



Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held in the Community Office at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10th September 2017

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill – Chairman (IH)
Matt Reid – Vice-Chairman (MR)
Fiona Paterson (FP)
Nicky Smallbone (NS)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Rob Smith (RS)
Jeremy Bell (JB)
Fergus Lapage (FL)
Bob West (BW)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Press:

David White – Henley Standard

Members of the Public:

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115/17 Apologies for absence

Tom Bindoff, Tony Williamson, Rachel Huckvale.

116/17 Chairman's Remarks

There were none.

117/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

118/17 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th July 2017 to be signed as a correct record

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting above be accepted as a correct record of this meeting and signed by the Chairman.

119/17 Matters arising from the Minutes

White Line on road on Couching Street by the Town Hall – This has been painted on the road but is not how we requested it. We had suggested it only be painted on one side of the road to make it clear where the priority is, but it has been painted across both sides of the road. We have had comments that it is very confusing. BW said that he thinks it makes it clearer where the priority is. OCC has said that they will change it at some point.

120/17 Public Questions

There were none notified.

121/17 County Councillors Report

Steve Harrod had sent his apologies for this meeting. All Councillors have been emailed his August report.

122/17 District Councillors Report

AB had sent apologies for this meeting but had said she would try to get to the meeting later.

[Post Minute Note: AB arrived after the meeting had closed. She had a session with some Councillors]

123/17 To receive the Balance of Accounts and approve the list of Payments

IH read out the Balance of Accounts and proposed that the list of payments be settled as per the prescribed process.

Resolved: That the Balance of Accounts and the list of payments be settled and they were signed by the Chairman and Nicky Smallbone.

124/17 Committees:

A: FINANCE –There has been no meeting,

B: PLANNING – 1/8/2017 and 5/9/2017 - JB

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

KT reported that she was given an extension on time on the Pyrton Planning Application and that there will be a special Planning Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th September to discuss the Land at Pyrton application only.

C: STRATEGY- 25/7/2017- MR

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

33 High Street – MR stated that there are still legal wrangles going on. He asked what we are willing to tolerate in terms of legal costs. It is still unclear whether the legal costs are coming out of the Charlotte Coxe Trust or if each party are paying them themselves. TW has asked this question of OCC. MR said he is concerned that the funds will be very diminished by the time the Trust is transferred to WPC. There is also the work to the wall still to be done. There was a FOWL meeting yesterday and they are also very concerned about the time this is taking.

Resolved: That the Clerk contacts Steve Harrod about this issue and ask if it can be escalated.

Terms of Reference

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

Parish Council Allowances

Resolved: That WPC in principle, do not agree to Parish Councillors being paid an allowance. That this be reviewed every 4 years with the new term of Council.

WPC Strategic Plan – IH, TB and TJ have a meeting to discuss this and put together a paper. This will be sent to the next Strategy Meeting for discussion.

Mason's Wood (Little Orchard) – MR said that the meeting with the Masons has taken place and that there are some options that will be discussed at the next Strategy Meeting.

Link with ICC – MR said he will send an email to Mat Hunter requesting a meeting.

D. OPERATIONS –19/7/2017 - BW

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

Yellow Fish Sticker

Resolved: That we put these above our drains, subject to Highways approval and at



no cost to the Parish Council.

Request from the Water Courses group for 500 A5 flyers and some posters to be printed to explain the Yellow Fish Sticker – KT reported that the cost price for us to do this is very minimal.

Resolved: That the WPC print these flyers and posters for this group.

Dead Trout in Stream – TJ said that all the trout were poisoned but it is impossible to determine what killed them. It could be anything put down a drain. There is a chance that if the water levels increase the trout may spread up from Chalgrove. It was a very short length of the brook that was affected.

I Play and Zip Wire Works – These were commissioned in July and had a 6 week lead time. KT will chase this work up with Playdale.

