



Watford Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 2nd March** following the Annual Parish Meeting

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Coltman
Councillor George Hallam-Attree
Councillor Joan King (Chair)
Councillor Pam King
Councillor Stephen King
Councillor Sean McCluskey
Councillor Alison Scarth
Councillor William Waite (V-Chair)

Officer: Gareth Williams (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Donna Duncan
Councillor Mandy Shumake

Non-Attendance: Councillor Angela Arnold
Councillor Ann Grant
Councillor Clare Leahy
Councillor Ronan MacManus

1) POLICE MATTERS

PC Sheppard and PCSO Smyth presented a verbal and written report outlining recent Police Activity and Initiatives. Items of note:

New PC has joined the SNT

Increase in thefts from cars, officers are leafleting to prevent people leaving items on show.

Burglaries in the area are currently targeting Asian gold and the elderly.

Youths coming in on the train to cause ASB. Officers patrolling regularly

Anti-Social Parking being targeted around the area. Being given warnings before ticketing occurs.

Covid has caused an increase in Mental Health referrals and Domestic Abuse. Officers very busy with this aspect currently.

Cllrs enquired about recent ASB at SO Jets. Still under investigation. TRDC approached to light the area more.

Cllrs enquired about the increase in Catalytic Converter theft. Police gave crime prevention advice around this subject. Dashcams, alarms, engraving, placing stickers were all mentioned. Difficult crime to Police as its so quick to remove them.

Police were thanked for all their efforts.



2) **ANNUAL REPORTS**

- a) Chairman's Annual Report - Noted
- b) Financial Report - Noted

3) **TO CONSIDER ANY MATTER IN THE PARISH UPON WHICH ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**

No residents were present

4) **PRESENTATION FROM WATFORD & THREE RIVERS TRUST GROUP**

NB this was moved Before Agenda Item 1 as the Police were delayed

A presentation was delivered to cllrs on what the group does, its aims and what our Council can do to inform residents too.

[7.50pm – Cllr Sumake left the meeting]

5) **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**