**WATERINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 7.30pm Wateringbury Village Hall**

**Present
Cllr M Wells (Chairman)
Cllr R Tripp
Cllr D Marks
Cllr F Fielding**

**In attendance**

**Mrs S Cockburn – Clerk to the Council**

**Cllr M Balfour – Kent County Councillor**

**Mrs C Byron & Mrs E Bird – Rostrum Correspondents**

**The Chairman opened the meeting by reminding everyone in attendance the meeting may be filmed, recorded, photographed or otherwise reported and asked if any person present intends to make a video or audio recording of the proceedings –** none

**19/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Hudson who was attending a meeting at the Borough Council

**19/112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**19/113 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**19/114 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Balfour reported the matter for speed indicators signs was still ongoing. Following heavy rainfalls the condition of Kent’s roads were in a poor condition, and it was not possible to do repairs in wet weather but these would be done as soon as possible. The Coronavirus had caused concern and Kent was working with the Government, and any guidance and update to use the KCC and Government websites.

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Cllr Balfour was asked why there was a 40mph hour limit between Tonbridge and Hadlow but Wateringbury could not get the same limit. The Chairman said at a meeting with KCC it was stated there had been a cluster of serious accidents at one point on the road so a 40mph limit had been imposed.

**19/115 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hudson was not present The Chairman read out Cllr Hudson’s report Report attached

**19/116 CRIME REPORT**

Theft of number plates from a motor vehicle. No burglaries reported

**19/117 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2020 TO BE APPROVED FOR ACCURACY**

The Minutes having been read were approved by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Fielding and signed as a correct record

**9/118 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2020**

 **19/102 -** Repairs to track completed

 **19/102 –** Speed surveys were in place

 **19/107 –** Damage to wall – police contacted still await update

**19/119 RISK ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

A Risk Assessment list of all items the responsibility of the Parish Council had been drawn up. This would be regularly updated. To minimise risk the Council would only use contractors/tradesmen who were fully insured, and to ensure full comprehensive insurance cover for all Councillors, staff, land and buildings.

**19/120 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

 **Finance & General Purposes –** no meeting. A quote had been received from Safeplay for replacement of four seats on the play equipment scales at a cost £982 It was possible just to replace the two worst seats but after discussion Councillors felt all four should be replaced. The quote for £982 was agreed

Wateringbury WI would be celebrating its centenary this year and had asked for permission to plant an oak tree in the playing fields along the railway fence line. The WI would take full responsibility for planting and maintaining the tree. Councillors were happy to agree as long as the Wateringbury Sports & Recreational Association were in agreement.

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 **Planning –** meeting to follow

 **WSRA -**nothing to report

 **Tonbridge & Malling Area Committee of KALC –** next meeting 16th April

 **Parish Partnership Panel –** nothing to report

 **Joint Parish Council Transport Consultative Group –** nothing to report

 **Highways –** next meeting 17th March 2020

 **Speedwatch –** report attached

 **Allotments –** invoices to go out shortly

 **Cemetery –** nothing to report

 **Joint Flood Group –** nothing to report

 **Kent Community Rail Partnership –** as the Council had no representative it was agreed to remove this from future list of reports

 **Village Warden –** report attached.

**19/121 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

The Financial Statement was approved by Cllr Marks and seconded by Cllr Fielding and all cheques were signed.

**19/122 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A resident reported seeing two men placing builders rubbish in one of the waste bins in the playing field

 It was reported that 28 cars from the building site in The Orpines had been parking in Fields Lane. The field adjacent to the site was not being used probably as it is too muddy. There was a question as to where vehicles for the 51 flats in The Orpines would park. Cllr Marks said this was something that had been raised by the Parish Council before building started.

 The Council was asked if it would consider sponsoring a flower arrangement for Flowers for Peace at the Flower Festival in the church on the 23rd, 24th & 25th May. Councillors were happy to sponsor this and agreed a sum of £50.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

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