



Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee Held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 At 8pm In the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Bob West (BW)
Tom Bindoff (TB)
Ian Hill (IH)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Tony Williamson (TW)
Roger Beattie (RB)

Co-opted Member:

Jenny Wilkinson

Officer:

Denise Allnutt

63/18 Apologies for Absence

Fergus Lapage

64/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th May 2018 which were accepted by Council on the 12/06/2018 to be agreed as a correct record

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

65/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

66/18 Matters arising

There were no matters arising other than agenda items.

67/18 Update on Outstanding /Completed Issues

1. **Cobbles by Public Conveniences clearing out** – This is currently being done.

2. **Removal of white line at the Town Hall** – No update

4. **Refurbishing of the Public Conveniences** – this work has now been completed

5. **Porta Loo for Rec** – To arrange one for the summer from TuLu for the summer holidays – RB to arrange in July

6. **Paddock Lights** – RB reported that it was on the electricians list.

7. **Junction 6 Noticeboards** –TW will clean these

68/18 Highway/Footpath/Tree Issues

1. Trees – nothing to report

2. Highways

OCC are coming next week to sort out junction of Church Street / Gorwell. BW pointed out that the hydrant in the road has a parking space marked over it, which caused some delays when the hardware store burned.

Resolved that KT write to Fire Service to check this point

3. Footpaths

a) **Footpath 13** – No new update

69/18 Open Spaces

1. Recreation Ground /Sports Field/Pavilion

a). **I-Play** – RB still looking for information on the quote

b). **MUGA Proposal for Recreation Ground** –RB said that the planning application is due before SODC next month

c) **Table Tennis tables for Rec** – Ongoing

d) **Canopy for small children's area** – RB reported that the work was in hand and the skateboarders were helping with this.

2. Paddock

a) **Performance Space** – There was a site meeting to inspect the area where the proposed space will go. BW had had a meeting with Sarah Pullen (Watlington Band) to discuss the proposal and what the requirements for the band would be and she has said that the current proposal was definitely too small.

The development would definitely need planning consent and David Parker has said he will do the necessary work for £500

TW pointed out and everyone agreed that a tree would need to be removed to make space and thinks the plans should be shown to the public before any decision is made.

BW showed everyone the general plans and there was some discussion about the design, which shows the platform elevated above the ground. There was some concern that this would not be practical or safe because of growth underneath it and the possibility of children crawling under it.

So, there needs to be some decisions made about height of platform and how it is constructed.

BW agreed to talk further with David Parker about this and to Martin Gammie about removal of tree and get information on Sail top size and cost.

b) **Canopy or Flag over main Paddock picnic tables** - someone had requested this because of danger from Red kites. Defer to next meeting

c) **Mrs Wagstaff** – The committee read a letter from Mrs Wagstaff requesting the cutting back of the cherry tree, which overshadowed her garden.

Resolved: KT to contact Martin Gammie about pruning or whatever he suggested.

d) **Little Ted's Area** – TJ reported that kinetic play panel was going ahead but needed some proper post holes and posts to ensure it was sturdy, which she would organise.

3. Other Areas

a) **Landscape Design for Triangle on Cuxham Road** – This work will go ahead and be done by 18th July

70/18 Property

1. **Car Park** - Nothing to report

2. **Public Conveniences** – No discussion needed

3. **Parish Office** -

a) Carpet for Office – Quotes are being sought for this. Still awaiting two more. DA suggested another supplier and said she would contact him.

71/18 General Issues

1. **Neilsen's Global Day – 21st June 2018** -The team were going to concentrate on Mansle Gardens and will be painting the white gates. BW suggested using sugar soap before painting. TJ to ask if Bob Thomas can help with the work for an hour or two.

2. **Volunteering and Volunteer Awards** –Defer to next meeting

3. **Community Payback Team** – They have done some good work at Davenport Place . Weeds need spraying at the recreation ground but a licence is needed for this. They are here most Mondays and are always glad to have more work to keep the team busy.

72/18 Correspondence

1. **SODC** – Footpath Modification Order (has been sent to Strategy committee)

2. Meeting on High Street Parking – Tuesday 26th June 10.30am

3. **Mrs Watts** – Request for a new bollard in Couching Street.

Resolved – KT to write to her and say we understand but it is up to Highways to decide and it is outside our remit – friendly letter.

4. **LS Wyle** – Parking at bottom of Love Lane between schools and Chequers

There was discussion about this but understand that people need to park somewhere and not block the road. Unfortunately, it is not good for the condition of the verges, especially in wet weather but do not think there is anything we can do about it, although a friendly request to try and not park there when the weather is bad may help.

Resolved: KT to write a friendly and explain it is outside our remit and needs to go to OCC.

73/18 Future Issues for Discussion/Implementation

Noticeboard for Children's Play Area - ongoing

Tree Replacement Scheme -Autumn – To ask Martin Gammie for recommendations.

Kissing Gate with disabled access – Project 2019 (TB) - ongoing

74/18 Any Other Business

TJ suggested we re-visit the question of new litter bins in the town. TW - Tim Horton did a survey some time ago. One in The High Street at the Cross had been replaced -To be discussed at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05PM