



Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee Held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 At 8pm in the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Bob West (BW) - Chairman
Tom Bindoff (TB) - Vice-Chair
Rachel Huckvale (RH)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Ian Hill (from 20.30pm following meeting with Pyrton PC)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

37/16 Apologies for Absence

Tony Williamson, Jane Bryant.

38/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2016 which were accepted by Council on the 12/4/2016 to be agreed as a correct record

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

39/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

40/16 Matters arising

None other than agenda items.

41/16 Outstanding Issues

i) **Drain Cover- Watcombe Road - BT Manhole Cover on Watcombe Road** – KT has reported again .New Ref: TH0FWU78.

ii) **Play Inspection Report** – KT and BT are working through this.

iii) **Watlington Walk Leaflet** – KT is checking the end of year budget figures. Will report on this at the next meeting.

iv) **Bin outside K is for Kitchen** –RH/TB will have a look at any Oxfordshire Rural Grants for bins including the one outside the Town Hall. KT stated that all the bins on the highways are SODC's responsibilities and we would need to obtain their permission to change them. The one outside the Town Hall is a WPC bin. It was noted that a replacement wooden bin outside the Town Hall would cost in the region of £400. BW to speak to the owner of K is for Kitchen about the bin.

v) **Unofficial path to Watcome Road in the corner of the Hill Road Car park.** – TB will put up a barrier to stop this being used.

42/16 Highway/Footpath/Tree Issues

1. **20mph speed limits in Watlington** – Discussion after Resolution at Full Council 12/4/2016 on how to operations committee minutes april 2016

progress this issue.

After much discussion it was agreed that:

1. The 20mph should be for the whole of the town of Watlington.
2. To organise a meeting with OCC to discuss this issue. KT to arrange this with Steve Harrod and to stated that we would be happy to have this meeting in Oxford.
3. That this be an agenda item for the Annual Parish Meeting on the 19/5/2016.
4. To speak to another parish who has already implemented a 20mph. TB to speak to Goring PC and any other relevant parish.

2. Tree Report from Martin Gammie – This report was received today. It was agreed that paper copies be given to Robert Barber and Tom Bindoff, our tree wardens for their comments. All members will be sent an electronic version. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. BW stated that OCC are surveying their trees in Watlington at the moment.

3. Updates on any other issues – There were none raised.

43/16 Open Spaces

a. Recreation Ground

i) **Lighting in this area** – No update.

ii) **Car Park Marking out** - – Awaiting final layout plan from KW. We will then get a working party to mark it out and if it works we can then get the marking done by a professional company.

iii) **Car Park Signs for Rec Car Park on Shirburn Road** – RB stated that it would be helpful to have a sign on Shirburn Road saying 'Public Car Park'. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and RB to obtain quotes for a double sign for the next meeting.

b) Paddock

i) **New Play Equipment Project** – RH reported that she has organised a Wine Tasting Event and a Bouncy Event in the Paddock. She has also approached the Beacon Festival asking to be on the list of charities for this year. She is also filling in another grant application.

ii) **Puddle by gate at Library end** – TW has photographs. BW to obtain a quote. We have one already on file. KT will have this available for the next meeting. It was noted that as it is a drainage issue the path would need to be dug out and built up.

iii) **Signs in Paddock** – RH said that some neighbours have asked for a sign in the play area to be put up saying 'Please respect our neighbours'.

44/16 Property

a. Car Park – No issues for discussion.

b. Public Conveniences

i) **Updating of the facilities** –TJ/JB/RB to update

TJ has been looking into this issue. RB is also looking at various options. To be discussed at the next meeting.

45/16 General Issues

1. **The Queen's 90th Birthday** – Discussion on an event for the Town. SODC have a grant available for this. TJ is looking into organising an event. This is the weekend of the 11/12th June.

2. **Survey for Older People** – Keith Stenning at OCC is looking into the issue raised between Watcombe Road and the High Street.

3. **New Trees for the Parish** – Babylon plants have offered us a number of trees- It was agreed to consider this in the light of discussion on the Tree Survey report.

4. **TRELLO** – To be discussed at the next meeting. KT reported that she had been unable to access it. This will only be a useful tool if all members can access and update regularly.

5. **Beechwood public access notices** – TB stated that OCC put up these notices which are an application to change ownership now that the Beechwood Estates have split land between the family members. It was noted that this is the reason for the signs.

6. **Preparation for Annual Meeting** – After discussion it was agreed that after the agenda items, presentations and the Q&A session that drinks are given out and that each committee has a table, which are manned by Councillors and they will be available to give out information and answer any specific questions. All Chairmen of Committees to organise and man the Committee Table if possible.

The Watlington Club has been booked by KT for this event.

46/16 Correspondence

1. **Doris Field Trust** – Approval of grant for Paddock Play Equipment of £500 - **Noted**
2. **SODC** – Grant available for the Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – **Noted**.

47/16 Future Issues for Discussion/Implementation

1. **Half Pipe** – To be painted in the spring. BW and TB to put down slabs by this area. This will be done on the 28th April with some strong people.
2. **Enforcement of two hour bays**- To be discussed after the Car Park survey has been done.
3. **Cobbles outside Public Conveniences** – WiB will do this in the Spring.
4. **Recycling Bins in the Town** – May Agenda Item.
5. **Tree Report from Martin Gammie** - – May Agenda Item

48/16 Any Other Business

SKY TV use of Car Park at the Rec – This is no longer happening.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20PM

