

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council in the Community Office Held at 8pm on Tuesday 11th June 2013

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill - Chairman
David Tindale – Vice-Chairman
Tony Williamson
Barry Adby
Tim Horton
Roddy Orr
Nick Greaves
Neil Boddington
Bob West
Rhian Woods
Harvey Batten

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

County Councillor:

Caroline Newton

District Councillor:

Anna Badcock

Press:

Janine Rasiah

Members of the Public:

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80/13 Apologies for absence
Robert Barber, Nick Hancock

81/13 Chairman's Remarks
Ian Hill reported that Charles Rowton-Lee has resigned as a Parish Councillor as from tonight as he is moving out of Watlington. He thanked CRL for all his help and support during the 12 years he was on the Parish Council. TW said that CRL first got involved with Council in the Watlington Speaks exercise and has worked hard since then for the benefit of the community.
A formal letter of thanks will be sent to CRL by the Chairman.

IH stated that the formal process of co-option will need to be gone through.

82/13 To receive Declarations of Interest
There were none declared.

83/13 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 14th May 2013 to be signed as a correct record
Resolved: That these minutes be agreed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

84/13 Matters arising from the Minutes
There were none other than agenda items.

85/13 Public Questions
There were no public questions notified.

86/13 District Councillors Report – Anna Badcock
Drains – There are investigative works on drains as a result of problems in Cuxham. It may be worth Watlington liaising with Cuxham. Some of the problems may be due to neighbouring parishes problems. Thames Water will be covering all costs TH asked what is the Environment Agency's(EA) ambition towards the separation of storm water and fresh water? AB stated that the EA are working with all relevant people and will be addressing this issue as part of the big investigation. The SODC Environmental Health Department are also involved with this. AB stated that she is having a meeting with the Chief Officer of Health and Housing tomorrow and will pass on any relevant information to WPC. There is a concern that with any new buildings, links and annexes of the extra water going into the mains drains which cannot cope with present use as it is. It was noted that a big part of Watlington have no fresh water drains.
IH said that it needs pointing out that with the allocation of new housing it could be a greater problem with drains as a large number of houses in Watlington have effluent going straight into the drains and this needs pointing out. AB stated that SODC are looking at sewage plants in the area and have had comments on this issue from Mr Bennett at Babylon Plants.

Outreach Meeting in Christmas Common – AB will try to attend this meeting which is scheduled for the 30th September in the Fox and Hounds.

Welfare Payments – With the changes in this system any vulnerable people need to be kept an eye on and to let AB know if anyone has any problems.

Deep Cleanse – TH thanked AB for the excellent deep clean that Watlington has had. There have been many compliments on the work from residents.

IH thanked AB for her report.

87/13 County Councillors Report – Caroline Newton
Hedge on Shirburn Road (from Recreation Ground to Shirburn) – BA reported that this is very overgrown, so much so that the footpath is unable to be used. CN will report this to OCC.

Broadband – Cabinet considered the last company still in the running for this contract. She stated that 90% of the County will get 25mgb with the new contract but the remaining 10% will get higher speeds than at present may be 15-20mgb. OCC have delayed the announcement of this until the end of July but this will not change the time frame of installation. CN thinks that Christmas Common speed should be quite good. Watlington should be fine and we need to keep an eye on the details. Work should start Dec 13/Jan14. It is not know which order they will be doing the work.

Area Steward's Fund – There is £16,000 per division and applications will be looked at on a locality basis. It can only be used for improving existing assets eg cleaning ditches, cutting hedges etc. She said that Keith Stenning(OCC) suggested perhaps using some money to improve the granite setts and white marking in Watlington.

Road works to Brook Street/Ingham Lane – These works were postponed due to the snow conditions and it was said that they would perhaps be done in June. However we have had no date for these works. CN said she would look into this issue and report back to us.

Care Home Fees – Cabinet will be considering this issue next month. There has been a consultation on this that they will be looking at.

School Transportation – There is a consultation on this issue.

Libraries – OCC are looking into changes to cover staffing in libraries.

Chill Out Fund – Different organisations can make applications for the same building as long as they are for different projects. Each organisation can apply for funds up to £5,000 which needs to be match funded.

The Firs – This is up for sale and the County Council have given up any claim they had on this property and therefore no longer have any interest in this.

HGV's – TH asked if CN had any knowledge of the works done by Trading Standards on this issue and said that it would be good if they could do a survey in Watlington in the near future. BA reported they have had one of the vehicles with a video camera on filming the lorries in Watlington recently and that he has a meeting with a Trading Standards Officer this Friday to discuss the prosecutions of lorries that WPC have reported.

