



# Watford Rural Parish Council

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 @ 7.15pm Parish Hall**

**Attendance:** Councillor Angela Arnold  
Councillor Valerie Coltman  
Councillor Hrithik Dattani  
Councillor Stephen King  
Councillor Sean McCluskey  
Councillor Jason St John  
Councillor Sakhana Uthayakumar  
Councillor William Waite

**Apologies:** Councillor Joan King (Chair)  
Councillor Clare Leahy (V-Chair)  
Councillor Alison Scarth  
Councillor Joanna Walker

**Non-Attendance:** Councillor Mashkoor Khan  
Councillor Ronan MacManus

**Officer:** Gareth Williams (Clerk)

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- 2425/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were noted and accepted.
  
  - 2425/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**  
None
  
  - 2425/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None
  
  - 2425/24 POLICE MATTERS**  
No officers attended
  
  - 2425/25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES COUNCIL MEETINGS ON**  
Full Council May 8th 2024 - Noted and Agreed.



2425/26

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING AND DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING**

**Agenda Item 141b (2022/23) HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS**

Clerk spoke to Mark Youngman eventually, senior manager of HCC highways. He claimed not to know about it, though we have sent numerous emails to him and his managers. He promised that they would look at it and get back to us. Once we have a cost, the Clerk to write to Lidl's, asking them to fund the change.

**Agenda Item 2324/114 - COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER**

**c) Potential Funding available from Herts County Council for Over 55's activities**

We haven't received the third quote, so will be getting the admin officer to put the bid together next month.

**Agenda Item 2425/15- COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER a) GP health Equipment Donation**

The Clerk apologies as he hasn't found the time to design and purchase the plaque yet. NB the equipment hasn't been purchased yet.

**Agenda Item 2425/19- FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Stairlift**

Final survey being done 31/05/24. Proposal: To allow the Clerk to purchase the EVAC Chair recommended by St Johns Ambulance. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**

**Other items of note:**

- INSURANCE CLAIM – Damage to extension from Oak trees on our land in Greenfield Avenue Park.

Our insurers have stated that the initial extension was built incorrectly and that they have gone back to the resident to state they should claim against TRDC for the planning officer allowing the build with too shallow foundation. The resident failed to mention this to us. They have also gone back to the resident asking for more detailed information regarding their reports. Long term there may still be an issue mind you, but positive news

- Clerk asked to promote our free dog bags on Social Media. A lot of dog fouling being reported on footways/verges in Carpenders Park and South Oxhey. Also, to include an article in the August Newsletter

- Clerk was asked to write to the management Company of Delta Gain to see if they will remove it as its causing a lot of fly tipping, however well meant.

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[7.45pm Cllr St John left the meeting]

2425/27

**COMMUNITY MATTERS/CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSIDER**

**To receive any questions from local community organisations. To consider any written correspondence. NB in relation to our powers.**

Council delegated the Clerk to write a statement for the BBC request in relation to the Asset of Community Value Appeal

[7.50pm Cllr St John left the meeting]

2425/28

**PLANNING**

No comments



**2425/29 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION**  
Proposal: To accept the quote from Cahill Renewables to install panels and associated hardware on the Parish Council building. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**

**2425/30 INCLUSIVE PLAY**  
Council requested the Clerk to gather three quotes for inclusive pathways through Greenfield Play Area in Carpenders Park.

**2425/31 MARKET**  
The Clerk gave an update on the current situation. Countryside have now reversed their decision not to allow us to hold the market. We have five operators interested. The Clerk to meet the last one in the near future. Need to get the tender finalised over the summer. Clerk to send around the tender for comment. Discuss at the next meeting. Proposal: To plan for a start date for the Market of March/April 2025. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**

Using the space for a careers fair was mentioned. Cllr Uthayakumar to pu to the Council at the next meeting

**2425/32 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
a) April 2024 Payments and Receipts were noted and approved.  
b) Review Standing Orders 2024-2025 – Proposal to accept. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**  
c) Review Financial Regulations 2024-2025 Proposal to accept. Unanimously Agreed. **RESOLVED**  
d) Internal Audit EOY Report -  
Noted & Agreed. The Chair thanked the Clerk and staff for the efforts the past year.  
e) To consider and recommend the Annual Return (section 1) for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Proposal to recommend the Annual Return (section 1) for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**  
f) To consider and recommend the Annual Return (section 2) for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Proposal to recommend the Annual Return (section 2) for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**  
g) Confirm Final cost of Audio Loop hearing system. Proposal: To proceed with installation of the audio loop. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**  
h) Station Approach – Issues for the Visually Impaired. The clerk explained the situation with the out of use steps at Station Approach. The clerk was asked to contact Watford Observer to explain the situation.

**2425/33 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  
Cllr Dattani put forward an idea to promote children’s reading. Asked to produce an outline for the next meeting.  
Cllr StJohn put forward a trip to the Houses of Parliament. He will contact the MP for our area.  
Cllr Dattani put forward cllrs going paperless. To be discussed at the next meeting  
Cllr McCluskey thanked the staff for the fish & Chip lunch for the pensioners that week.



Mealings hackney cabs have pulled out of the area.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm. Next Full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @7.30pm NB due to the General Election