E. ALLOTMENTS – NS reported that there are only 2 plots available at the moment. The noticeboard has not yet been put up. There is a boundary issue with a property in Love Lane but George Bruce is dealing with this at the moment. KT stated that she is happy if necessary to be involved.

F. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – There has been no meeting,

G. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – 7/8/2017 and 4/9/2017 - JB

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

JB reported that the NP has got to a good stage and we are in the final stages of agreeing all papers. The Final Papers will come to Full Council in October for approval to submit to SODC. There is a huge amount of work going on editing the documents and dotting the I's and crossing the T's and checking the formatting etc. JB stated that there is nothing of significance to report. The Health Check has now been done by an Independent Professional Body and their comments are also being taken on board in relation to the documents. MR said that we have to ensure that there is nothing that can be challenged.

Traffic Management Plan – MR reported that the Traffic Forum Group are doing a parallel activity on how the selected sites would affect traffic in the Town. This research may go on for some time even after the Referendum. This information is not needed for submission of the NP. We need to ensure that our residents understand that voting on the NP does not include detailed traffic management measures. There is a safeguarded route.

IH said that at the meeting last week there was some good news in relation to traffic, that OCC are doing some modelling at a deeper level at the Town Hall and Couching Street and they will allow this data to be used in support of our NP.

Chinnor NP - RB said that Chinnor have just had their Referendum last week and they have had to accept huge amounts of housing. JB said that there is enormous pressure for more housing with developers putting in speculative applications on sites not being allocated in NP's.

All the documents when submitted will be on the NP Website and there will be paper copies available in the Parish Office. There will be a last consultation events with a series of roadshows prior to the Referendum which will be held early next year.

Land at Pyrton (Providence Land) Planning Application – The WDNP will be commenting on this application.

MR stated that our NP is now at a stage when it has material weight in planning deliberations as an emerging NP. It may be worth the WDNP doing a briefing session at some point for the Planning members.

125/17 Watlington Hoard Replica

Resolved:

1: That WPC takes ownership of the replica set

2: That WPC supports the replica set being on permanent display in the Library in a display cabinet.

KT will email Councillors with information on the Watlington Hoard Event on the 23rd September. The original hoard and the replica will be available to view.

126/17 Watlington Age and District Concern (WADAC) – Issue carried forward from the last Full Council Meeting in July 2017.

NS reported that the Trustees had a meeting last week. Most people are against a move of the Drop In to Old School Place. Jane Beard has organised a petition regarding this. At the moment the Drop In loses £200 per week and this will need to be funded if the Drop In remains in the High Street. It does also need to also have an upgrade. The Social did offer the back room for four mornings a week free of charge but the users of the Drop In were not keen to move there as they would not be able to have their bric a brac table, books etc left there. NS said that she has suggested a membership scheme as this may help in making more people use the facility. There are lots of ideas being investigated. At the moment there are only a few people who use it. The situation has changed since the last Full Council meeting and there are lots of avenues being explored. The Age Concern Thursday Lunch Club in the West Room attracted 20 people last week. NS said that the Trustees are made up of 2 over 90, 2 over 80 and 2 over 70 and herself being the youngest and it is not a very pro-active group. There needs to be new people involved on the committee. Potential funding is also being looked at. NS was thanked for her on-going work on this issue.

127/17 Correspondence for Information - **List was attached to Agenda**
Correspondence was noted.

128/17 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies
There were none.

129/17 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair
Piles of Wood on old MOD site – JB asked if there was any update on this. KT said she has reported this to SODC but has not had any update. KT to chase up this issue.

Going Forward Buses – IH reported that at present this company operates a service to Wallingford on a Tuesday. WPC had asked that they consider moving this to a Friday when the market is on. The company have now contacted us suggesting a Monday, Wednesday and Friday Service to Wallingford. We will ask for views from our bus users.

Road Markings Hill Road (by Car Park) – RB said that the road markings are very weak in this location. It was agreed that the Operations Committee look at this.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.17PM