



Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council Held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 9th September 2014

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill – Chairman
Nick Greaves
Rhian Woods.
Tim Horton
Tony Williamson
Bob West
Robert Barber
Robin Wilson
Keith Lovelace
Elizabeth Winton

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

County Councillor:

Steve Harrod

District Councillor:

Angie Paterson

Members of the Public:

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119/14 Apologies for absence

David Tindale, Nick Hancock, Neil Boddington, Roddy Orr.

120/14 Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks

121/14 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no 'Declarations of Interest' notified.

122/14 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2014 to be signed as a correct record

The following amendments were agreed, Minute 109/14, page 53, paragraph 3, line 5- to add the work 'However'. Minute 115/14, under Operations Committee to add the word 'Church'.

Resolved: That with the two amendments detailed above, these minutes be agreed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

123/14 Matters arising from the Minutes

Memorial Club (Minute 107/14 refers) – TW reported that RB, NG and himself met with some of the Trustees and had a good talk with them. It would be simpler for them if they could become a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and they would not have to register with Companies House. It

was explained to them that Council could not give away a Parish Council right which might have some value. RB stated that there was some negativity on their side as WPC sends no representatives to their meetings. RB said that WPC would be happy to send representation to a meeting if we are invited.

Land at Church Hall (Minute 109/14 refers) – This meeting did not take place due to the holiday and will not now do so as the Planning Application has been lodged.

Air Quality Meeting with Henley and Wallingford Town Councils – KT contacted both Councils but they have not responded with a date for a meeting. KT will chase this up. It was agreed that KL, TH, RW and 1 other Councillor be our representatives at this meeting.

124/14 Public Questions

There were no public questions notified.

125/14 District Councillors Report – Angie Paterson

AP said that following the consultations before the summer there are no consultations going on at the moment. There has been no update on the Air Quality Consultation/Action Plan. Officers are presently going through the thousands of responses sent through on the Local Plan consultation. AP stated that she is expecting some feedback by the end of September/beginning of October. There will then be the next phase of consultations.

SODC is beginning to progress the Community Infrastructure Levy and if this is approved, communities with a Neighbourhood Plans will get extra funding

Elections will take place in May 2015.

Green Bins – TW said that he was disappointed with the organisation of green bins as he phoned Biffa to say that his had gone missing and they stated that it would be replaced within 2 weeks which it was not. AP said that she had complaints from other residents about this issue and she has raised it with the Manager.

Community Governance Review – RB said that in July all Officer Recommendations on this issue went through and asked when the changes will be implemented. AP said that the changes will come in before the Election next year. AP will have a look at the timetable.

Air Quality – RW said that there is a huge amount of interest and concern to know where we are with this issue and it seems to move very slowly. AP stated that she would raise it with Anna Badcock as it comes within her portfolio and ask for an update for next month.

126/14 County Councillors Report - Stephen Harrod

Love Lane Surfacing – SH reported that he has discussed this at length with the OCC Area Steward. When it was last assessed it received a 582 HAMP rating. OCC will only take action if a score of between 800 and 900 is given and therefore it will not pass the HAMP test for works to be done.

Zebra Crossing re-marking – These have all been done. Council gave thanks to SH for arranging these works.

Goggs Flooding- TW said that he is producing a report from the meeting held on 4/9/2014 regarding this issue and then he will send to SH and others. SH reported that Kevin Haynes (OCC) is reviewing the process.

Shirburn Road cutting of Vegetation which has encroached over the pavement – SH reported that these works have been booked for the end of Sept/beginning of Oct.

LTP4 Meeting – This needs to be re-arranged as the initial meeting was cancelled. SH will arrange this.

Junction 6 – SH said that the bus stops will be re-lit. OCC will also be repeating the survey that was done a couple of months ago so have comparable results on the car parking. This will also show what impact the airport buses have had.

Watlington Hill – RB stated that the road was dug up by Southern Electric a month ago and they still have not finished the work they were doing in this location.

Icknield Community College – TH said that the 16+ Education has gone through the first process and asked if SH has taken a position on this issue. SH stated that he is in support of this. RW said that this a hugely welcome move and will be a great asset to the Town. SH said he will keep track of this issue and report any developments.

Lys Mill – SH stated that this is still being reviewed by OCC Planning Officers.

127/14 Thames Valley Police Report - September 2014 Report from Thame Sector Neighbourhood Team
The Neighbouring Policing Report for September 2014 was noted.

128/14 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

Tim Horton read out the Balances of Accounts and proposed that the list of payments be settled apart from the Payment to HAGS SMP for the work to the Skate ½ pipe as we have some questions on the invoice in relation to some of the materials used. TH stated that the amount of £200 for the Town Hall Anniversary reception was not all used on this event, the remainder not spent was put into Petty Cash. The Anniversary reception cost about £132 in total.

Resolved: That the Balances of Accounts and the list of payments be settled apart from the payment to HAGS SMP, and these were signed by the Chairman

129/14 Committees:

A: FINANCE - There has been no meeting

B: PLANNING – 8/7/2014, 5/8/2014 and 2/9/2014 – Rhian Woods and Robert Barber

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

P14/S1986/FUL Little Stoney Farm, Britwell Hill - Erection of a three bed dwelling and two bay garage. The committee had NO OBJECTION to this application subject to the Mobile Home being removed and the residential part of the barn being converted to business use only. We would request that a condition be issued so that the house shall be used in conjunction with the land and stables only and not separated therefrom.

