

**LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019
CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD, LONDON COLNEY, 7PM**

PRESENT: Councillors M MacMillan, K Gardner, D Gordon, T Lillico, H Pakenham and A Osborne

IN ATTENDANCE: E Payne, Interim Clerk
Member of the public

203/19. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mortuza (family) and Cllr Quagliozzi (family).

204/19. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No other declarations were received that had not already been notified.

205/19. CHAIR'S REPORT AND URGENT ITEMS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There was no Chairman's report or urgent items to report.

206/19. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December 2018 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting.

207/19. MATTERS ARISING NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

207/19.1 Cllr Gordon had provided details of the speeding monitoring on Barnet Road to the Clerk who had distributed them to Members. Members were keen to see this continued as a priority with the Priority Setting Forum meetings held with the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

208/19. COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PCSO Daniels was not able to attend the meeting.

209/19. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

210/19. QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had been consulted by Hertsmere Borough Council on the planning application for the dome over Watford FC's training ground. He was advised that the Parish Council were not consulted.

Members considered the matter and the Clerk was asked to write to Hertsmere BC regarding the obtrusive nature of the structure, copying in Anne Main MP.

211/19. MINUTES

211/19.1 Human Resources Committee – 13 December 2018

Members received the minutes of this meeting and there were no recommendations.

212/19. FINANCE

212/19.1 Parish Council Budget 2019/20

Members received a report with a proposed budget for the parish council for 2019/20. Members noted the budget outlined in the report was the same as had been presented to the meeting on 12 December 2018, but more information had been provided about the increase in the precept versus the council tax base.

Members considered the increase in the council tax base and three options were provided; 2%, 2.5% and 2.8% increase on the council tax base. Members considered that a 2.5% increase in the council tax base would increase the precept by 3.28%.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) £4,000 is allocated from the Salaries Budget to provide community project support**
- b) £4,000 is allocated from end of year surpluses to be earmarked for community project support**
- c) The allocation of this additional support will be decided by the HR Committee at a future meeting.**
- d) £3,000 is allocated from end of year surpluses to an Earmarked Reserve for the Neighbourhood Plan**
- e) The Budget is set at £370,417**
- f) The Precept is set at £263,548**

213/19. OFFICER'S REPORTS

213/19.1 Grounds Maintenance Manager's Report

Members received a report from the Grounds Maintenance Manager. The Grounds Staff were complimented on ensuring that the parish council rubbish bins were emptied frequently. There had been issues over Christmas with the District Council's contractor which had been reported. An apology had been passed onto the residents for the drop in service levels.

Members enquired when the path would be cut through Dudley Wood and it was reported that this would be undertaken during January 2019. Members asked that Dudley Wood was added to the Grounds Maintenance Manager's report from February 2019.

213/19.2 Events Officer's Report

Members noted the report from the Events Officer and its contents were noted. The events calendar for 2019 was received and there were amendments made to the date for Picnic in the Park (11 August 2019). Members raised the matter of The Big Lunch and asked for a special lunch to be programmed into the calendar (4 June 2019).

213/19.3 Citizens Advice St Albans District

Members received a report from Citizen's Advice and its contents were noted. Members commented that it was unfortunate that the funding made available centrally by the District Council was insufficient to run the outreach service which only functioned from funding received from the Parish Council and HCC Locality Grant.

213/19. MEMBER'S POINTS OF INTEREST RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

There were no points of interest received.

213/19. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OTHER AUTHORITIES

- 213/19.1 Cllr Gordon reported that a meeting had been organised with officers for HCC for County Councillors whose wards included the A414. It was not open to parish councils because there were too many of these to accommodate but she had asked Cllr Osborne as Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee to attend the briefing.
- 213/19.2 Cllr Gordon had reported some traffic issues at the London Colney roundabout following the revised sequencing of the traffic lights. Whilst the revised lights allowed more cars to join the roundabout from the London Colney entrance, there had been increased reports on cars from A1081 jumping the lights. She had reported this to the Safer Neighbourhood Team sergeant who had replied it was a Highways issue. She would report to a future meeting on any developments.
- 213/19.3 Cllr Gardner queried about the lack of bollard at the end of Alexander Road which allowed vehicles to join the roundabout.

214/19. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

There was nothing to report.

214/19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

To resolve to exclude the Press and the public from the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.