

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council Held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 13th July 2010

Present:

Councillors: Angie Paterson
Ian Hill
David Tindale
Charles Rowton-Lee
Rhian Woods
Barry Adby
Tony Williamson
Di Tolan

In Attendance: Roger Belson – County Councillor, Angie Paterson – District Councillor

Officer: Kristina Tynan

Press: Jennifer Maxfield – Henley Standard

Members of the Public: 1

Angie Paterson presided over the meeting until the Election of Chairman.

88/10 Apologies for absence

Ted Backhouse, Roger Beattie, Nick Greaves, Rodney Mann, David Shannon.

89/10 Election of Chairman

A letter from Ted Backhouse had been received resigning his position of Chairman (Letter No 528)

Barry Adby proposed Ian Hill and this was seconded by Charles Rowton-Lee. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: That Ian Hill was elected unanimously as Chairman. Ian Hill then signed the Acceptance of Office.

90/10 To receive Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations on interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Councils Local Code of Conduct.

Age Concern – Tony Williamson declared a non prejudicial interest in this item.

Bandstand in the Paddock- David Tindale declared a prejudicial interest in this item as 2 of the main band members are his clients. He signed the ‘Declaration of Interest’ book and left the room for this item.

- 91/10 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 8th June 2010 to be signed as a correct record
Local Transport Plan - Minute 83/10 refers: Should read Tony Williamson , not David Tindale.

Hunters Moon -Minute 79/10 refers: Should read would be ‘unlikely’ to support
Resolved: That with the above changes made, the minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
- 92/10 Matters arising from the Minutes
Keith Lane – Tony Williamson reported that he had visited KL and that his wife has broken her hip and is in hospital. He stated that if any Councillors have time to visit with him it would be very welcome.
Polytunnel at Christmas Common (79/10 refers) – This has now been removed.
- 93/10 Public Questions
There were no public questions notified.
- 94/10 District Councillors Report- Angie Paterson
Website – A new website is being trialed at the moment. Robert Barber is trialing it as regards Tree Preservation.
Holiday Classes – There are some of the SODC/GO Active Classes being held in Watlington – Football and StreetCheer. Classes are being held all over the District but it is nice to see some are being held in Watlington.
Core Strategy/Local Plan 2026 – This has been put on hold pending the next Government statement. In the Autumn there should be draft legislation available, however there will be an interim policy.
Spending Cuts – The Chief Executive is preparing a paper on this which will be considered at the September meeting. The County Council have already prepared theirs. However the District Council is trying to respond as quickly as it is able to.
- 95/10 County Councillors Report – Roger Belson
Spending Cuts – All Councils are in a similar position – there will be a Full Council meeting at the end of this month to discuss the budget and its implications. There will be a lot of information in the Press. RB will send us any briefing papers.
Library – The contractors handed over the library back to the County Council last Friday. OCC now have to have fit it out and have a ‘drying’ period. It should re-open in the middle of September, a month earlier than planned. OCC are very pleased with the work to it. FOWL will be officially opening it.
Garages behind the Library – Roger Belson will find out what is the position regarding these and report back to us.
Age Concern(High Street) – Tony Williamson reported that Age Concern have nearly totally pulled out of their contract with the County Council and have asked if they would like all the Age Concern belongings removed.
The Icknield Way – Roger Belson reported that a stolen vehicle drove into one of the concrete blocks (which have been put there to stop cars driving on it). The Police are investigating this incident and the block has been repaired and replaced.
Volume of Traffic on Ridgeway – There appears to be a decrease since the concrete blocks have been installed. However they do not deter motor cycles. The usage figures have been sent to the Parish Council.

96/10 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments
Tony Williamson read out the Balance of Accounts and proposed that the list of payments be settled.
Resolved: That the Balance of Accounts be agreed and signed, and List of Payments be signed by the Chairman and that all payments be settled

97/10 Committees:
A: FINANCE - 15/6/2010 – Tony Williamson
Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council.
Election of Vice-Chairman of Finance Committee
Resolved: That Ted Backhouse be appointed as Vice-Chairman.
Budget – It was noted that we have to be very careful with money especially in the light of that it will be unlikely we will be able to increase the precept next year.