P14/S1896/FUL Land adjacent to Britwell Hill Farm, Britwell Hill. The construction of a dwelling house, associated courtyard kitchen garden, access road, new highway access, ha-ha boundary walls, orangery, water features and gardens and the installation photovoltaic panels. The committee had OBJECTED to this application and it was noted that SODC have refused it Planning Permission.

P14/S1560/HH 10 Davenport Place, Watlington - Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single-storey and two-storey extensions. The Planning Committee put in **NO STRONG VIEWS** on this application as we had objected to it last time but SODC did not. It is very rare that the Planning Committee to use this option but in this instance it was felt it was the only view that could be put forward.

P14/S2320/HH End Lodge, Christmas Common - Rear single storey extensions. Formation of vehicular access (Amendment). The Planning Committee took the opportunity with this amendment of bolstering the objections to the application as it was felt very strongly that a more detailed response to our first objection was needed.

RW stated that she did not think that the Planning Committee has enough members on it and so leaves itself vulnerable to not being quorate at a meeting.

Resolved: That Keith Lovelace and Robin Wilson become members of the Planning Committee.

C: STRATEGY – 22/7/2014 – Tony Williamson

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

Connecting Oxfordshire (LTP4) – A response to this consultation was sent to OCC.

Charlotte Coxe Charity – The meeting has taken place and there will need to be a paper prepared for discussion at the next meeting on Governance of the Charity. TH offered to prepare a first draft. It was noted that any appointment of Councillors onto the Advisory Body can only last until the end of this Council's term. It will be very important that the two people appointed take our views to the meeting and report back to Council.

Resolved: That Tim Horton prepare the draft on Governance on this Charity for the next Strategy Meeting.

Broadband – RB reported that after March 2015 there will be proper costings available. Regarding lobbying for the outlying areas of Watlington we need to identify the best people to lobby. RW said we still need to keep up the pressure on this issue.

D. OPERATIONS – 17/7/2014 – Bob West

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

Skate ½ Pipe – There is still some works to be done to complete this project eg painting.

Car Park Entrance/Watcombe Road – The good news is that the Co-op have said that they will pay for these works to be done but the bad news is that work cannot be started until March 2015. This issue will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. Local residents will also be informed. It was agreed that this was excellent news.

Tuck Shop at the Pavilion in the Summer Holidays – This was very well received by people using the recreation area.

E. ALLOTMENTS –There has been no meeting

F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – 4/8/2014 – Tony Williamson

Resolved: That these minutes be accepted by Council

TW stated that he still has concerns about not having received the Sports Clubs accounts. The Pavilion Business Plan still needs to be finalised. The Football Foundation Support Day took place in August and we are awaiting a report from them. The new PSFC Structure is in place until the 31/12/2014 when decision will need to be made on how things then move forward. TW said that there was a PSFC meeting last night (the minutes are not yet available) and he did not see any evidence of any moving forward with the 4 Sports sections. If they cannot sort out the issues then WPC need to establish new arrangements for management of the Pavilion and Sports Field. NB is dealing with this issue.

G. AFFORDABLE HOUSING – There has been no meeting.

H. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CORE COMMITTEE- 7/7/2014 and 11/8/2014

A traffic survey has now been commissioned and a confidential paper was issued to Councillors showing the tender process with the financial information. This will be discussed by the Finance Committee.

RW stated that the Traffic Survey is one of the most important pieces of work that NPCC are doing. There are also surveys of landowners and businesses taking place to capture their thoughts on traffic

and housing etc. Community Outreach meetings will be taking place in October which is the opportunity for people to tell us their thoughts and wants. A second Consultation will take place in November.

TW asked about the target date for the Referendum. IH stated that the date is not for us to choose as it will happen after SODC have examined the draft NP and there is external scrutiny.

130/14 Charlotte Coxe Trust Advisory Body- to appoint 2 Councillors onto this.

Resolved: That this is deferred to the October Full Council meeting.

131/14 OCC Draft Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation

Resolved: That no response is sent on this as it is very generic. It was noted that the Watlington Environment Group are working on this issue.

132/14 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 277 - Town and Parish Forum 12th November 2014– IH and TH will attend this as WPC representatives.

133/14 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies – To note reports that have been received

1. Reports from WATNEXT August and September 2014. – These two reports were circulated to Councillors.-These reports were noted.

2. The Goggs Flooding Resident Meeting – TW reported that it was a good meeting and was attended by 15 out of the 18 Goggs residents. There were representatives from the Environment Agency and the Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. The Environment Agency are at the moment in the process of doing a remodelling exercise of flood risk, this was shown but they could not give out a copy at this stage. TW has done a draft report of this meeting and there will be a number of Action points. There is concern that something needs to be done in the next few weeks so the problems of last year do not happen again this year. David Baldwin will be approaching the main landowner with a view to digging a ditch to help with this problem. There will be another meeting scheduled soon which TW is convening.

It was noted that this new flood plain plan map has potentially a huge significance to the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that the NPCC need to see sight of this map with urgency and they will contact the Environment Agency regarding this.

134/14 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

W1 Service – Watlington to Lewknor – TH reported that this service will be ceasing at the end of September and TH will report further on this at the next Strategy Committee meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55PM