

Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 17th January 2019 In Rushden Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present: Councillors Chris Garrett, Kate Heath, Linda Hill, Graham Lamb, Steve Pettyfer

In attendance: M. Messenger, Clerk and four members of the public.

- 19/001 To receive and accept apologies for absence *Apologies received from Steve Jarvis*
- 19/002 Declarations of interest and dispensations
- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda *None*
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests *None*
 - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate *None*
- 19/003 To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Meeting held on September 6th 2018. Chair to sign.
Resolved that the Minutes of the Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Meeting held on 6 September 2018 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chair. **Carried unanimously.**
- 19/004 To receive a report from the District and County Councillor
A report from SJ was read to the meeting.
- *Issues with bin collection are now largely resolved. Resident who have paid for 12 months will receive 15 months collection to compensate for the problems.*
 - *Main modifications of the local plan have been published, there are very few changes.*
 - *Mill End speed indicator is in place and working*
 - *Installation of signs for the 20mph limit in Wallington has started and the new limit should come into operation on March 1st*
 - *Bennetts Lane drainage problems have been investigated and work required has been identified. No date for this work yet.*
 - *Highways officers have been reminded of the need for hedge cutting outside Mill End nursery but nothing has happened. SJ will follow this up.*
 - *Wallington drain cover – still following this up.*
 - *SJ still has some CC Locality budget left, to be allocated by the end of February.*
- A question was asked, to be put to SJ:
In your report you said that you still have money available to allocate. Could this money be used to pay for fixing the damaged road surface on the Wallington Road?*
- 19/005 Bennetts Lane Drainage
Councillors expressed disappointment that the problems with Bennetts Lane drainage are still going on after so many years of bringing it to the attention of the Council.
- 19/006 Hedge Cutting along the River Beane fence and opposite by Mill End Nursery
Councillors expressed the need for urgent action on this hedge cutting as it is not long until the nesting season when it cannot be done. Another question to put to SJ:

If the Parish Council were able to arrange for a local farmer to do the hedge cutting, would there be any funds available to pay the costs?

19/007 Church Farm Meadows Usage

Councillors are concerned about what use the plots of land at Church Farm Meadows are going to be put to. There has already been some behaviour which has concerned residents. Everyone needs to be watchful and ready to report any untoward activity.

19/008 Update on Data Protection issues

The Clerk reported back on the following issues:

- *The Insurance policy does cover action brought under the Data Protection Act*
- *Emails. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask MB whether he could explain the options to councillors at a short meeting before Wallington Parish Assembly in April. Also it was suggested that the clerk should ask HAPTC whether they would recommend any particular email provider.*
- *The clerk has been made aware that it is now possible to make BACS payments which have to be approved by more than one person, rather than using double signed cheques. She was asked to look into this further and report back at the next meeting.*

19/009 Update on the agreed grant to Wallington Village Hall to replace old play equipment

It was found that the play equipment was far more expensive than expected so the village hall are going to try for a lottery grant instead. Councillors then considered whether the £1000 allocated could be used for other requirements the village hall has e.g. guttering and structural repairs.

Resolved that the £1000 grant can be used to cover required maintenance of the Village Hall

Agreed Unanimously

19/010 Update on the agreed grant to a 'Land Registration project' in Wallington

Nothing has moved forward on this.

19/011 ICO Payment. To consider setting up a direct debit to save £5 per year.

Resolved that the clerk should set up a direct debit for the annual payment to the ICO

Agreed Unanimously

19/012 Wallington Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors have met with the largest local landowners and they are happy with the idea. The current stage is asking for volunteers to be part of the committee who will move the idea forward.

19/013 To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council

Suggested items:

- *Bennetts Lane Drainage*
- *Road Sweeping*

Residents were asked whether they had any issues they would like to have considered. Three issues were raised:

- *Kerb on the corner of Treacle Lane is in a bad state and needs looking at. SP said he will report this to the Council*
- *Access to the salt bin needs to be made easier*
- *Fly tipping has been a problem. It was suggested that the residents should report any fly tipping to the County Council*

The meeting closed at 9.25pm