

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes and Action Points

Date / Time: Wednesday 26th January 2022, 8.00pm

Location: Rushden Village Hall

Councillors Present: Graham Lamb (GL) - Chair, Kate Heath (KH), Steve Pettyfer (SP), Linda Hill (LH), Ian Roper (IR)

In attendance: Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) - Clerk, Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor), 4 members of the public

Item	Description	Status / Action
22/003	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received. 	-
22/004	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensations</p> <p>a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda</p> <p>b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests</p> <p>c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SP declared that he rents an office unit from the family of the applicant for planning application 21/02112/OP Daisy Barn, Treacle Lane, Rushden. 	-
22/005	<p>To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. Minutes were signed by the Chair. 	-
22/006	<p>To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. Minutes were signed by the Chair. 	-
22/007	<p>Report from the District Councillor and the County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wallington drainage - SJ reported that Wallington remains on the list of drainage schemes. Some works were undertaken last Autumn. River Bean fence and grass cutting - River Bean fencing completed. Grass cutting requirements to this area to be clarified. Treacle Lane drainage - Road Closure Notice received 24.1.22 and circulated to all Councillors on 25.1.22. 20mph Speed Limits - SJ reported that there is unlikely to be any action in the immediate future in terms of designating Rushden as a 20mph zone. (Rushden is number 418 on a list of 552 identified locations for the speed restriction). Local Plan Update - No further update. 	SJ

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee Tree Planting – There are still a few trees available for free, from Green Space, Todds Green. • Hertfordshire Bulk Buying Scheme for PV (Solar) Panels - Bulk buying scheme, aiming to provide lower prices for PD Panels, is planned to be launched in the next couple of months. • A507 Weight Restrictions – Progress on resolving the issues remains slow. 	
22/008	<p>CDA - Affordable Housing Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giles Meredith, from the charity Community Development Action Hertfordshire (CDA), delivered a presentation on affordable rural housing and housing needs surveys. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. • The Councillors agreed that the principle of undertaking a housing needs survey is a good idea, however it was not considered appropriate to undertake a survey at the moment for a variety of reasons, including imminent submission of the Wallington Neighbourhood Plan. • The Councillors agreed to review the need for a survey in 15-18 months. 	Clerk
22/009	<p>Footpath 10 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IR reported that the necessary forms have been submitted for the registration of historical footpaths. Response is awaited from the Council. • IR has supplied the Clerk with the relevant paperwork which has been filed electronically and in hard copy form. 	-
22/010	<p>Wallington Neighbourhood Plan update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KH reported that a draft plan is currently being reviewed by the Working Group, including finalising details on green spaces, historical assets and the defining the built core of the village. Aiming to complete Section 14 submission by the end of March 2022, following a potential public consultation event in February. 	-
22/011	<p>Jubilee Tree Planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornbeam has been planted on Southern Green. A small plaque may be installed in recognition of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. 	-
22/012	<p>Sandonbury rewilding update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LH reported that works are proceeding, including deer fencing and seeding wildflowers. 	-
22/013	<p>Rushden bus shelter update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further progress to report, with the plan to repair when the weather improves. 	SP / IR
22/014	<p>Wallington Tree Report update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Tree Survey / Report did not reveal any urgent or unexpected works. 	-

