

WATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 7th May 2020

1. Present – B Childs, K Cox (Chairman), G Dent, P Incley, J Powell, Clerk - Sue Porter and 2 members of the public

1.1 Apologies – A Haywood, D Solomon

1.2 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2020 – It was approved by all that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

1.3 Declarations of Interests – Personal or Prejudicial – Nil

2. REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

J Powell – Concerns with regards to dog fouling in the village. A reminder will be posted on the village Facebook page with regards to the dog control orders. A replacement waste bin will be requested from Norse as the one by the bus stop has been removed. The Speed Indicator devices, replaced recently by NCC, are not proving to be very effective, especially during the daylight hours. Speeding is still very much an issue.

P Incley – Latest news from the government is that councils affected by Covid-19 will have grants made available.

B Childs – The motorway service barriers remain open during the lockdown period. K Cox advised that the southbound barrier is damaged.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Approve Annual Governance Statement 2019-2020 – It was proposed by K Cox, seconded by G Dent and all voted in favour to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

3.2 Approve Annual Accounts 2019-2020 – It was proposed by J Powell, seconded by B Childs and all voted in favour to approve the Annual Accounts.

3.3 Grass Cutting Contract – Churchyard & Cemetery – It was agreed that the grass cutting should be increased to a two-weekly cut with particular attention paid to strimming around the gravestones and along the paths. The contractor will be asked to undertake a one-off industrial tidy up of the Churchyard. A working party will be arranged once lockdown is over. The Cemetery has a mole problem; P Incley will contact a local resident for advice/quote. Western Power have asked for consent to cut the trees back from the overhead cables.

3.4 Mobile Vehicle Speed Activated Device with Data Collection – Further investigations will be made and quotes obtained and this will be discussed further in June.

3.5 Village Hall – Update from Committee – The Chairman has provided an up to date report from the Village Hall Committee. The agreed method for moving forward is to have better communication between both parties. G Dent is now the PC Representative on the Village Hall Committee, and it was agreed that the minutes need to be circulated to the PC. With the loss of the gas stove in the kitchen it was agreed that a small calor gas hob is needed, which could be of great benefit to the village if there is a power failure.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Approve Accounts to be paid:

It was proposed by G Dent, seconded by P Incley that the following accounts be paid, all voted in favour:

Chq No 1302	S Porter	Clerk's Salary – April 2020	£ 201.80	LGA 1972 s112
		Clerk's Expenses – April 2020	£ 24.00	LGA 1972 s112
Chq No 1303	HMRC	PAYE 2019/20 Q4	£ 151.31	LGA 1972 s112
Chq No 1304	E-On	Street Lights Jan-Mar20	£ 152.70	PCA1957 s3
Chq No 1305	Leics Gardens	Churchyard & Cemetery	£ 250.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
		Grass Mowing - 13th April 2020		

Bank Balances

(as at 31/03/2020) - £ 7,820.90

5. PUBLIC TIME – It was asked that the Agendas continue to be posted on the village noticeboard. The Clerk will set up a PC Facebook page to aid the residents with information regarding the meetings, website, minutes. There is a PC website, where all the documents are stored, which is <https://watfordparishcouncil.weebly.com/>

Date of next Parish Council Meeting (Online) – Thursday 4th June 2020 - 7pm

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm