

## Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council Held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Ian Hill – Chairman  
David Shannon  
Charles Rowton-Lee  
Ted Backhouse  
Barry Adby  
Roger Beattie  
Nick Greaves  
Tony Williamson  
Rhian Woods

**Members of the Public:**

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**Press:**

Henley Standard- Jennifer Maxfield

137/10 Apologies for absence

Angie Paterson, David Tindale. Roger Belson – County Councillor, Rodney Mann – District Councillor.

138/10 Chairman’s Remarks

There were none.

139/10 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.*

There were none.

140/10 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to be signed as a correct record

**Resolved:** That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

141/10 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

142/10 **Presentation by PC Ian Kent – Thames Valley Police on changes to the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**

Ian Kent reported that following some fundamental restructuring of the Neighbourhood Policing protocols within Thames Valley Police there has been a radical rethink regarding the roll of the NAG within the new structure. As a direct result of this restructuring proposal, the NAG for Thame, Chinnor

and Watlington at their last meeting decided to dissolve the current system in favour of evolution to the new system and the policing Pledge has been abandoned. However the principles of the Pledge are still held as minimum standard of service that the community should expect from its policing teams.

The drive to efficiencies has also had an effect on our partnership agencies and has resulted in more focused use of resources to support core business priorities. As a consequence this has had a major effect on the support provided to the NAG's by our partner agencies - including the statutory members.

The major change within the Neighbourhood Structure is the move away from formal consultation with the community. In the past this was the process used to formulate the neighbourhood priorities which would then be a problem solved by the NAG with a multi agency approach. The new approach is consultation through “**have your say meetings**” This form of consultation will enable the Neighbourhood teams to react to issues raised very quickly and where we can achieve a quick win it will be allocated and dealt with through the task and resolve process. However, if the issues can not be resolved it will be dealt with by the Neighbourhood TCG process

Within the review process there has been some recognition that there needs to be some flexibility in how the new structure will function. The main emphasis will be focused on direct liaison with the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the problem solving process. There will also be an opportunity for the Parish Councils to conduct individual consultation which can also contribute to the problem solving process. Watlington will have PC Ian Kent as their dedicated neighbourhood officer who will attend meetings on a regular basis and provide updates or advice on the problem solving process. This new system will promote communication to our community. Any concerns on either side can be discussed. It was noted that Speeding is one of the main issues in Watlington and that the Mobile Speed Van for Oxfordshire has ceased. The Police still have a remit of full enforcement eg hand held lasers are still available.

It was noted that we need to do our utmost to protect the Neighbourhood Police Teams which include our PCSO's.

Ian Hill thanked PC Ian Kent for attending the meetings.

**Resolved:** That we add a permanent Police item onto our Full Council Agenda

143/10 Public Questions

*Please notify any public questions by noon 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

There were no public questions notified.

144/10 District Councillors Report

There was no report as our District Councillors were attending an important meeting at SODC.

145/10 County Councillors Report

The note received from Roger Belson on the 9/11/2010 was noted below:

**Watlington Care Home** - The decision to withdraw funding for the 13 intermediate care beds at the Home will be discussed at Thursdays Health Scrutiny Committee meeting. Roger Belson stated that he will inform the PC of the outcome.

Tony Williamson stated that there will be a meeting on the following Friday of the Joint Working Group of OCC and NHS Social Services, which will discuss the Thursday's Scrutiny Meeting report and make a decision on the issue about Intermediate Care Beds in the 10 Community hospitals and those delegated to Care Homes. It was noted that letter No 653 refers to this issue and ask that the PC send a letter regarding this.

**Resolved:** That Tony Williamson and the Clerk draft a letter on this and send to Keith Mitchell at OCC tomorrow.

**Christmas Common** – The recent speed survey shows there is justification for a Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS ) sign but this would have to be paid for by Watlington PC.

**Library** - now officially opened and appears to be well supported with plenty of visitors.

146/10 To receive the Balances of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

Tony Williamson read out the Balances of Accounts and proposed that the List of Payments be settled.

**Resolved:** That the Balances of Account be agreed and signed by the Chairman and that the List of Payments be settled and signed by the Chairman.

147/10 Committees:

**A: FINANCE** – Tony Williamson

At the last meeting the budget was gone through in detail and will be discussed at the next Strategy meeting. There are real questions to be discussed and a decision will need to be made on whether to increase the precept or not.

**B: PLANNING** – 2/11/2010- Ian Hill

**Resolved:** That these minutes be accepted by Council.

**Oak Tree Farm** – An application had been received and which the Planning Committee refused. It was seen as a further delaying tactic.

