

WATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th April 2020

1. **Present** – B Childs, K Cox (Chairman), G Dent, P Incley, J Powell, Clerk - Sue Porter

1.1 **Apologies** – A Haywood, D Solomon, S Osborne (NCC/DDC)

1.2 **Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2020** – It was approved by all that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

1.3 **Declarations of Interests – Personal or Prejudicial** – B Childs – DA/2020/0096 – neighbouring property (P & P)

2. REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

J Powell – The issue of speeding cars through the village continues to be a problem. The replacement Vehicle Activated Speed signs by NCC appear to have little effect. The Chairman has agreed to contact the Traffic Police and request new and improved signage approaching the village. The motorway service barriers remain open due to the government lockdown. The Chairman has also agreed to investigate further options for a mobile speeding device to be installed in the village, which can collect useful data.

B Childs – With the defibrillator now installed at the Village Hall, training needs to be arranged once the lockdown situation has lifted. In the current climate, there is a DVD which can be passed around the village, which provides valuable advice.

Village Hall - The Village Hall Committee Chairman will be invited to attend the next online PC meeting. The Clerk will send the Chairman a list of concerns that the PC have in advance and ask for a copy of the latest accounts to be circulated to the PC.

Churchyard/Cemetery - The grass cutting has yet to be started this season. The Clerk will continue to chase.

3. FINANCE

3.1 Approve Accounts to be paid

It was approved by all that the following accounts be paid:

Chq No 1298	S Porter	Clerk's Salary – March 2020	£ 201.80	LGA 1972 s112
		Clerk's Expenses – March 2020	£ 22.75	LGA 1972 s112
Chq No 1299	Village Hall	Hall Hire Charges July18-June19	£ 100.00	LGA 1972 s111
		<small>(Chq 1296 approved in Feb 2020 was lost and therefore cancelled)</small>		
Chq No 1300	NCALC	Membership & Internal Audit	£ 427.63	LGA 1972 s143
Chq No 1301	Citizen's Advice	Donation	£ 150.00	LGA 1972 s111

Payments Received:

Nat West	Interest	£ 1.20
DDC	Street Lighting Grant	£ 1,125.00

Bank Balances

(as at 31/03/2020) - £ 7,820.90

4. PLANNING

DA/2020/0096 – Construction of single storey rear extension and part conversion of garage and construction of first floor to form bedroom to be used ancillary to the main dwelling – **Greetwell House, Main Street, Watford**

(B Childs left the meeting)

The Parish Council have no objections to the planning application but would like consultation to be undertaken with the neighbouring property to address their comments and concerns.

The PC would also like the conversion to remain as part of the main dwelling

DA/2020/0122 – Outline application for replacement of existing dwelling with two dwellings on a different footprint (All matters reserved) – **The Old Lodge, Crick Road, Watford**
No Objections

PLANNING PERMISSIONS GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permissions granted:

DA/2019/1070 – Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to outbuilding associated with use of building range as agricultural depot, community facility and public house – **Buildings to the rear of Garden Cottage, Church Street, Watford**

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**

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**

DA/2020/0079 – Installation of digital advertising unit – **M1 Service Area, Watford Gap Northbound, Watford**

DA/2019/1107 – Installation of 2.4m high galvanised palisade security fencing to parts of site perimeter and entrance (retrospective) – **Units 2 & 3 Watling Park, Station Road, Watford**

Date of next Parish Council Meeting (Online) – Thursday 7th May 2020 - 7pm

Meeting Closed: 8:10pm