have roadworks at the same time? Hampermill Lane, Prestwick Road, and Oxhey Lane all having roadworks has caused our residents a lot of grief getting around.
  - iv) Waste removal. Will TRDC reconsider their charges for the elderly? An over 80- year old was charged £48 for one item with Payment up front. This also means that scrap people may take the item away and they would be out of pocket.
  - v) An update on the Delta gain Initiative
- d) Flags for the flagpole – It was agreed to purchase the following:
  - i) St George
  - ii) Red Ensign
  - iii) Workers Memorial
  - iv) Armed Forces
  - v) Remembrance DayDefault flag will continue to be the Union Flag

57) **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) Preliminary Budget discussions held. Some items were agreed in principle.

45) **PLANNING**

No applications were discussed

46) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The future of the Pavillion was brought up. To be asked about at the Local Area Forum meeting



47) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Next meeting Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020