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22/015	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Planning Applications - MH reported on the status of the planning applications received since the last Parish Council meeting. See attached document for a summary. • 21/03293/LBC - Two storey side extension, Old Thatches, Bennett Lane, Rushden - The councillors <i>unanimously agreed</i> that they have no objection to the application. MH to confirm in writing to NHDC planning that the Parish Council has no objections or comments on the application. • 21/02112/OP - Daisy Barn Treacle Lane, detached building outline planning - This application is on the agenda for NHDC Planning Committee Meeting on 27th January. SJ will be speaking at the meeting and will raise the points made by the Parish Council in response to the application. The Parish Council are concerned that approval may set precedent for future applications in the villages. Local Plan, Categorisation of Villages - MSGH to confirm the categorisation of the villages in the new Local Plan, to assist future planning decisions. • Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Planning Process Review - MH presented an overview of various proposals for updating the planning application review process. It was <i>unanimously agreed</i> that additional Parish Council meetings would be scheduled into the diary, with the view that these will address new planning applications. Details of planning applications to be included on the Parish Council website. See agenda item 22/017 for additional meeting dates. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/016	<p>Finance</p> <p>Presentation of annual accounts to date</p> <p>Precept demand and approval of Budget for 2022-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSGH presented the year to date financial statements. He forecast that the Parish Council would be on budget for the year and had sufficient funds in the bank and in reserves. • MSGH presented the draft budget for the upcoming financial year 2022-23. • It was <i>unanimously agreed</i> to keep the Precept demand at £4,515 for 2022/2023 and so the draft budget was agreed as proposed. • Precept demand needs to be submitted by 27th January 2022. 	<p>Clerk</p>
22/017	<p>Set Dates for 2022-23 Parish Council meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates already set and agreed are as follows: <p>Tuesday 12th April 2022 Rushden Parish Assembly Wednesday 13th April 2022 Wallington Parish Assembly Wednesday 18th May 2022 R&W Parish Council Meeting & AGM</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed dates for subsequent Parish Council meeting and meetings to address planning are: Wednesday 16th March 2022 R&W Planning Meeting Wednesday 27th July 2022 – R&W Planning Meeting Wednesday 14th September 2022 - R&W Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th November 2022 - R&W Planning Meeting Wednesday 25th January 2023 2022 - R&W Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st March 2023 - R&W Planning Meeting Tuesday 11th April 2023 Rushden Parish Assembly Wednesday 12th April 2023 Wallington Parish Assembly Wednesday 17th May 2023 R&W Council Meeting & AGM 	
22/018	<p>Confirm date of next meeting and any items to be included on that Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Wednesday 16th March 2022 for Parish Council Meeting - Planning • Agenda: Current planning applications 	-
-	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.	-

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

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 Planning Applications Review Process

DATE RECEIVED	APP REF.	DESC.	LOC.	NHDC RESPONSE DATE	NHDC DECISION	R&W PC RESPONSE		
						RESPONSE STATUS	RESPONSE SUBMITTED (Y / NA)	RESPONSE DATE
08-Sep-21	21/02112/OP	Daisy Barn Treacle Lane, detached building outline planning	R	01-Oct-21	Granted *	Closed	Y	30-Sep-21
05-Oct-21	21/02795/FP	3 Cumberlow Green Cottages, 2 storey end of terrace extension	R	28-Oct-21	?	Closed	Y	27-Oct-21
18-Oct-21	21/02860/FP	1 The Street, change of use from agricultural to residential garden land	W	10-Nov-21	?	Closed	Y	07-Nov-21
20-Oct-21	21/02851	8 Church End, Bennetts Lane - replacement of rear window - FPH	R	12-Nov-21	Granted	Closed	NA	NA
20-Oct-21	21/02862	8 Church End, Bennetts Lane - replacement of rear window - LBC	R	12-Nov-21	Granted	Closed	NA	NA
Dec-21	20/02983/FP	Former Poultry Farm, Redhill - housing - consultation letter - REVISED APPLICATION	W	07-Jan-22	?	Closed	Y	13-Jan-22
20-Dec-21	21/03427/FPH	Long Pightle, 40 The Street	W	12-Jan-22	?	Closed	Y	11-Jan-22
23-Dec-21	21/03293/FPH	Two storey side extension, Old Thatches, Bennett Lane, Rushden	R	15-Jan-22	?	Closed	Y	27-Jan-22 *
23-Dec-21	21/03293/LBC	Two storey side extension, Old Thatches, Bennett Lane, Rushden	R	15-Jan-22	?	Closed	Y	27-Jan-22 *

* Post Meeting Note – Decision for 21/02112/OP and response date for 21/03293/FPH & LBC