



Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held in the Community Office Held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10th April 2018

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill – Chairman (IH)
Matt Reid – Vice-Chairman (MR)
Nicky Smallbone (NS)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Tom Bindoff (TB)
Tony Williamson (TW)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Andrew McAuley (AM)
Bob West (BW)
Fergus Lapage (FL)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Press:

David White – Henley Standard

Members of the Public:

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In Attendance:

Gill Bindoff – To speak on Agenda Item 10 C and Agenda Item 10 F
Tim Horton – To speak on Agenda Item 10 C

49/18 Apologies for absence

Jeremy Bell, Rob Smith. Fiona Butler.

50/18 Chairman's Remarks

There were none.

51/18 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

52/18 Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 13th March 2018 to be signed as a correct record

The following amendments were made;

Minute 41/18 F, page 13, para 7, line 4, this should read 'Chalgrove' not 'Watlington'.

Minute 41/18 F, page 14. Para 2, line 4, to change what TB said to 'that the High Court Decision on a development in Kent was refused on the basis that new traffic would have to go through the AQMA'

Resolved: That with the changes noted above, these minutes are a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

53/18 Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute 43/18 – Air Quality – TB asked if prior to the Pyrton Lane meeting with OCC on 26th April if there could also be a discussion with them on Air Quality. KT will request this.

54/18 Public Questions

There were none notified.

55/18 County Councillors Report - Cllr Stephen Harrod

Cllr Harrod had sent his apologies for this meeting as he had contracted flu.

TB said that he was going to ask him a number of questions, which he read out to the meeting.

1. Watlington Parking Study – February 2017:
 - (i) Why was this Study not published in Spring 2017?
 - (ii) Why was it delayed until Friday 2nd March 2018 – just before the Hearing into the Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan on 5th March 2018?
 - (iii) Does OCC accept the findings of the Study?

2. Action to improve air quality in Watlington:
 - (i) What proposals does OCC have now to fulfil its statutory responsibility to reduce air pollution in the AQMA in Watlington?
 - (ii) Does OCC now agree that the construction of the new edge road proposed in the Watlington NDP and the SODC emerging Local Plan is the best way to reduce air pollution in the town centre?
 - (iii) Will OCC now actively support the provision of the proposed new edge road?

Resolved: That the Clerk send these questions to our County Councillor.

TW asked that thanks to Ian Hill be recorded for all the work he has done on this issue including the modelling exercise. He also stated that it is appalling that SODC and Ricardo withheld these reports until WPC had sent in a FOI request.

56/18 District Councillors Report - Cllr Anna Badcock

There was no report. However Council agreed that the following 2 questions be sent to AB.

1. Can we have an update on Homes England issue on Chalgrove?
2. At the recent litter pick in Watlington one of the areas cleaned was the road to the Industrial Estate. Five bags of rubbish were collected here and there is still a lot more. A lot of the wrappers were in Polish and we believe that the rubbish is from the lorry drivers. Is there anything that SODC can do regarding this issue?

It was also agreed that the Clerk write to H&H on this issue.

It was also noted that a lot of whisky bottles were collected from the Industrial Estate area.

57/18 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

TW read out the Balance of Accounts and proposed that the list of payments be settled as per the prescribed process. It was noted that this month has a number of annual payments and also that we have received the first half of our precept.

Resolved: That the Balances of Accounts and the list of payments be settled and that they be signed by the Chairman and the Chairman of Finance.

58/18 Committees:

A: FINANCE –There has been no meeting.

B: PLANNING – Special Meeting on 13/3/2018 and 3/4/2018 – Bob West

Resolved: That Council to accept these Minutes.

The meeting on the 13/3/2018 had only one application for discussion, P17/S1737/FUL, Land South of Britwell Road. This was for Amendment No 1. The Committee objected to this on 7 issues.

The meeting on 3/4/2018 had a number of applications for discussion as well as a public questions regarding the Ridgeway and Lys Mill. There was only one application which was objected to, P17/S2229/FUL Land at Howe Road. The objections to this amendment were on the same grounds as the first application.

Appointment to Committee

Resolved: That Andrew McAuley be appointed to the Planning Committee.

C: STRATEGY- 27/3/2018 – Matt Reid

Resolved: That Council to accept these Minutes.

MR stated that this had been quite a lengthy meeting which went on until 10.20pm.

TB queried Minute 21/18 and asked why they it said that there would be shortfall of £8M for the Edge Road as he did not believe this was correct.

It was agreed that the minutes were a correct record of what was stated in the meeting.

Meeting with Pyrton Lane Residents – This was held by IH and TW and seemed to go very well. There is now a meeting with OCC, WPC and the residents set up for 26th April.

Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee – A meeting has been set up to discuss how this is formed with the Strategy Committee and NP Co-ordination Group. This will take place on Monday 16th April. This will need to be in place for after the Referendum.

Setting up of an Outreach Working Group

Resolved: That Council agree the Terms of Reference for this Group.

MR and IH will be the WPC representatives on this Group.

33 High Street and the Charlotte Coxe Charity - MR said that we need to have some guidance and information on taking over this Charity. A meeting has been arranged with OCC on the 26th April.

Resolved: That we employ a Charity Lawyer to give us the Information we need on Sole Trusteeship.

