

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MARCH 2021

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 15 QUESTIONS – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Notice of the following questions has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15:-

1. Question to the Executive Member (Leisure, Culture and Communications) from Councillor Sunny Thusu

“Bearing in mind how successful the opening of our terrific new Splashlands at Stanborough Park was last summer and the gradual easing of restrictions over the coming months, could the portfolio holder confirm that Splashlands will open in time for the Spring and Summer holiday period.”

2. Question to the Leader from Councillor Glyn Hayes

“The Government has recently launched a Disability Survey, to be used to form its National Strategy for Disabled People. The Survey has been widely criticised for being degrading, intrusive, inappropriate and insensitive throughout but I want to just touch on one question it contains.

Question 58q in the Survey asks:

Do you agree or disagree that you would be happy to have a relationship with a disabled person?

Does the Leader agree with me that this question is degrading, intrusive, inappropriate and insensitive in today's society?”

3. Question to the Leader from Councillor Frank Marsh

“In my ward of Sherrards, Monks Rise, outside St John’s Church is in a very poor state of repair with massive potholes, clearly a public highway hazard, both to people and vehicles. Through enquiries made it was established that Welwyn Borough Council own part of this land, but I have been informed the Council feels it is under no obligation to maintain its part of the road in question, they will only do so if residents meet the cost, which they are unwilling to do.

Will you agree that in hindsight and despite their original decisions not to do anything, Monks Rise needs to be urgently repaired to eliminate all hazards and risk to residents and drivers, thus protecting this authority from any negligence claims?”

4. Question to the Leader from Councillor Lucy Musk

“Does the leader agree with me, that irrespective of the task and finish group findings, 8 weeks is simply too long for residents to be left without adequate repairs or support when reporting issues to the council?”

5. Question to the Leader from Councillor Kieran Thorpe

“Does the leader share my concern that despite interest from several local service providers, his Cabinet appear to be prepared to allow Friendship House to remain empty and unused, at a time of increased need in the community while it considers options around how to maximise revenue from an important community asset?”