

**WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM PLATFORM**  
**MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020**  
**10.00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)  
Councillor Ian Dobson (ID)  
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)  
Councillor Michael Elflain (ME)  
Councillor Rick Meyer (RM)  
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)

One member of public was present.

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

**20/057 PUBLIC FORUM**

The chairman of WCC&RG committee talked about the concerns with the funding of the playground surface and other works with the village hall and asked to help.

**20/058 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- a) JF's monthly report had been previously circulated.
- b) RM's report had been previously circulated.

**20/059 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Naomi Ambrose (NA) and the reason was accepted. Also, County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

**20/060 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

ID declared an interest in item 11 (a) – consideration of planning application DC/20/01892 relating to land west of Walsham Road and south of Kudu Lodge, Walsham Road, Wattisfield, IP22 1PB

GW left the meeting and ME took over as chairman in his absence.

**20/061 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**20/062 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2020 had been previously circulated.

**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

**20/063 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was confirmed that the risk assessment in respect of volunteers working at the cemetery had been completed.

GW returned to the meeting.

20/064 COVID-19

There were updates on how the assistance scheme within the village was working. It was noted that volunteers had been contacted, thanked and advised that funds were available for reasonable expenses.

20/065 HIGHWAYS, TREES AND CHURCHYARD

- a) There was an update in respect of the SID. SCC Highways have now advised that the posts will be installed or adapted but this could take up to 12 weeks. This was considered unsatisfactory as the order for the works was placed in January. It was noted that a substantial part of the SID guarantee period had been used when there was no opportunity to test the device. It was suggested that contact be made with the supplier to request an extension to the guarantee period.
- b) It was reported that the clock specialist will be making contact with Reverend Merry to gain access to the church to do the report and costings for the winders.
- c) There was an update on the actions in respect of the traffic issues in Honeypot Lane. SCC Highways want to charge £600 for a traffic survey i.e. installing cables across the road. This was considered an unacceptable cost. The use of the SID was not in the circumstances considered possible. Residents have been asked to keep a log of incidents which could then be considered for escalation to SCC Highways for a possible solution.
- d) There was a discussion on the current situation with overgrowing hedges, the various hot spots and the actions that had been taken or were needed. It was noted there were issues in Walsham Road by Meadowside and at Elm Tree Place, and possible actions were considered.

20/066 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVEY

A strategy for the use of CIL funds held and those expected was considered. The focus was on improving the village hall facilities which might include a refurbishment or rebuild. It was suggested that following the report under 20/057 above that the parish council should work with the trustees of WCC&RG and form a committee that could include councillors, trustees and residents to review the situation and consider options. CG was asked to contact the chairman of WCC&RG to see if this would be an appropriate way forward.

20/067 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The situation with pending and decided applications were noted.

ID left the meeting.

- b) Planning application DC/20/01892 relating to land west of Walsham Road and south of Kudu Lodge, Walsham Road, Wattisfield, IP22 1PB was considered. There were concerns that the proposed development was outside the village development boundary, that the proposed properties did not meet the needs of local people, that the number and type of properties were over development of the site and would adversely affect the rural character of the area, that the hedge would need to be removed and or moved to allow the access road affecting the rural street scene, that there would be increased flooding issues from water run off in Walsham Road, that land locking of the land to the rear could affect maintenance and that there would be adverse effects on the ROW footpath.

**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council objected to the proposed development and to list the concerns.**

ID returned.

- c) Planning application DC/20/02096 relating to Chapel View, Chapel Road, Wattisfield, Diss Suffolk IP22 1NX was considered.

**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council has no objections.**

ME left the meeting.

20/068 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted.

20/069 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

20/070 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 20 July 2020 at 10.00 am.

The meeting closed at 12.10 am.

Christopher Garman

Parish Clerk

17 June 2020