

***MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICE AT 8PM
ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010***

Present:

Councillors:

Angie Paterson
Ted Backhouse
Di Tolan
David Shannon
Barry Adby
Rhian Woods
Neil Boddington
David Tindale
Tony Williamson
Charles Rowton- Lee
Nick Greaves
Roger Beattie

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

Press:

Jennifer Maxfield – Henley Standard

Members of the Public:

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The Meeting opened with Angie Paterson presiding. The Chairman, Ted Backhouse then chaired the meeting.

56/10 Apologies for Absence.
Ian Hill

57/10 Election of Chairman.

Angie Paterson stated that we have to elect a Chairman at this Annual Meeting. It is a legal requirement that any nominee must be present. She stated that we unanimously elected Ian Hill as Chairman in January and that she would have formally nominated him had he been present but the rules do not allow her to do so.

Angie Paterson nominated Ted Backhouse for the position of Chairman and this was seconded by David Shannon. There were no other nominations. This nomination was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: That Ted Backhouse is elected Chairman.
Ted Backhouse then chaired the meeting.

58/10 To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.
Ted Backhouse signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

59/10 Election of Vice-Chairman.

Tony Williamson nominated Angie Paterson and this was seconded by Charles Rowton-Lee. There were no other nominations. This nomination was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: That Angie Paterson be elected as Vice-Chairman.

60/10 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

61/10 Public Questions

There were none.

62/10 To appoint Statutory or Standing Committees:

A **STRATEGY-** All Councillors

B **PLANNING** - Mr Tindale(Chairman), Mr Beattie, Mr Lane, Mr Shannon, Mr Rowton-Lee, Mr Hill, Ms Woods, Mr Adby Mr Greaves, Mr Boddington, Mrs Tolan, Mr Backhouse
Resolved: That Robert Barber be co-opted onto the Planning Committee

C **FINANCE** - Canon Williamson(Chairman), Mr Beattie, Mr Shannon, Reverend Paterson, Mr Rowton-Lee, Ms Woods, Mr Greaves, Mr Hill, Mr Adby, Mr Backhouse

D **OPERATIONS** - Roger Beattie(Chairman), Mr Lane, Canon Williamson, Rev Paterson, Mr Shannon, Mr Backhouse, Mr Boddington, Mr Adby,

E **PAVILION AND SPORT FIELD :**

WPC: Canon Williamson, Mr Beattie, Barry Adby

Sports Club: Mrs Griffiths, Mr Lloyd, Mr Yeulet , Mr Hoskins

F **ALLOTMENT Representative:** Mr Shannon

63/10 Representatives to other Bodies:

“Poors Allotment” and The Watlington Public Charity Trustees

Mr Edis was elected to serve until May 2012 and Mr Barber to serve until May 2010.

Therefore we need to nominate a representative from May 2010 to May 2014.

Mr Barber wishes to remain as a representative and we have also had a nomination from Canon Williamson.

A vote was taken by a show of hands:

Robert Barber – 8 in favour, Tony Williamson – 2 in favour, Abstentions - 2

Resolved: That Robert Barber be elected as the Parish Council representative to the ‘Poors Allotment’ and ‘The Watlington Public Charity Trustees’ and will serve until 2014.

64/10 Minutes of the Council Meeting held 13th April 2010.

Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

65/10. Matters Arising.

Polytunnel at Christmas Common - Minute 52/10 refers – David Tindale stated that the Polytunnel should have been removed by the end of April. Angie Paterson stated that she will look into this issue.

66/10. To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

Tony Williamson read out the Balance of Accounts. He then proposed that the list of payment be settled.

Resolved: That the Chairman signs the Balance of Accounts and that all payments be settled apart from the cheque to SODC for a lottery licence for £17.50 as it was agreed that we do not need to have this at the present time.

It was noted that we have had the first electricity bill for the Community Office. Thanks were given to Barry Adby for all his work on this issue.

67/10. Committee Reports.

A Finance - Tony Williamson

There has been no meeting.

B Planning –4/5/2010- David Tindale

There was no contentious applications apart from 8 Cuxham Road which the committee refused on the grounds that it was un-neighbourly, guttering overhanging the boundary and the window causes loss of privacy.

It was noted that 52 Couching Street has had listed building consent granted.

The Polytunnel at Christmas Common still has not been removed.

C Strategy –27/4/2010 – David Tindale

Air Quality – We had a good discussion on this and it was agreed to write to SODC asking them what the next steps are. Regarding the issue of the idea of asking SODC for their comments on moving the Industrial Site to the MOD site on Shirburn Road it was:

Resolved: That Angie Paterson raise this issue with the Economic Team at SODC and that we write to Pyrton Parish Council asking us if they would be prepared to support this idea. If they do, there could be a two pronged approach to SODC (8 in favour, 3 against and 2 absentions).

Angie Paterson stressed that the two sites are owned privately

OCC data information from Britwell Road and Christmas Common – This was discussed in detail and an article on the results will be put in the Watlington Times.

Gates at Entrances to the Town – These could possibly be a project that could be done by the ‘Community Payback’ team. Roger Beattie is in discussion with the Probation Service about this.

D Operations- 21/4/2010 – Roger Beattie

Hire of Recreation Ground/Pavilion to BBC – We were told that they were very happy with the facilities here.

Fitness Equipment – This is due to be installed next week. Go Active which is sponsored by SODC are looking into running some classes on this equipment and the Trim Trail.

E Allotments- AGM – 14th April 2010

This has taken place and we are awaiting the minutes.

F Pavilion and Sports Field – Tony Williamson

A request has been received from the Chalgrove Cavaliers about the possibility of them using some of our facilities. This will be looked into for the next Committee meeting.

G Britain in Bloom- Meeting held 28th April 2010 – Roger Beattie

A presentation was given by Peter Thompson, the Chairman of the Thames and Chiltern Britain in Bloom Committee. He explained about what it involves and it was agreed that Watlington enter this competition for 2010. The judging will take place in July.

68/10 County Councillors Report.

There was no report

69/10 District Councillors Report – Angie Pateson

A full report was given to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Planning Website – A new page has been put on the website which is for Parish and Town Councils. Angie Pateson asked if Councillors could have a look at it and give her any feedback.

70/10 Town Hall Charity –To agree Trustees for this year

Trustees as at May 2010:

Canon Williamson, Mr Backhouse, Rhian Woods, Charles Rowton-Lee, Ian Hill, Barry Adby.

71/10 Annual Parish Meeting 15th April 2010

The minutes from this meeting will be available shortly. Ian Hill was commended for the good job he did in chairing this meeting.

72/10 Correspondence For Information –List attached.

Correspondence will only be discussed if it is urgent and if it cannot be passed to the relevant committee to discuss.

Letter 452 – Carter Jonas – Letter re Sports Field – It was noted that the Clerk has responded to this.

Letter 455 – Copy of Letter sent to WCHC.- noted

73/10 Any Other Business

Twinning visit to Mansle – It was agreed that Nick Greaves will present the gift to Mansle of an original painting by local artist, Jeffery Courtney. His original paintings usually cost in the region of £200 + .Council agreed to pay £150 towards this and Nick Greaves very generously offered to pay any difference if it was more than the amount agreed.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50PM

