



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 3rd February @ 7.30pm** virtually via Zoom

Attendance: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Donna Duncan
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Joan King (Chair)
Councillor Pam King
Councillor Stephen King
Councillor Sean McCluskey
Councillor Mandy Shumake
Councillor Alison Scarth
Councillor William Waite (V-Chair)

Officer: Gareth Williams (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Ronan MacManus

Non-Attendance:

The Chair announced the resignations of Cllr Kirsty Barnes and Cllr Michael Revan and thanked them for all their hard work.

85) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted and accepted

86) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

87) **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Chris Baldwin gave a report relating to recent Police Activity including: General compliance of COVID restrictions from retail. No issues recently. Still a dedicated car assigned to this.

ASB issues at the All-weather pitches near Oxhey Jets Ground and the Pavillion as well as the skate park. Working with TRDC to resolve.

A prolific shoplifter to the area was caught and sent to Prison.

Drugs warrant issued, and an arrest made - class A&B drugs were seized as well as an offensive weapon. Community Protection Warnings given to 3 other people who were there at the time of the warrant.

Community Protection Notice given for racist behaviour.

Speeding op Near Westbury Road undertaken with no one breaking the limit.



Travellers were moved on swiftly by the Police from the old Sir James Altham Swimming Pool site.

Police working with TRDC to remove the abandoned green caravan on Hayling Road

88) **PARKING ISSUES**

- a) Delta Gain – Concerns were expressed about the disabled markings being so poor that no one is taking any notice of them. Blue badge holders must be finding it hard to shop locally. In addition, concerns were also raised about the visibility of the enforcement officers as local cllrs state they never see them and the numbers of PCN's are low in their opinion. In addition, a parking sign, which was knocked down by a motorist was not replaced. TRDC officer stated that Hertsmere Borough Council, who are tasked with enforcement, are also responsible for signage and markings.

The Clerk was asked to invite Kimberley Rowley from TRDC who has overall charge of enforcement and the Hertsmere Borough Council Parking Enforcement Manager to the next meeting.

89) **DELTA GAIN**

TRDC officer stated that a legal agreement had been sent to the landowners direct in November 2020. This agreement fundamentally refers to a covenant that, if the works are undertaken by TRDC and WRPC, that the landowners will not develop the land for a period of years. The officer was asked to chase the landowners for an answer.

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

- a) Full Council 13th January – Minutes were noted and agreed once mention of Cllr Scarths arrival at 8.30pm was noted within

91) **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

Chased John Elliot on 28th Jan for an update on the enclosure at SO Jets Ground

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

Still nothing from the care home relating to the COVID meeting bubble

Agenda Item 56c - FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATION

Arboricultural Work started on our trees – Path through copse at Greenfield Ave looks great

Agenda Item 67 - COVID MATTERS

School Quotes relating to the impact of our Christmas Hampers are now on website

Agenda Item 68 - MARKET

NABMA recommended Market Place as a consultant. Had an informal chat about where we were, are and where we want to be. They are hoping to come down and visit the site in the near future.

Agenda Item 81b – Flat Block Naming

Names have been sent to TRDC & Countryside. NB Cledwyn-Davies was replaced by Hunter, another one of the original GP's on the estate, as it was deemed too long for a postal address.

Agenda Item 83 – Any other business

Bench on Northwick road is still fixed in quite deep but a small wobble if you shake it. Maintenance man will fix.



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

None

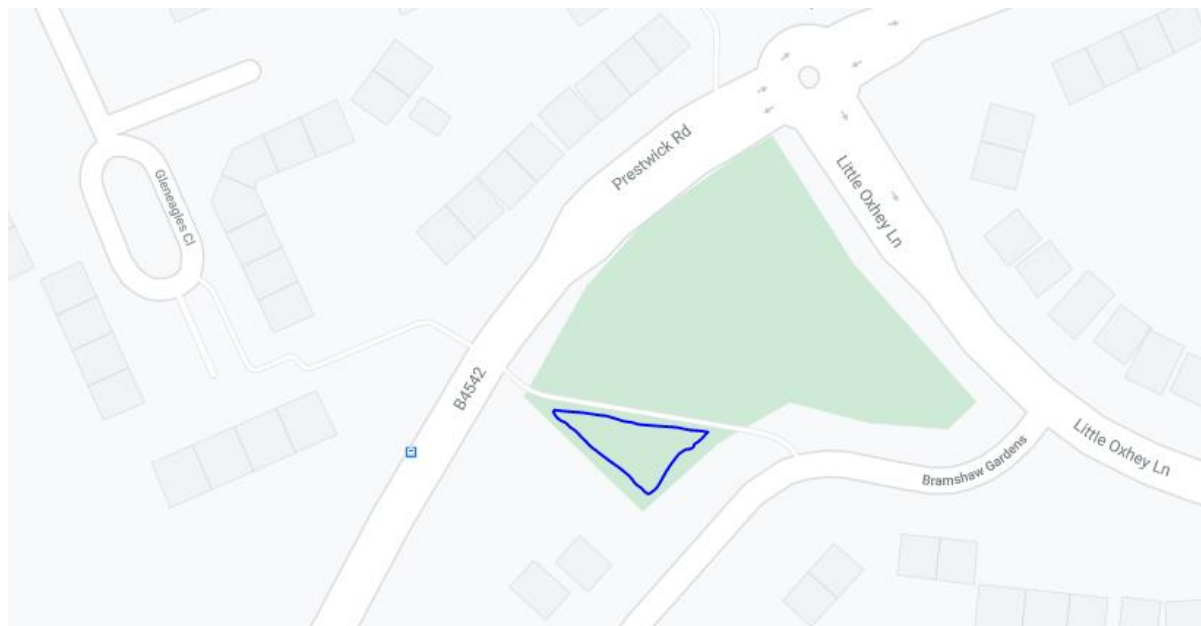
93) **COVID MATTERS**

- a) Continuing to follow guidelines
- b) Council discussed if there was anything we could do for the vaccination people working out of Bushey Medical Centre. The Clerk to contact them and ask what they require and cost it accordingly.

94) **WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

Council discussed further locations under our maintenance. Proposal : to utilise the smaller space to the side of the footpath on the land near Bramshaw Gdns subject to cost.

Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**



95) **FINANCIAL & ADINISTRATION**

- a) December 2020 Accounts were noted & agreed.
- b) Sending Meeting documents Electronically. Discussion held over whether to go paperless. The majority preferred to work with a paper copy. Cllrs Scarth & Duncan have asked that they only receive electronic copies ongoing
- c) Zurich Insurance Claim – The clerk had received an informal email from the Zurich case officer indicating that the claim would be null and void as we aren't liable. The outstanding issue regarding responsibility of the land ownership remains with TRDC who have sent a holding email saying they are looking into it.
- d) Defibrillators – The Clerk updated Council to the situation. Countryside have agreed to fund 3 defibrillators. We agreed to fund two from earmarked reserves and we have the possibility of moving our one now that the Police have decided to place one on their building next door. The Clerk to liaise with Countryside and to speak to shop owners,



located in the Parish's shopping hubs, about locating them

96) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

97) **PLANNING**

No applications were discussed

98) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Next meeting Wednesday March 3rd via ZOOM @ 7.30pm