B: PLANNING – 6/7/2010
Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council.

It was noted that Rhian Woods was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.
Hunters Moon – As a condition for the new house, the old house should have been demolished prior to occupation. However we looked at an application for the retention of the old house. We objected unanimously and have asked our District Councillors to take this one to Committee if the Officer recommendation is to approve. We will watch this application closely. Angie Paterson confirmed that she has requested this to go to the SODC Planning Committee if the Officer recommendation is to approve. It was noted that this property is unoccupied at the present – was previously let out to tenants.

26b High Street - It was noted that this minute should have read ‘objection’ not ‘no objection’ as the vote was 6 against, 1 abstention. It was agreed that this minute be changed. However our comment still stands:

‘Watlington Parish Council have no objection to the removal of condition 1 (restriction of time) on application P09/E0837 (Temporary change of use for 2 years from workshop to Age Concern Drop in....) to allow the use to become permanent from temporary.

HOWEVER WPC are concerned by the inclusion of plans for changes which are not described in the Planning Application and to which neighbours have therefore been unable to comment upon’.

The Clerk has informed SODC of our error.

C: STRATEGY – 22/6/2010 – David Tindale
Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council.

20mph limit – Further to the petition by Mr Campbell, a meeting will be arranged with Peter Ronald to discuss this issue. A paper will be prepared for the next Strategy meeting.

Wycombe Local Development Framework - Tony Williamson stated that he has looked at this and they reference a Park and Ride site but no location is given. David Tindale stated that in the past they have mentioned a site by the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue site.

Resolved: That we try obtain the specific site location.

Affordable Housing – An initial meeting with Anna Kennedy and interested Parish Councillors has been arranged for Monday 26th July at 7.30pm in the Community Office.

Watlington Band Proposal for a bandstand for Watlington (Item chaired by Ian Hill)

Resolved: That Watlington Parish Council would be prepared to consider and discuss a more detailed suggestion and proposals from the band and others with the idea of taking this forward. The community will be consulted at an appropriate time.

It was noted that we have £2000 allocated to this from Ian Donaldson's bequest.

D. OPERATIONS – There was no meeting in June.

E. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

F. PAVILION – 17/6/2010 – Tony Williamson

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council.

Tony Williamson reported that they had a very positive meeting with good discussions.

Chalgrove Cavaliers – The Sports Club came up with 3 suggestions about pitch use and charging to them. The Cavaliers however think that they are all too high. TW thinks that we should meet and discuss the issue with Chalgrove Parish Council.

Resolved: That we organise an informal meeting with the Chalgrove Parish Council to discuss this issue.

It was noted that they are organised to start the season on the Chalgrove pitches. It was thought that with so many Watlington children being involved with the Cavaliers we should be doing what we can to help.

G: BRITAIN IN BLOOM – Update by Ian Hill

The judges will be in Watlington this Thursday, 15th July from 2-4pm. We have an itinerary. Ian Hill thanked everyone who has helped with this project. We are using this year to get the judges comments which we can then hopefully improve upon for next year if we decide to enter this competition again.

Resolved: That we send a letter thanking Terry Jackson and her mother for all the work they have put in on this project.

The Twinning Committee are preparing a proposal for Mansle Gardens, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary, which will be an agenda item at the next Strategy meeting.

Resolved: That the Strategy Committee be delegated to make a decision on this.

98/10 Correspondence for Information - List Attached to Agenda

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

Letter 525 – OCC regarding van permitting scheme at Recycling Centres

Resolved: That Watlington Parish Council agree in principle with the scheme.

99/10 Representation on other bodies – To note reports that have been received

No reports have been received.

100/10 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

To note any other matters raised by Members of the Council

Emergency Plan – Di Tolan reported that she and Linda Nicholson had attended a briefing at SODC on this.

Resolved: That this be an Agenda item on the Operation Committee meeting to see if we need to make changes to our Emergency Plan.

Cuxham Field Confidential Note

Resolved: That this note be accepted by Council.

This will be an agenda item for the next Strategy Meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.16PM

