

# Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council Held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Ian Hill – Chairman  
Robert Barber  
Barry Adby  
Ted Backhouse  
Tim Horton  
Tony Williamson  
Roger Beattie  
Charles Rowton-Lee  
Rhian Woods  
Nick Greaves

**Officer:**

Kristina Tynan

**District Councillor:**

Anna Badcock

**Press:**

Jennifer Maxfield – Henley Standard

**Members of the Public:**

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143/11 Apologies for absence

David Tindale, Di Tolan, Harvey Batten, Nick Hancock.

144/11 Chairman's Remarks

Ian Hill stated that the Olympic Torch will not be coming through Watlington and he thanked Tim Horton for his attempts to get the torch here.

145/11 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest given.

146/11 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to be signed as a correct record

**Resolved:** That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

147/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

**Presentation by Jacky Nabb** (Minute 139/11 refers) – Tony Williamson asked when this was going to happen. The Clerk stated that this is scheduled for the Strategy Meeting on the 22/11/2011.

148/11 Public Questions

There were no public questions notified.

149/11 District Councillors Report – Anna Badcock

**Christmas Common Polling Station** – The SODC recommendation is to use this as a polling station. However it still needs to be ratified. Angie Paterson was thanked for her work on this issue. Anna Badcock also supports this happening.

**New General Police Number** – This is now 101 which replaces the 0845 number. This to be publicised in the Watlington Times.

**Town and Parish Council Forum 22/11/2011 at SODC Offices** – Ian Hill and Nick Hancock will be our representatives at this meeting.

**Diamond Jubilee 2012** – Anna Badcock stated that she would be willing to help with this project. Tim Horton asked if the District Council will be offering Parish Councils any financial help towards this. Anna Badcock said she was not aware of anything but she would look into it.

**Elections May 2011** – Tim Horton stated that the District Council, at the meeting held on 22/9/2011 agreed a motion that an apology be made to the Public regarding the problems that occurred during the Election Process. He asked AB if she felt that enough publicity has gone out to the public as a whole. Anna Badcock stated the Independent Review Report was very robust and that she supported Councillor Hodges motion regarding a public apology. The apology was put in the Henley Standard, Oxford Mail and on the SODC website.

**Leaf-fall** – Tim Horton asked if Anna Badcock could raise the matter of leaf-fall on the roads on the outer part of Watlington and which now needs clearing. The Clerk stated that she has already reported a few areas. Tim Horton to give the Clerk his list of roads that he is concerned about and the Clerk will then liaise with Anna Badcock regarding this issue.

**District Councillors Attendance at Full Council meetings** – Anna Badcock reported that in future Angie Paterson and herself will attend alternate meetings.

150/11 County Councillors Report

There was no report.

151/11 Thames Valley Police Report

PC Ian Kent had submitted a paper to Council and the main points he wanted noted were:

**Rural crime / suspicious activity** -There has been a recent increase in thefts and attempted thefts from cars and vans in and around the Watlington area . The Local Neighbourhood team are working together with Roads Policing and other specialist TVP departments to focus on this recent increase . The Neighbourhood team are increasing their High Visibility patrols

**HGV contravention of Weight limit** - HGV contravention of weight limit in the Watlington remains a concern . As a result local Operations have been conducted with Trading Standards with further operations planned with colleagues from Roads Policing in addition to Trading Standards to include enforcement of speeding / seatbelt and mobile phone use legislation.

**Parking issues junction 6 M40** - Members of the Neighbourhood team met recently with members of Lewknor Parish Council and OCC Highways on site at Hill road Lewknor at its junction with the B4009 to identify issues concerning safety in and around this junction , primarily through inconsiderate or inappropriate parking in this specific location. As a result Highways have undertaken road markings at this junction in an effort to improve this aspect. Initially members of the Neighbourhood team will aim to promote appropriate parking in this specific area through advisory letters as motorists get used to the changes . A meeting with all concerned parties which will include Watlington Parish Council to discuss all issues still needs to be arranged.

Tony Williamson stated that he thinks a serious look needs to be taken to improve and extend parking in this area now that there is no threat of a motorway service station in this area. Robert Barber said that land has been offered for parking in this location and there should be able to be an imaginative solution that would be acceptable to all the sensitive issues.

**Resolved:** That this issue be discussed by the Strategy Committee

**4. Speeding issues locally** -As per previous updates TVP have taken over speed enforcement via the previous Safer Roads Partnership enforcement vans. They are now deploying locally on the B4009 and at other sites.

152/11 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

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

**Resolved:** That the Balance of Accounts be approved and the List of Payments be settled and these both be signed by the Chairman.