**C: STRATEGY** – 26/10/2010- Ian Hill

**Resolved:** That these minutes be accepted by Council.

**Five Year Review of Current Arrangements with Sports Club**

Minute 88/10 states that we need to see the Sports Club Bar Accounts. However we have since found out that these accounts are included within the Sports Club Account and have not been separated out although there is a paper record kept. It was noted that therefore they have not been externally audited.

Tony Williamson has had a discussion with Brian Spragg at OALC who stated that we should have had a formal agreement with the Sports Club, which we have not but we need to move forward and draw up an agreement. The original pavilion was drawn without a 'let-able' area, but the final version included the main social room. There is an agreement with the Football Foundation and SODC to fulfill certain criteria and the liability is with the Parish Council to fulfill certain objectives.

It was noted that the Sports Club have not got occupation of the building. They have control over the bar at present and only they have got keys for the bar.

At the last meeting with the Football Foundation it was noted that there is a general trend that Sports are going downhill, it is not only Watlington that is having a problem.

**Resolved:** That we talk to Oxford Football Association and seek advice on agreements/leases.

**Resolved:**

**a) That a Financial Business Plan for the Pavilion and Sports Field be drawn up by the Parish Council to take into account:**

1. Income for the use of pavilion and sports field for football and cricket
2. Income from lettings
3. Income from bar
4. Cost of maintenance and regular cleaning.
5. The financial value of the voluntary maintenance of the sports field
6. The cost of the sports field rent.

**b) The a Use of the Whole Site Business Plan be drawn up to take into account:**

1. Use of the pavilion for football and cricket
2. Use of the pavilion for other activities run by the Sports Club.
3. Possible use of the pavilion for the benefit of families and young people who use the Recreation Ground facilities, including Youth Club members.

That points a) and b) be discussed at a future Strategy Meeting and that Ian Hill draw up a draft note on these issues.

**c) That we ask the Sports Club to agree to have discussions take place with Oxon FA, Chalgrove Cavaliers, and Benson FC with a view to drawing up a Football Development Plan, on the basis that the clubs continue to be separate, with separate finances;**

**d) That we ask if the Sports Club could draw up a Cricket development plan**

**e) That the “Pavilion and Sports Field Committee” be made up of four members of the Parish Council and four members of the Sports Club and that the Chairman be a Parish Council member.**

*An item on the December Full Council to be 'Appointment of an extra Councillor to the Sports Field and Pavilion Committee'.*

**Grass Cutting Tender for April 2011**

**Resolved:** That Berinsfield Community Business be awarded the Grass Cutting Contract for three years (April 2011- March 2014).

**Cuxham Field** – Agreed to be taken in Confidential Session

**D. OPERATIONS – 20/10/2010 – Barry Adby**

**Resolved:** That these minutes be accepted by Council.

**Emergency Plan for Watlington**

**Resolved:** That we accept the Emergency Plan produced and that we review it in 6 months time incorporating any new venues and volunteers if there are any to add.

**Grundon Bin at Recreation Ground**

**Resolved:** That we ask for this bin to be removed as it is not used by caretaker for collecting rubbish. It was noted that this will save us in the region of £600 pa.

**Bin for Kingfisher**

**Resolved:** That we allow them to put a bin in the Car Park, on a 6 month trial at a cost of £2.50 per week.

**Fitness Equipment** – It was noted that the ecoscape surfacing has been installed and that the Ski Stepper is being repaired at their own cost by RSS who installed it.

**E. ALLOTMENTS – No Meeting**

**F. PAVILION –4/11/2010**

**Resolved:** That these minutes be accepted by Council.

**Pavilion Budget** – This was noted.

**Pavilion Rental of Social Room** – Looking at ways to improve the way to book it.

148/10 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.*

**All Correspondence was noted.**

149/10 Representation on other bodies – To note reports that have been received

No reports had been received.

150/10 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

*To note any other matters raised by Members of the Council*

**Air Quality Machine** – SODC have asked if this could be moved to somewhere in the Town Hall . Barry Adby is meeting with Simon Hill from SODC on Tuesday to discuss this issue. It was noted that the Business Centre will keep it in their premises until January.

**CIC ‘Apple Day’** – David Shannon reported that this was a great success and thanked the Council for the use of the Paddock.

**Christmas Reception – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Resolved:** That we go ahead with this reception as it is a fantastic PR exercise and is much appreciated by the people who are invited.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm and then went into Confidential Session to discuss the Cuxham Field Rental offers according to:**

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: THAT under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for items of business of the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 7,8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

