

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee Held in the Community Office at 8.08pm on Tuesday 25th January 2011

Present:

Councillors:

David Tindale- Chairman
Ian Hill – Vice Chairman
Angie Paterson
Tony Williamson
Ted Backhouse
Barry Adby
Roger Beattie
Rhian Woods

Officer:

Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public:

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01/11 Apologies for absence

Neil Boddington, Charles Rowton-Lee, Di Tolan

02/11 Chairman's Remarks

There were none.

03/11 Minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 23rd November 2010 received by Council 14/12/2010 to be signed as a correct record.

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

04/11 Declaration of Interests

There were none

05/11 Matters Arising

Insurance Review – This has been reviewed and the only change that needed to be made was to obtain cover for subsidence for Town Hall and Community Office. The Clerk has sent off the form to add this to our policy cover and we are still awaiting a response from our Insurance Company AON.

Resolved: That the Clerk be asked to chase this up.

06/11 Short Discussion Items

Standing Order Review

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: It was unanimously accepted that the attached Standing Orders for 2011 be agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Disciplinary/Grievance Procedure – Agreed to defer to February meeting

Complaints Procedure – Agreed to defer to February meeting.

Traffic Issues

Speed limit changes into Watlington from Shirburn Road

Barry Adby had asked for this item to be re-addressed . DT pointed out that this had Already been discussed in the September Strategy meeting and the committee had agreed not to pursue this.

Speed Survey

Resolved: That the Clerk contact OCC to see when this will be happening and when we will receive the data.

07/11 Main Topics for Discussion

Five Year Review of Current Arrangements with Sports Club

A draft paper for discussion had been circulated before the meeting and DT thanked IH for producing such a detailed draft paper.

Ian Hill summarised the paper for the committee. The review of the first five year plan for the pavilion had identified a need for a new plan to cover the next five years. The increase in rental for the sports field had changed the budget for the field and pavilion considerably, and in particular had made the support provided by the Parish Council for operation of these facilities look disproportionate compared with the support provided to other organisations. The draft report identified a need to include all costs in the five year plan, and attempted to provide a comparison of the non-financial services /benefits provided by the sports club. It made five recommendations which were discussed.

It was noted that the Sports Club AGM had left the Sports Club without a committee so that there was no immediate possibility of agreeing actions on the recommendations with the Sports Club. It was agreed that Ian Hill would revise the draft report to address issues raised in the discussion, and that this would be presented at the next Sports Field and Pavilion Committee meeting (31/1/2011). A decision would be taken there on how to take the plan forward.

Resolved: That Ian Hill, Tony Williamson, Barry Adby and Roger Beattie meet and review this document and that it be brought back to the February Strategy Meeting for discussion.

08/11 Correspondence

No correspondence to discuss.

09/11 Items for Future Meetings

Refer to Forward Plan

Items for February 2011

Five Year Review of Current Arrangements with Sports Club

Watlington Speaks

Annual Meeting procedure

Watlington Distinctiveness/ Website – TW to update

Bandstand Proposal – if information received

10/11 Any Other Business to note – Items to be notified to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Signs in Shirburn Street – Signs are up so that cars are removed for works to be carried out by OCC.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47PM