RW reported that residents in Howe Road collected data on lorries going to Lys Mill. They monitored all 5 roads into Watlington. They noted 18 lorries going through Watlington without stopping and they have reported these to Trading Standards. BA said that some people are not clear about what is an HGV as many vehicles are incorrectly reported (large vans) which are not HGV's and this overloads Trading Standards who only have limited resources. BA stated that the problem is that the weight limit is so far and wide that lorries can come through Watlington and could be going to a nearby farm. It would cost around £100,000 to even amend the Weight Limit area. The problem is that when the area was originally set up all the outlying parishes wanted to be included but it would be much easier to enforce if the area was smaller.

88/13 Thames Valley Police Report - C9422 Michelle Jacques

IH reported that we now have a new PCSO who had sent the following information on issues she has dealt with during the last month.

1 X Suspicious vehicle reported – Area search no trace 02/05

3 x Sec 165 vehicle seizures – No Licence 02/05, No licence 30/05 No tax, no MOT, expired photo card licence 04/06

1 x Attempt break out building OIC dealing 16/05

1 x Theft from person. Offenders located. OIC dealing

1 x Sec 5 public order. Offender located OIC dealing 18/05

1 x theft of number plates OIC dealing 24/05

7 parking tickets issued for the High Street.

It was noted that there has also been a recent burglary in Love Lane

Her Watlington patrols are currently focused on the high street to deter parking problems and locations vulnerable to hare coursing, theft of plant equipment and heating oil.

89/13 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.

90/13 Committees:

A: FINANCE - There has been no meeting.

B: PLANNING – 4/6/2013 – Rhian Woods

Lys Mill –reported that as a direct result of WPC submitting its Traffic Survey to SODC, OCC Highways has requested that the applicant now submit a Traffic Impact Assessment, and we are awaiting this report. The applicant has also advised that he is planning to submit an amendment to the current application to reduce the amount of B8 use, and in addition, will submit a new planning application for the reconstruction of Building 7, however, neither of these has yet been received by WPC. SODC has allowed the deadline for the original application, P13/S0561, to expire without determination, and appears now happy for this to run until the new information is submitted by the applicant, and it can be determined in parallel with the new application for Building 7.

Co-option onto Planning Committee

Resolved: That Alex Woodeson and Di Tolan be co-opted onto this committee for the knowledge and experience that they can bring to the committee.

C: STRATEGY – 28/5/2013 – David Tindale

Parking on Shirburn Street and access to Car Park – DT reported that a meeting will be held soon with an OCC Officer

Grievance Procedure

DT thanked HB for working on this.

Resolved: That the Grievance Procedure for 2013/2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

D. OPERATIONS – 15/5/2013 – David Tindale

Co-option onto the Operations Committee

Resolved: That Linda Nicholson be co-opted onto this committee.

Community Office Keys – Discussion took place on this issue. It was noted that a lot of people have keys to the office.

Resolved: That we change the outside door lock of the office and only give the new key to entitled people.

E. ALLOTMENTS

KT reported that we have 2 allotments available for rent.

F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD –03/5/2013

Football Foundation Meeting held on 4th June 2013- TW reported that Paul Griffiths (representing Sports Club) and himself met with the Football Association for the annual review. The FF were very pleased with the progress of both Football and Cricket. The Football Club have 7 teams for next year and he congratulated PG on his leadership of this. The FF were very disappointed that the Parish Council had not produced the Business Plan and this needs to be done and submitted to them by the 14th July. FC will therefore need to approve this at the meeting on 9th July. PG has contacted the FF to clarify of what exactly needs to be in the Plan.

Resolved: That members of the Cricket Club and Football Club meet with WPC members and prepare a Business Plan which will be submitted to Full Council for the July meeting. IH will co-ordinate this meeting.

Membership- There is one space that needs filling in on this Committee. Membership at present is TW, BA and BW.

BW asked to stand down from this committee. Discussion took place and it was:

Resolved: That the WPC element of committee membership be: TW, BA, NB and RO.

G. AFFORDABLE HOUSING – There has been no meeting.
DT reported that we continue to chase ORCC on this issue.

H. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP – There has been no meeting. Next Meeting scheduled for the 18/6/2013.

91/13 To approve the information Section 1 and 2 and the report from the Internal Auditor and that this be sent to the External Auditor

TH thanked the Clerk for all her work on this. It was noted that we have passed all checks by the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: That Section 1 and 2 be approved and signed and sent to the External Auditor.

92/13. Correspondence for Information

Letter No 142- OALC – It was noted that OALC are running a training course on Data protection, Freedom of Information and data transparency on 24th September 2013.

93/13 Representation on other bodies – To note reports that have been received

No reports had been received. A note asking organisations on this issue will be put in the Watlington Times.

94/13 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.26PM