

WATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 5th December 2019

1. Present – K Cox (Chairman), G Dent, A Haywood, J Powell, D Solomon, Clerk - Sue Porter and 6 members of the public

1.1 Apologies – B Childs, P Incley, S Osborne (DDC/NCC)

1.2 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019 –

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by G Dent, seconded by D Solomon and all voted in favour. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

1.3 Declarations of Interests – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Tree Planting – Trees received from DDC/Woodland Trust – These have been received and will be planted on the village green by D White in the next couple of weeks.

2.2 Motorway Services Barriers – J Powell has spoken with the Site Manager and they have confirmed that the barriers are monitored 24/7. The southbound barriers have been broken recently, but these are now in place. The access codes are changed quarterly. The northbound barriers will be in place once the roadworks are completed. There is legislation that access to the motorway from these access roads is illegal, as this is not a motorway junction. The Clerk will pursue the Community Speedwatch programme offered with Gary Wright.

2.3 Replacement Street Lighting to LED – Order placed with Aylesbury Mains. Grant confirmed by DDC – All noted.

2.4 Pop Up Pub – A Haywood expressed concerns that there has been no planning application submitted for change of use for the building to DDC as yet, he also has concerns that the building was listed, as this was the information given to him by Adam Kite of DDC

3. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS - Nil

4. REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

G Dent – Temporary speed limit signs have been erected by NCC Highways, however is keen to investigate the replacement Vehicle Activated Signs as a more permanent solution.

A Haywood – The flooding issues reported by the triangle and the A5 crossroads appear to have been resolved.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 St Peter and St Paul's Church – The Church repair works were completed on 8th November, and there was the re-opening on Sunday which was attended by 48 people.

5.2 Budget Preparation 2020/21 – A copy of the proposed budget was prepared and circulated to all councillors. After discussion, it was agreed that extra funding be allocated to replace the 2 vehicle activated signs. This will increase the village maintenance budget from £1,500 to £4,000. G Dent proposed, A Hayward seconded that the Parish Council do precept upon Daventry District Council the total sum of £13,500.00, payable in two instalments in April & September 2020, all voted in favour.

5.3 Community Defibrillator & Heated Cabinet Installation – Village Hall – K Cox has agreed to install the cabinet at the Village Hall to enable the defibrillator to be available. Once installed, this will be registered with the East Midlands Ambulance Service and the training session arranged.

5.4 E-Mail from Ian Boyes (NCC Highways) re speeding issues/Vehicle Activated Signs/Crash Barriers – Following his site visit, he has stated advisory items that NCC Highways have no funding to be able to assist with, such as extending the path by 15m from Path Close to enable pedestrian safety, upgrading the existing vehicle activated signs and advised no chance of having crash barriers installed on the bend. It was agreed that the chevron signs will be replaced.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Approve Accounts to be paid:

It was proposed by G Dent, seconded by A Haywood, and all voted in favour that the following accounts be paid:

Chq No 1290	S Porter	Clerk's Salary – Nov 2019	£ 201.80	LGA 1972 s112
		Clerk's Expenses – Nov 2019	£ 22.75	LGA 1972 s112
Chq No 1291	Leics Gardens	Grass Mowing – 28th October 2019		
		Churchyard & Cemetery	£ 220.00	Open Spaces Act 1906

Payments Received:

Nat West	Interest	£ 2.06
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Bank Balances

(as at 31/10/2019) - £ 12,129.08

7. PLANNING

DA/2019/0906 – Rebuild lower sections of stone wall to reduced length of 1.5m on either side of the existing vehicular access. Finish with stone coping to match that existing on the main wall. Install new inward-opening automated timber gates on new gate posts across vehicular access and new feather board fencing on either side – **Watford Court Spinney, Church Street, Watford**

No Objections

DA/2019/0907 – Listed Building Consent for rebuild lower sections of stone wall to reduced length of 1.5m on either side of existing vehicular access. Finish with stone coping to match that existing on the main wall – **Watford Court Spinney, Church Street, Watford**

No Objections

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

DA/2019/0796 – Works to and removal of trees subject to Tree Preservation Order 59 – **Watford Court Spinney, Church Street, Watford**

LICENSING ACT 2003 – NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

Information purposes only:

BP Oil UK Ltd, Petrol Filling Station, M1 Service Area, Watford Gap Northbound, Station Road, Watford

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8. PUBLIC TIME

Concerns were raised to the tree planting on the village green due to events planned for this area in the future, advised to contact Andrew Eden's agent, who will be arranging the planting locations.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 6th February 2020 - 7:45pm

Meeting Closed: 8:26pm