

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

David Tindale – Chairman  
Ian Hill – Vice-Chairman  
Tony Williamson  
Ted Backhouse  
Barry Adby  
Nick Greaves  
Roger Beattie  
Tim Horton

**Officer:**

Sarah Pullen

**Members of the Public:**

22/12 Apologies for absence

Rhian Woods, Nick Hancock, Di Tolan, Harvey Batten, Charles Rowton-Lee and Robert Barber

23/12 Chairman's Remarks

David Tindale wished Nick Hancock a speedy recovery from his operation.

24/12 Minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February received by Council 13/3/2012 to be signed as a correct record.

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

25/12 Declaration of Interests

To receive any declarations on interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Councils Local Code of Conduct.

**Diamond Jubilee**– Tim Horton and Ian Hill both declared an interest in this item as they are members of the Diamond Jubilee Committee and did not vote on this issue.

26/12 Matters Arising

**Howe Hill Speed/Traffic Calming** - A letter has been received from OCC and the offer of a site meeting will be taken up. David Tindale will report back once this meeting has happened.

**Hedges on Howe Road Highway** – David Tindale will report back on this issue once the meeting above has taken place.

**GoRide Buses** – Tim Horton reported that GoRide should only seek money over 12 months not 16 months as previously stated. Therefore they strictly only get 2/3rds of the money that WPC pledged and not the whole amount. The previous request was to go from March 2012 to June 2013 and will now be from March 2012-March 2013. The WPC money is intended for publicity of the new service and for this reason was likely to be needed early in the period rather than throughout, so it was agreed that full amount should be paid. This was noted.

27/12 Discussion Items

**Diamond Jubilee Projects** – Tim Horton had submitted a paper on this which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

1. **Use of Council Property** – The Jubilee Committee have asked for 3 events in the Town Hall (would need to be agreed by the Town Hall Charity Body) and 1 event in the paddock with the office also. He asked that any charge for this be waived. TW said that the events scheduled in the Town Hall would not be accessible to the disabled.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That we not charge the Jubilee Committee for the use of the paddock and community office.

2. **Road Closures** – The Committee would like the High Street closed and possibly Hill Road for safety when the torch light procession takes place up to the beacon lighting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL** That we ask the Clerk to make arrangements for the road closure/s and detail timings.

3. **Legacy Project** – Tim Horton asked that a water feature for the paddock be agreed in principle. Tim Horton showed some photos of water features. It was noted that there was also an appeal for a bandstand in the paddock. There was much discussion on these two items. Roger Beattie said that he thought that the residents of Watlington should be given the chance to decide. David Tindale said we could possibly take this issue to the Annual Parish Meeting. Roger Beattie also suggested that a legacy project could be a toilet in the Recreation Ground (Jubiloo)

A vote was taken on having a Recommendation to Council on having a water feature in the Paddock. 3 against, 3 abstentions. NOT CARRIED.

It was agreed to respond to the Jubilee Committee regarding the Legacy Project thanking them for their work but that we would need more information. Tim Horton stated that if this could not be a recommendation from tonight's meeting that there would not be enough time to do this.

4. **Commemorative Mugs for Primary School Children** – It was agreed that this be discussed at the next Finance/Full Council meeting. TW to have a look at the budget prior to the meeting.

5. **Local Transport Plan** – Email correspondence between Tim Horton and OCC had been given out with the Agenda.

It was stated that this fits within the Neighbourhood Plan and therefore should be discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Tim Horton stated that he thinks WPC should still raise our concerns with OCC.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That we write to OCC and ask them to review the latest Transport Plan 2011-2013 with a view to reintroducing the technical assessment that was envisaged in the 2006 Local Transport Plan

28/12 Correspondence

**OCC – New Dial and Ride Scheme** – This was noted and it was agreed that this should be Publicised in Age Concern, Orchard Walk and any other relevant organisations.

**SODC – Electoral Review** – This was noted.

29/12 Items for Future Meetings

Water Resource to be added as an item to the Forward Plan for this committee. This to be looked at in relation to the Environment Agency stating that Watlington is not a difficult area for household water supplies.

To be put on the Forward Plan

30/12 Any Other Business to note – Items to be notified to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

**OCC Improvement of Visibility for Howe Road** – David Tindale stated that he believes we have the opportunity to discuss this issue with OCC and he will look into this and will keep the committee advised.

**Youth Club request for facility/extension at the Pavilion** – This was discussed by the Pavilion Committee last night who will further discuss it at the next meeting. It will then be brought to Full Council.

**Junction 6** – OCC have been taking action to reduce parking. This is very significant and we should consider our position on this. The Clerk is getting clarification of exactly what is happening regarding the parking from OCC and is also setting up a meeting with Lewknor Parish Council.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM**