

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 9th July 2013

Present:

Councillors:

David Tindale – Vice-Chairman
Robert Barber
Rhian Woods
Barry Adby
Roddy Orr
Nick Hancock
Nick Greaves
Harvey Batten
Tony Williamson
Tim Horton

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

District Councillor:

Anna Badcock

County Councillor:

Caroline Newton

Members of the Public:

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95/13 Apologies for absence
Ian Hill, Neil Boddington, Bob West.

96/13 Chairman's Remarks
There were none.

97/13 To receive Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

98/13 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 11th June 2013 to be signed as a correct record
Minute 86/13 Drains – 4th line should read storm water and sewerage (not fresh water), 10th line should read rain water not fresh and 12th line should read rainwater not effluent.
Minute 87/13 Broad band – 2nd and 3rd line should read Mbps not Mgb
Minute 90/13 – Committees D – Operations was chaired by Barry Adby not David Tindale.
Resolved: That with the corrections above these minutes be agreed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

99/13 Matters arising from the Minutes

Meeting with Football Foundation (Minute 90/13F) refers – TW reported that we have now received the formal report from the Football Foundation.

100/13 Public Questions

There were no public questions notified.

101/13 District Councillors Report – Anna Badcock

Neighbourhood Plan – AB stated that this is an everchanging piece of legislation and that the SODC Officers are doing a really great job on keeping up with the changes and making sure that Parish Councils are given the best and latest information. AB said that Councils without a NP would be very vulnerable. She also said that she notes that the Parish Council feel some anxiety about a date in August, which SODC have recommended for the consultation, as lots of people may be on holiday. There is a 6 week consultation period. Neighbourhood Plans are not just about housing but about green space etc.

NH said that the results of the consultation need to be empirically based and asked if there needed to be a certain amount of responses?

AB said that the consultation needs to be representative of the community and this could be a good reason to wait until September for the consultation

It was noted that the Conservation Area is subject to completely different laws than the Neighbourhood Plan as it covers completely different issues.

Air Quality – AB reported that she is busy looking at this issue at the moment.

Housing Allocation – This has now been agreed.

Holiday Play Schemes for Young People – TH asked if there were any things on locally for youngsters. AB said that SODC are reviewing the Leisure contract and hopefully the new contract will include areas which are outside of the leisure centres. SODC are looking into all the best practices in the County and looking at what could be implemented in South Oxfordshire.

102/13 County Councillors Report

Caroline Newton had sent her apologies and there was no written report.

103/13 Thames Valley Police Report

PCSO Michelle Jacques has sent through a report which stated that she had dealt with the following issues in Watlington:

2 x vehicle seizures (driving without a valid tax disc)

1 x burglary

2x Theft from Vehicle 1 in Watlington 1 in Cowleaze woods

1x hare coursing

The following link will allow you to see the latest newsletter for the Chinnor area which includes Watlington.

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/pub-pg-nh-upds-N380?id=254897>

104/13 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

Tim Horton read out the Balances of Accounts and proposed that the payments be settled.

Resolved: That the Balance of Accounts be agreed and the list of payments be settled and signed by the Chairman.

105/13 Committees:

A: FINANCE - 11/6/2013 and 25/6/201 – Tim Horton

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council.

Tim Horton reported that he had been elected as Chairman and Roddy Orr had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

Salary costs/pay for 2013/2014

Resolved: That the increase in pay for the Clerk be in accordance with the agreed increase on the NJC scale (being some 1%) when formally published.

That the increase for the Caretaker and the Administrative Assistant should reflect the precise increase in percentage terms of the increase in the Clerks reward.

That the increases should be backdated to 1st April 2013.

Pensions

Resolved: The Chairman should write to the Clerk and Caretaker setting out their entitlements should they wish to join existing or future schemes for a workplace pension and seek their own advice on their individual circumstances.

New computer

Resolved: That up to £1000 be allocated for a new computer and upgraded software which may be taken out of contingency if necessary.

Gas costs

Resolved: That we accept a 34 month contract with Crown Gas and Power which should lead to a saving of some £900 on our gas costs.

Youth Club Grant

Resolved: That we pay the Youth Club the £3,000 grant that is in the budget for 2013/2014.

B: PLANNING –18/6/2013 and 2/7/013 – Rhian Woods

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

RW reported that the committee have looked at 3 contentious applications:

P13/S0561/FUL (Full Application): Amendment No 1: Buildings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Lys Mill Watlington . After much discussion the committee agreed to not object to this application subject to there being a condition on the Planning Permission that area S1 should be specifically ancillary to other users of the site.

P13/S1543/FUL Model Farm, Northend RG9 6LJ- Replacement two storey dwelling extended residential curtilage to provide outdoor amenity space and remodelled existing stable block to provide garaging and home office accommodation.

The committee agreed to object to this application for the following reasons: Architecturally inappropriate in the AONB. Overbearing and Unneighbourly .We question the volume calculations on Permitted Development rights and therefore it is in contravention of Policy H12 in that the house is larger than would otherwise be permitted. Detrimental to the AONB

P13/S1717/FUL Wild Wings, Greenfield, near Christmas Common. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic use.

The committee agreed to object to this application on the grounds that this change of use would be detrimental to the AONB.

Rhian Woods reported that Robert Barber had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

C: STRATEGY – There has been no meeting

Air Quality – Public Meeting on 17/7/2013 – Should the Chairman be present to represent WPC?

This was discussed and it was:

Resolved: That Ian Hill attends to represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

RW asked that it be minuted that she has had nothing to do with this pressure group and is not a member of it.

D. OPERATIONS – 19/6/2013

Lighting in Davenport Place

Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention

Resolved: That we do not support the installation of an additional light in Davenport Place.

Public Conveniences – This will be discussed at the next Strategy Committee meeting.

E. ALLOTMENTS – Harvey Batten

Nothing to report.

F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – There has been no meeting and the next meeting will be on this Sunday 14th July.

G. AFFORDABLE HOUSING – There has been no meeting.

DT reported that we have chased up ORCC for a progress report again but have not received anything as yet.

H. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP – 18/6/2013 – Nick Hancock

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

The briefing note from Nick Hancock on this issue had been sent to all Councillors prior to this meeting and is held on file.

Resolved:

- a) That we resubmit the application for approval of a designated area to include the full Parish area, unless the meeting with SODC and Pyrton PC on 26th June allows extension of the area to include all the SHLAA sites.
- b) That membership of the Group should be reviewed and that a few members should be tasked with preparing Terms of Reference for the Group that allow non-councillors to contribute fully to group decisions while at the same time ensuring that Parish Council retains control of the budget for the NP.
- c) As Woodcote have managed to develop their plan with significant volunteer input, we contact them for advice on how they have managed to achieve this involvement as an input into preparation of the Terms of Reference.
- d) That we ask SODC to start the consultation in September.

106/13 To accept the Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Resolved: That these minutes are accepted.

107/13 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 No 179 – OCC Special Event Order re the Triathlon – It was noted that the application is for a 12 hour closure. This issue will be discussed at the next Strategy Committee meeting.

108/13 Representation on other bodies – To note reports that have been received

No reports had been received. It was noted that a piece on how organisations can give information to the Parish Council was put into the Watlington Times..

109/13 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

To note any other matters raised by Members of the Council

Bell outside Old School Place for West Room only– This has now been installed and should make it easier for users to access the room as the outside doors need to be kept closed at all times. TH thanked our caretaker for doing this and said it made this room much more functional. He said we should give this room, which is for hire, some publicity.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM