



Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council Held in the Community Office at 8.00pm on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill – Chairman (IH)
Matt Reid – Vice-Chairman (MR)
Bob West (BW)
Fiona Paterson (FP)
Tom Bindoff (TB)
Nicky Smallbone (NS)
Tony Williamson (TW)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Rob Smith (RS)
Rachel Huckvale (RH)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

County Councillor:

Steve Harrod

Press:

David White

81/17 Apologies for absence

Jeremy Bell, Fergus Lapage, Stephanie Van de Pette.

82/17 Chairman's Remarks

There were none.

83/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item 10 – Proposal from WADAC – TW declared an interest in that he has been involved with WADAC for 25 years and is the Chairman, but he has no financial interest. He took part in the discussion as this is an important community issue. He signed the 'Declaration of Interest' book.

84/17 Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held at 8pm on the 9th May 2017 and the Notes from the meeting at 7pm to be signed as a correct record

Resolved: That the minutes from the 8pm Meeting be agreed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman. The notes from the 7pm meeting to come back to the next Full Council meeting for agreement as a section had been missed out.

Regarding the notes of the 7pm meeting, RS asked that in future WPC use more moderate language.

85/17 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none other than agenda items.

86/17 Public Questions

There were none notified.

87/17 District Councillors Report
There was no report

88/17 County Councillors Report - Steve Harrod
His Monthly Report had been emailed to Councillors

SH gave an update on current Watlington issues.

Britwell Road Traffic Calming– There had been a plan drawn up but this was not deemed a safe solution and the engineers are looking into possible solutions. WPC had not been given the proposed plan to look at.

White Line by the Town Hall – This will be marked out by OCC at some point.

Christmas Common change of priority - We have not heard from Keith Stenning on this issue. He did have a site visit in October 2016 and TJ said that he seemed quite enthusiastic at the time.

Brook Street trench – Keith Stenning has looked at this and acknowledged that it needs attention.

Kerbstone at Peppermint Line – this will be looked at.

Proposed Bus Stop at Britwell Road – IH said that this no longer needs to be looked at as the buses will no longer be going to Chinnor so only the High Street stop is needed.

SH said that he had a query on buses from a Watlington resident, KT said she had spoken to her on this issue.

SH said that he would organise a meeting with Keith Stenning and the Parish Council and hopefully he will be able to attend the next Full Council meeting.

89/17 WPC response to the Pyrton NP –

Resolved: That the following response is sent to Pyrton.

1: General comments:

- a) The key aim of the Plan to protect the character and setting of Pyrton village is supported.
- b) The aim to maintain visual separation between the settlements of Pyrton and Watlington is also supported in order to maintain the integrity of both settlements.
- c) The mismatch between the Pyrton and Watlington NDPs is noted regarding the safeguarding of land across sites PYR1 and PYR2 for a re-aligned B4009.

2: Specific comments:

- a) **Potential flood risk:** it is noted that flood zones are not designated on any part of PYR2 (Figure 14). The risk of flooding from this site would have to be taken into account and alleviated as a result of a re-aligned B4009 or any other development on the site.
- b) **Policy BNE 3 (7.3.5): Local Green Spaces 1a, 1b and 2:** Watlington is broadly in favour of the designation of PYR2 as Green Space as this is consistent with the views of the planning committee who recently joined Pyrton PC in their rejection of the Providence Land application for this site, as well as the Neighbourhood Plan who have also designated the adjacent Sports Field as being Green Space. We would however highlight the need for a re-routed B4009 in order for any viable NP strategy to be accepted by both the residents and the plan inspectors and support SODC's safeguarding decision in this respect. An amicable compromise is achievable under the terms of Paragraph 90 of the NPPF guidelines for Green Spaces and Green Belt land that implies a rural road equivalent in scope to the existing B4009 would be acceptable in the absence of any other development on that site. We hope that Pyrton will join us in seeing the benefits of such a compromise in that it increases the opportunities for increased safety, sport and leisure for both settlements as well as moving the increased traffic flow predicted for 2032 further away from Pyrton's more historic buildings.
NPPF Paragraph 90 would apply – 'Certain other forms of development are also not inappropriate in Green belt....' these include 'local transport infrastructure which can demonstrate a requirement for a Green Belt location').

- c) **Policy C3 (7.4.5.1) 5h and 5k:** proposals to provide a green footpath into Watlington and to provide safer walking/cycling routes connecting Pyrton and Watlington are supported.
- d) **Policy C3 supporting text (7.5.4.2):** statements about the need to avoid air pollution and light pollution are supported.
- e) **Policy SA1 (7.8.3.1) relating to site PYR1:**
 - (i) In view of the proposed growth of Watlington over the period to 2033, the loss of local employment opportunities would be detrimental to sustainable development. Therefore, the proposal that 'it should be established first that there is no viable opportunity to redevelop the site for employment purposes' is supported.
 - (ii) The possible use of the site for a care home and associated 'close care' or 'extra care' provision should be included as one option.
 - (iii) It is noted that there is no provision within the site for a safeguarded route for a re-aligned B4009. This conflicts with the Watlington NDP. Such a route could be beneficial to Pyrton with all the developments occurring in Watlington, Benson, Chinnor and Chalgrove not to mention if the 3000 homes and associated other buildings go ahead in Chalgrove, Pyrton could be vulnerable to becoming more of a 'rat run' and it should take all the traffic that now uses Pyrton Lane as a by-pass further away.
 - (iv) **Consultation Statement:** it is noted that there is no mention of the meetings with the Watlington NDP Forum. There is also no reference to the meetings attended by both the Pyrton and Watlington NDP teams with SODC and the HCA to resolve the conflicting aims of the two NDPs on the following dates:
 - i. 20.04.16, 15.09.16, 21.03.17 - meetings held with Pyrton in Watlington at our invitation.
 - ii. 11.01.17 - meeting at SODC with Peter Canavan and representatives of the Watlington and Pyrton NDP teams to discuss 'how best to ensure that the Watlington and Pyrton NDPs fit well together'.
 - iii. 04.10.16 - Meeting arranged with the HCA by WNDP - Pyrton and other villages invited to attend.
 - iv. 27.10.16 - meeting arranged by WNDP for local villages in advance of the HCA Strategic Infrastructure Corridor Workshop - Pyrton attended
 - v. 31.10.16 - HCA Workshop at Lambert Hotel as above
 - vi. 13.12.16 - meeting with HCA arranged by WNDP - local villages invited - Pyrton attended. Afternoon session looked at the possible 'edge' street for Watlington. Following a detailed discussion 'The principle of an edge road (within WAT 8) was, however, broadly accepted'.

It was noted that this response is supported by the WNDP Forum. The WNDP has undergone Consultation 3 which has demonstrated solid support from the Community. TJ was thanked for drafting a response.

90/17 To consider the Proposal from Watlington and District Age Concern (WADAC) – Nicky Smallbone
 TW said that he is very concerned about the future of WADAC and thanked NS for coming onto the committee as it needs younger members. At present 2 members are over 90, 2 over 80 and 2 over 70. In February 2017, OCC decided to end the subsidy in August and bring in limited transition arrangements. In January, a WADAC Brainstorming Meeting, attended by Steve Harrod, suggested looking at bringing the Drop-In and West Room Day Centre into one building. In March, it became clear to trustees that the £4,800 rent and over £2,000 other running costs of the Drop-In at 26b High Street made it unaffordable. NS said that at present only 20-30 people use the facility but there are around 800 people over 60 in Watlington. It needs to become attractive so more people use it. NS has a lot of ideas for more activities not just having a cup of tea and a chat. TW said that he has a list of organisations which older people attend and WADAC needs to work together with them. At present, there is little enthusiasm from the clients and volunteers at the Drop-In for change. However, if a move to the West Room does not take place WADAC would find it impossible to continue funding in both venues and the clients do understand this. TW also said that WADAC would like to discuss at some point potentially taking over the West Room Lease from the WPC.

Discussion took place on the 5 proposals from WADAC:

Resolved: That the WPC agree in principle to 1-4:

1. Agreement to asking SOHA to create a door into the West Room – preferably with a porch to reduce drafts when the door is opened – cost to be met by WADAC
2. That WADAC discuss with SOHA the possible use of their Old School Place office for chiropody and for WADAC administrative use sharing its use with SOHA's occasional use
3. That WADAC use the West Room five mornings a week for Drop-in and 1 or 2 days for meals
4. That WADAC using the West Room on at least one afternoon a week for Scrabble which now takes place in the Drop-In on Wednesday afternoons.

That WADAC discuss with Ian Hill and Kristina Tynan making the West Room its base, in place of 26b High Street while the Parish Council continue to use the room for some afternoon and evening meetings

91/17 To approve the information of Section 1 and 2 of the Audit Report 2015/2016 and supporting paperwork and to approve Section 4 by the Internal Auditor – if completed by this date
The Clerk has not yet received the Internal Auditors report and it was agreed that a special Full Council meeting takes place to discuss this item only. The Clerk will organise this meeting.

92/17 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.
Resolved: That the Balances of Accounts and the list of payments be settled and that they be signed by the Chairman.

93/17 Committees:
A: FINANCE – 1/6/2017 – Tony Williamson
Resolved: Council accept these Minutes

TW reported that the job advert for a new Assistant Clerk will be done in two tranches, in July and in September.

B: PLANNING – 6/6/2017- Bob West
Resolved: Council accept these Minutes

P17/S1737 – Land South of Britwell Road – BW stated that we had a full house with the meeting with a lot of residents attending to object to this application. After deliberation there was unanimous agreement to object to this application.

C: STRATEGY- 23/5/2017 – Matt Reid
Resolved: Council accept these Minutes

MR said that this meeting was attended by our PCSO and it was very useful to hear his views on local issues. He remarked that he personally was not aware of the amount of hare coursing that takes place around the rural areas of Watlington.

Parish Council Committees

A number of minor changes were agreed at the meeting.

Resolved: That the Terms of Reference for Full Council, Operations, Planning, Finance and Staff, PSFC (Basic statement only) be agreed.

The Strategy Committee Terms of Reference will be on the agenda for the July Full Council meeting.

NP Steering Committee and NP Forum Committees

Resolved: That the Terms of Reference for the NP Steering Committee and the NP Forum be agreed.

TB stated that he believes the Parish Council cannot promote the Referendum on the NP. IH will look into this as he did not think this was the case.

D. OPERATIONS –17/5/2017 – Bob West

Resolved: Council accept these Minutes

BW stated that Marcus Reay, Watlington Fire Station Manager had attended the meeting and there was a good discussion on if there was anything that WPC could do to facilitate more people joining the Fire Service.

The triangle at Cuxham was discussed and the committee are looking into removing two trees, putting in a bench or two and making this area more useful and cared for. TW stated that it is good to see something moving on this issue as it has been discussed for many years and the WPC either need to sell it or put this area to good use.

RH said that the Paddock Play Equipment Official Opening and the Jo Cox Get Together Event will take place on this Saturday, 17th June from 10am-12pm. Alex Tait's daughter has done a fantastic job in arranging free tea and cakes for all who come. RH said that there will be a bouncy castle, racing cars and other things to entertain the children. The more Councillors who can attend the better. There will be a formal ribbon cutting to open the area, which will be done by a representative on behalf of Ted Backhouse's family. RH asked that everyone please share this event and spread the word.

KT stated that the grass in the paddock will be cut on Friday

E. ALLOTMENTS – Nicky Smallbone

NS said that there are 3 vacant plots at the moment. The noticeboard will be put up soon.

F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – 11/6/2017- Nicky Smallbone

IH said that the meeting only took place last night and the minutes will be put on the July Full Council agenda. NS was appointed Chairman of this committee.

G. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – 5/6/2017 – Matt Reid

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes. It was noted that there were two corrections to be made. Item 5, Page 6, line 4, to remove 'to enable us to achieve WNP for housing etc' and Item 8 i) to change '1999' to '2019'.

MR said that Consultation 3, which is now over, had 516 responses of which 2/3rd were paper based and 1/3rd was done on-line. This means that 43% of households responded. 88% were in support of the Plan. The NP Forum are currently looking through the 1100 comments which is quite a task. HCA were supposed to be attending a meeting but cancelled it because of the General Election. There is a mismatch between the Watlington NP and the Pyrton NP and arbitration will be done by John Cotton (Leader of SODC).

It was noted that there is short time scale and there may need to be a special FC meeting in July if results are not available for the FC Meeting on 11th July.

The comment analysis work may require more resources and it was:

Resolved: That if extra funds are needed for this exercise than IH, TW and NS be authorised to make a decision on this.

94/17 Correspondence for Information - List was attached to Agenda

Letter No 93 – OCC Definitive Map Modification Order - TB said that this makes the footpath between the Cross and Saunders Close a definitive footpath which makes it secure for the future.

95/17 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies

There were none.

96/17 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

New Chairs for the Office – BW asked if we could have new chairs for the Community Office as they are very old and uncomfortable. It was agreed to ask the Operations Committee to discuss this.

ICC Leavers Event at the Pavilion – MR said that this went on without any incidences and with no rubbish having to be collected. So well done to the Leavers.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM

