

## WATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 1st October 2020 – 7pm

#### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

**Present** – K Cox (Chairman), A Haywood, P Incley, J Powell, Clerk - Sue Porter and 18 members of the public

**1.1 Acceptance of Apologies** – G Dent, B Childs

**1.2 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 –**

The wording of the public time was amended and the minutes were then approved as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed and dated by the Chairman.

**1.3 Declarations of Interests – Personal or Prejudicial** – Nil

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

**2.1 Police Speed Data Collection** – The Clerk has notified Northamptonshire Police that the ideal location for speed data collection would be the post on which the vehicle activated speed sign is situated on Station Road.

**2.2 Litter Bins** – Darren Rolls (DDC) has advised that the replacement of the waste bin by the bus stop is being considered, as DDC no longer routinely replace litter or dog bins where there is not a significant need. The Clerk has advised that this bin is required, due to the close proximity of the Motorway Services. The Services have also been asked to sponsor some litter bins in the village, this is being considered by the management, and a response will be requested for the next meeting.

#### 3. REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

**A Haywood** – The street lights are all operating correctly and the recent upgrades have also been cost effective. Concerns were raised that at the last meeting, that Councillor Haywood was accused of lying, and being economical with the truth regarding the metal detecting on private land. The Chairman confirmed that permission had been granted for this to happen by the landowner, and this e-mail was subsequently read out.

**P Incley** – Confirmed that a village cricket team is now in place, ready for next season. A request was given that the waste bin situation is chased up.

#### 4. BUSINESS

**4.1 Village Hall Committee** – G Dent reported by e-mail that the recent charity cycle event was a success. All bookings being taken are all subject to the Covid-19 regulations.

**4.2 Rights of Way - Footpath and Bridleways** – Concerns were raised from a village resident as to who is responsible for the maintenance. The Chairman confirmed that is the landowner's responsibility to maintain the rights of way, and be free from obstructions. Gates and stiles are also the responsibility of the landowners. Signage and waymarkers are for Northants County Council to erect, however the Parish Council do have powers to provide. The Definitive Rights of Way map will be posted on the noticeboard and uploaded to the PC website. J Powell has offered to laminate some copies and place these on the entrances to the fields. Many thanks were given.

**4.3 Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November 2020** – Further discussions are needed with Rev Collingridge as to the plans for the service, due to the Covid restrictions this year. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

**5. FINANCE****5.1 Approve Accounts to be paid:**

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

<b>Chq No 1314</b>	Leics Gardens	Churchyard & Cemetery	£ 1,000.00	Open Spaces
		Grass Mowing – August & Sept 20		Act 1906
<b>Chq No 1315</b>	S Porter	Clerk's Salary – Sept 2020	£ 592.80	LGA 1972 s112
		(including backdated pay increase to 01/04/20)		
		Clerk's Expenses – Sept 2020	£ 27.60	LGA 1972 s112
<b>Chq No 1316</b>	Zurich	Annual Insurance Renewal	£ 374.61	LGA 1972 s111

**PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

Nat West	Interest	£ 0.09
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**Bank Balances**

(as at 31/08/2020) - £ 12,299.54

**6. PLANNING**

**DA/2020/0570** – Erection of four mobile lodges to replace five shepherd huts approved under planning application DA/2016/0161 to be used for holiday use for 12 months of the year- **Land to the East of Crick Road, Watford**

**No Objections**

**DA/2020/0671** – Work to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO 59 - **Garden House, Watford Court, Kilsby Road, Watford**

**No Objections**

**7. PUBLIC TIME** – Nothing relevant to the PC to report.

**Meeting Closed: 7:34pm**

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 5th November 2020 - 7pm**