153/11 Committees:

**A: FINANCE** – Tony Williamson

There has been no meeting.

**B: PLANNING** – 11/10/2011 and 1/11/2011- Rhian Woods

**Resolved:** That the minutes of 11/10/11 and 1/11/2011 be accepted by Council.

**Meeting on 1/11/11-** There was only one application to consider which was approved At this meeting there was a discussion with Linden Homes about the Antique Warehouse site.. There were no schemes or drawings discussed. They stated that they had contacted Pyrton Parish but there had not been a meeting with them..

**C: STRATEGY** – 25/10/2011- Ian Hill

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

**Risk Assessment Review**

**Resolved:** That this be delegated to the November Strategy Meeting to accept this.

**Red Kites in the Town**

**Resolved:** That no publicity is put out at the present and that Tim Horton and Robert

Barber follow up the survey by the Reading University.

**Armed Forces Community** - Roger Beattie reported that there has been a successful bid from OPFA to this to hold Fun Days for all six Armed Forces bases across Oxfordshire and the one in RAF Benson will be held on 21/4/2012.

The issue of applying for a grant from this fund will be discussed again at a Strategy Committee meeting.

**Watlington Speaks** – Caroline Lye has now submitted a report. Ian Hill to look at this and bring back to a Strategy Committee to discuss.

**½ Pipe, Recreation Ground** – It was noted that minor repairs are being made to this. However the young people will be contacting us with a new scheme.

**Resolved:** That Rhian Woods approach the young people and to arrange a small meeting on site to discuss their initial ideas. Robert Barber to give the relevant names to Rhian Woods.

**Triathlon** – Barry Adby reported that Roger Belson has confirmed that this will be definitely happening again next year and publicity has already begun. It was noted however that the Road Closure notices will not be sent out until 13 weeks before the event. Barry Adby attended a ‘Wash-Up’ meeting at the County Council, but no notes have been produced.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk get in touch with all other Parishes on the route and get their comments about the 2011 Triathlon and ask if they would like to attend a meeting with OCC. A meeting will be set up with OCC, once responses have been given, to try to help improve matters for 2012. It was also agreed that we speak to our District Councillors on this issue.

Regarding 2013, there is a view that the Triathlon could be opposed. Tony Williamson asked if there was any mechanism to oppose the Road Closures? It was noted that initially OCC opposed the 2011 Triathlon road closures but because SODC put pressure on OCC they allowed it to happen. For this reason SODC’s comments on the 2011 Triathlon should also be sought.

**D. OPERATIONS** – 16/10/2011 – Barry Adby

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

**Emergency Plan**

**Resolved:** That the attached emergency plan be adopted by Council.

**Lorry Watch** – This will be taking place shortly.

**E. ALLOTMENTS** – There has been no meeting.

**F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD** – 26/10/2011- Tony Williamson

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

Tony Williamson thanked Barry Adby for all his voluntary time and work on the pavilion. Issues currently being progressed are, the Agreement between the Parish Council and the Sports Club; The Football Development Plan, The Charter Standard and the Sports Club Business Plan. There were some very interesting ideas that came forward to complement the current activities.

**G. AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – There has been no meeting.

154/11 Christmas Reception 2011 – Should we hold this event this year?

This issue was discussed and it was agreed that this is a fantastic event for thanking people and organisations who have helped the community during the year. It was noted that this event was started in the 1980's. Ted Backouse mooted that the expense should be borne by Councillors. It was noted that the cost is in the region of £150. It was thought that this is a justifiable expense (There is £300 allocated to this in the budget) to express out gratitude to the amount of volunteer work in the community.

**Resolved:** That we hold this Christmas Reception for 2011.

155/11 Correspondence for Information - **List Attached to Agenda**

**Letter No 981-** Beechwood Estates re Higher Level Stewardship Scheme on Watlington Hill – **It was agreed that Robert Barber be asked to attend the next Operations meeting to discuss this issue.**

**Letter No 987** – Howe Hill – The residents will be submitting a paper to the next Strategy Committee meeting. **It was agreed that the Strategy Committee be delegated to make a decision on this if necessary.**

**Letter No 990** – WBA - Christmas Tree at Town Hall – A request to put the WBA outside the Town Hall instead of by the War Memorial – **This was discussed and it was agreed that at long as it is not too high or wide and that pedestrian access and visibility is not impeded that they be allowed to site the Christmas Tree in this location. It was agreed that they be asked to discuss with us the height and width of the proposed tree.**

156/11 Representation on other bodies

No reports had been received.

157/11 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

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

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM**

