

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes and Action Points

Date / Time: Thursday 26th January 2023, 8.00pm

Location: Wallington Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) - Clerk,
Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor), No members of the public

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| 23/001 | To receive and accept apologies for absence Ian Roper (IR) | |
| 23/002 | Declarations of interest and dispensations a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests <ul style="list-style-type: none">None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none">NA. | |
| 22/003 | To confirm a) Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 b) Minutes of the Rushden and Wallington Extraordinary Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Minutes were signed by the Chair.No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. | |
| 23/004 | Report from the District Councillor and the County Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Plan - The Local Plan was adopted in November 2022.A507 Weight Restrictions - Current proposal for a 7tonne weight limit from South Road in Baldock to A10 roundabout, Buntingford, with wording of the traffic regulation order to allow for possible access to premises close to A507. Formal consultation to be held.Gritting - Carried out gritting in December through primary routes and some secondary routes through the villages. Council plan to replenish salt bins.Drainage - The drainage problems in Wallington (water raising out of gullies etc.) have resulted in the water freezing outside village hall.Signage - sign at top of village now back in place. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A505 Speed Restriction - Steve Jarvis is still lobbying for the speed limit on the A505 to be reduced from the junction at Slip End to the junction at Odsey. For those supporting the proposal an online petition can be signed (https://SignMe.org.uk/2024). | |
| 23/005 | <p>Speeding issue in Rushden / Redhill / Mill End</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community speed watch is available and any parishioner who would like to volunteer should contact the parish council. | |
| 23/006 | <p>Tree Removal in Wallington (Mucheaps request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council received a request from a tree surgeon, on behalf of a parishioner, for approval to remove a number of trees. Clerk has written to the tree surgeon stating that obtaining permission for these works in a conservation area is not a parish council decision and that they should refer back to the NHDC tree officer originally contacted. | |
| 23/007 | <p>Parish Council Elections (Ordinary Elections) - 4th May 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All current members of the council stand down and all seats become vacant. Existing Councillors who want to continue must stand for re-election • Linda Hill stated that she will not be standing for re-election. • The Chair thanked Linda for her long years of service to the Parish since becoming a Parish Councillor in 2005. | |
| 23/008 | <p>Planning - Including an update on planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/01662/FP - Land between Field Cottage and Rainbow End, Treacle Lane, Rushden - 4-bed detached dwelling with double garage - <i>Withdrawn</i>. • 22/02327/FPH - The Barn, 15 The Street, Wallington - Two Storey front infill extension - <i>Granted</i>. • 22/02481/FP, 22/02482/LBC and 22/02698/FP at Moon And Stars Mill End Rushden SG9 OTA - Rear extension, camping pods, car parking and solar panels - <i>On going</i>. • 22/02663/RM at Daisy Barn Treacle Lane Rushden SG9 OSL - Reserved Matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for outline application 21/02112/OP for detached 4-bed dwelling - <i>Refused</i>. • 22/02951/FP - Former Poultry Farm, Redhill - 4nr. 4-bed dwellings, car ports, parking areas, paving, landscaping, new orchard and laying of services following demolition of existing commercial buildings - <i>Refused</i>. • Wallington Footpath FP22 - Meeting was held on 25th January between | |

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| | <p>representatives from North Hert Council and Herts County Council, Wallington Kits Lane residents, and Graham Lamb of the Parish Council to discuss a proposed diversion of the Kits Lane footpath, the route of which crosses the front gardens of 1/3/5/7 Kits Lane .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Jarvis has previously liaised with the interested parties on the matter but did not attend the recent meeting. • The Wallington parish councillors are of the opinion that the current proposed route through the land leased by the PC is not viable in terms of the steep drop in levels from the proposed footpath to the road and the impact on local wildlife and flora and fauna. • Further discussions are due to be held in 3-4 wks. | SJ, GL, KH |
| 23/009 | <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSGH presented the accounts to date for this financial year. Forecasting to be on budget for the end of the year, subject to any unforeseen expenditure. • Wallington tree report for the year did not highlight any urgent work. • A 23/24 budget was presented and discussed. <i>Resolved that</i> the precept demand for this year to be raised by the anticipated inflationary impact only, which has been calculated at £335 (c.7.4%). This increases the precept demand from £4,515 to £4,850. The Clerk to submit the precept demand by 27th January 2023. • Clerk to start the process of amending the bank account signatory to Steve Pettyfer. | MSGH MSGH |
| | <p>Date of upcoming meetings and any items to be included on the agendas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday 28th February 2023 - Parish Council Planning Meeting (TBC) 2. Tuesday 11th April 2023 - Wallington Parish Assembly 3. Wednesday 12th April 2023 - Rushden Parish Assembly 4. Thursday 18th May 2023 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. <p>Suggested future meeting dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Tuesday 11th July 2023 - Parish Council Planning Meeting (TBC) 6. Thursday 14th September 2023 – Parish Council Meeting 7. Tuesday 14th November 2023 - Parish Council Planning Meeting (TBC) 8. Thursday 25th January 2024 – Parish Council Meeting <p>Suggested agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. | |
| | <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 9.30pm.</p> | |

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