

REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 12 February 2020 from 7.30pm to 7.48pm.

Councillors present: Councillors Martin Trevett (Chairman), Steve Drury (Vice-Chairman), Paula Hiscocks, Joy Mann, Shanti Maru, Roger Seabourne, Dominic Sokalski, Alex Turner, Stephen Cox (substitute for Stephen King).

Officers: Michael Summerville, Electoral Services Manager
Sherrie Ralton, Committee Manager

RG13/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Stephen King with Councillor Stephen Cox as substitute.

RG14/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regulatory Services Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

RG15/19 NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

None received.

RG16/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There was none.

RG17/19 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Committee received a report following the consultation on Polling Districts and Polling places within the Three Rivers District. The Committee were advised that this had been a statutory review. The consultation had taken place and all proposals and recommendations received had been published in accordance with the timetable. The Returning Officer together with the Electoral Services Manager had recommended the proposal in the South Oxhey Ward as a result of the South Oxhey Initiative development that would help future proof the area for expected new voters.

The Electoral services Manager pointed out an amendment in paragraph 5.3 approximate number of voters as follows:

DCDA All Saints Church Hall to read 1,500
DCD Watford Parish Hall to read 3,000

The proposal was for those to the north of the green line detailed on a map of South Oxhey Central to move to All Saint's Church in polling district DCDA.

A Member said this would help to ensure the Parish Hall in polling district DCD would not become too congested with voters in the future. He confirmed that The Parish Hall and All Saint's Church were within walking distance for residents.

Councillor Martin Trevett proposed, duly seconded by Councillor Steve Drury, the recommendation in the report.

On being put to the Committee the recommendation was declared CARRIED by the Chairman, the voting being unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That the Members of the Committee considered the proposed change set out in the report in relation to South Oxhey Ward Polling Districts and agreed to the proposal as recommended by the Returning Officer.

RG18/19 REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

To consider and make necessary changes to the Committee's work programme.

The Committee Manager advised that the progress report on the new model byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces would be updated in the Members Information Bulletin in future so proposed this item be removed from the Work Programme. A Member advised that this item was originally on the Regulatory Services Committee Work Programme as they had to do new regulations. The recommendations had gone out to public consultation and so this was now complete. The Committee asked for the Performance and Projects Officer to email them highlighting some of the outcomes of the consultation.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the items included in the work programme and Agreed the removal of the progress report on the new model byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces. An email update on the outcomes to be sent to the Committee.

CHAIRMAN