SODC Local Plan - MR stated that this issue was also discussed at the NP Steering Group meeting last night. TW said that all Tim Horton wants is for us to support the amendment that he has already submitted to SODC which supports our District Councillor also in what she has achieved so far. TW said it would be foolish to not back up this statement.

TJ said that it is not an appropriate time to suggest changes to the Local Plan policies. The consultation ended in November 17 and there will be another consultation. AM stated that we are only supporting the statement not writing to SODC.

Tim Horton and Gill Bindoff both spoke on this item.

After much discussion, TW proposed that that the Recommendation be accepted with 'All' in the second paragraph changed to 'Most'.

Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention

Resolved: That Council support the submission of the amendment to the Local Plan as shown below:

'Sites for development on the edge of the Watlington have been identified through The neighbourhood planning process or otherwise introduced as development sites within the Parishes of Watlington and Pyrton.

Most the sites for housing and employment (save 'windfall sites') should be fully between the proposed and safeguarded realigned route for the B4009 and the existing built environment. This shall include associated amenity and recreation land.

No building upon identified sites (whether through this plan or the Watlington or Pyrton Neighbourhood Plan) shall commence prior to the full completion of the realigned route for the B4009 (including attendant facility for walking and cycling)'

Appointment to Committee

Resolved: That Andrew McAuley be appointed to the Strategy Committee.

D. OPERATIONS – 21/3/2018 - TB

Council did not accept these Minutes as there was a page missing.

TB stated that the tree works, surgery, felling and pruning is being done at the moment and they are doing a great job. He asked that we write to Martin Gammie and Heritage Tree Services to say how pleased we are with the work. This was agreed. It was noted that there have been some residents remarks on the town Facebook page about the removal of two trees on the green in Marlbrook. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

MUGA Proposal for Recreation Ground

RB and NS have visited a number of MUGA's in the area to have a look at them and also for advice on maintenance, lighting etc.

Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

Resolved:

1. That Council approve the principle of a two pitch MUGA.
2. To put in a Planning Application for the fencing and lighting.

MR said that there will need to be a Due Diligence report regarding financial implications etc on this project at an appropriate stage. TW said that this should be a Finance Committee matter.

Hearing Loop Device –TW said that the WPC have now purchased a mobile device which can be used in any of our buildings.

E. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – 19/3/2018- Nicky Smallbone

Resolved: That Council to accept these Minutes.

NS said that as there has been so much rain it is proving hard to get the pitch sorted out.

RB asked if the Cricket Club has now signed the agreement. They have not.

The Grundon bin for glass and recycling should have been delivered today but it was not. KT will chase this up. RB said that the CCTV will be installed next week. The extra lighting has been installed.

F. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – 9/2/2018

There was a meeting last night. The minutes will be available shortly.

There is progress on the Examiners report. It was noted that once the Referendum date is published the Council will be in the 'Purdah Period'.

The Clerk circulated a guidance sheet of what can and cannot be done in the weeks leading up to the Referendum.

G. ALLOTMENTS – Nicky Smallbone

The Allotments AGM was held last Friday. There is concern about the track with all the wet weather and they are looking into perhaps putting down some membrane. The Allotments do have a budget. NS/KT will look at the costings for the work when they have been done. NS said that there is one person on the waiting list.

59/18 Consultations

1. Pyrton Lane Neighbourhood Consultation- Deadline 5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018.

Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents link is www.southoxon.gov.uk/pyrton

There was discussion on whether we should put in a joint response with the NP Forum on individual ones. Their plan does not include the safeguarded land for an edge road which is in our Plan and also the Local Plan.

GB said that Pyrton objected to our plan so it would be perfectly acceptable to disagree with one specific thing.

Resolved: that MR, GB and TW have a meeting and produce a draft response. This will be circulated to all Councillors prior to being sent.

60/18 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 17th May 2018

After discussion it was agreed to hold this in the Pavilion, now that it has been newly decorated. It was noted that there cannot be any update on the NP due to the purdah period. It was agreed to ask Jonah Maddocks from SODC to give a talk on Community Resilience. He has previously attended an Operation meeting to discuss this and it was very interesting. It was agreed to provide a glass of wine to all residents who attend it.

The Clerk asked all Committee Chairs to give her their annual reports as soon as possible.

61/18 Watlington Parish Council Strategic Plan – attached

To agree Councillors to lead on specific groups and how the groups should be run and which committees they should report to. This was agreed and the Plan is attached to these minutes.

62/18 Risk Assessment – The Allotments have now been added to the Risk Register.
Resolved: That the Risk Assessment be accepted.

63/18 Correspondence for Information - List Attached to Agenda

Letter 72 from SODC re Closed Churchyard at Christmas Common – TW stated that it is absolutely appalling that because SODC lost all records in the fire they are asking for information on the required notices needed and if the PC transferred responsibility to the District Council in 1991. They stated that if they did not get this information within 14 days than the District Council will need to review its position regarding on-going maintenance of the closed churchyard. TW said that it is their fault they lost their records it is appalling that they only gave us 14 days to find this information. It was agreed that we write to Anna Badcock on this time limit.

It was noted that we have given SODC all the required information.

64/18 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies
There were none.

65/18 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50PM