



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee Held in the Community Office At 8pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Matt Reid – Chairman  
Terry Jackson – Vice-Chairman  
Ian Hill  
Tom Bindoff  
Fergus Lapage  
Rob Smith

**Officer:**

Kristina Tynan

73/17 Apologies for absence  
Tony Williamson

74/17 Minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which were received by Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, to be signed as a correct record  
**Resolved:** That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

75/17 Declaration of Interests  
There were none notified,

76/17 Matters Arising  
There were none other than agenda items.

77/17 Consultations  
1. **Consultation on South Oxfordshire's Local Plan** – draft response, for agreement, will be circulated prior to the meeting. Deadline has been extended to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

After discussion it was:

**Resolved:** That IH and MR be delegated to draft a response and will be circulated to all Councillors before being submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

2. **Consultation on Wycombe District Local Plan** – Do we wish to comment on this? The link is: [www.wycombe.gov.uk/wdlppublicationversion](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/wdlppublicationversion)

After discussion it was:

**Resolved:** That MR look to see if there is anything that threatens Watlington and if there is he will draft a response which will be circulated prior to being sent.

78/17 Discussion Items  
Main Discussion Items

1. **Is WPC supportive of the 30mph suggested speed limit in Howe Hill and/or the proposed**

**roundels and dragon's teeth** – Correspondence on this was circulated with the agenda. It would be for the WPC to fund.

There was a good debate on this issue. It was noted that there is also a cyclist issue on this road. TJ asked if there are signs that could be put up warning people about cyclists, It was agreed that we find out speed and crash data for this road. It was agreed that if the latest data is not very recent that we commission a new speed survey. Discussion also took place on whether the 30/40mph should be extended on both sides. It was noted that the current 40mph speed limit was put in place in 2013 at the request of residents and was paid for by OCC.

The committee were in agreement in principle but wished to defer a decision until the speed and crash data has been looked at. It was also thought that approx. £5,000 for this may not be an appropriate use for WPC's funds. It was also agreed to ask if the residents, to whom it would benefit, would fund this. It was noted that we cannot apply to the District Councillors fund for a grant towards this as they cannot fund road changes/improvements.

**2. WPC Strategic Plan** – IH, TB and TJ have met to discuss this issue and had produced a paper on this. After discussion the following was agreed.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That the Watlington Parish Council Strategic Plan be adopted from 12 December 2017 to end of this terms Council in May 2019. (This is attached to these minutes)

It was noted that we will need Councillors to lead on specific items and it is hoped that Councillors will volunteer at the next Full Council meeting.

**3. Access to 10 Davenport Place through County owned car park behind the library** –referred from Full Council and Strategy was delegated to agree the response.

After discussion of the email from Greg Stacey (20/11/2017), with clarification on the questions raised at the November Full Council meeting.

It was noted that the lease would be tied to the property as a single private dwelling house only.

OCC is considering granting a new 90 year lease including access rights. This length would mean that the lease would expire at the same time as the adjoining electricity sub-station.

It was also noted that part of the receipt of the lease would be paid into the Charlotte Coxe Charity account to recognise the charity's ownership of the access land.

Greg Stacey provided the following information on the 3 issues WPC raised with OCC.

1. **Extra Traffic** – some extra traffic is likely as the intention is to allow parking for more than one vehicle. However, this is absolutely restricted to use in relation to 10 Davenport Place, and for the most part will presumably be for two cars. Building works related traffic would also use the access, but this does mean that such traffic and related parking / deliveries will have less impact on the High Street or Davenport Place.

2. **Possibility of future development of this site** – I am not exactly sure what the PC's concern is here. However, the restrictions to the proposed access rights constrain their use to 10 Davenport Place as a single dwelling. If planning permission were to be granted for 10 Davenport Place to be divided into flats or to be used for anything other than a dwelling, or for an additional dwelling on the rear of that site, then further rights would need to be agreed for the access to be used by those new uses.

3. **Insufficient information to know what implications and consequences there would be for this proposal** – Please let me know what information the PC would like so that it can consider the implications and consequences of the proposal.

It was noted that this is a sensitive issue in Watlington so it was agreed to make a recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That Full Council agree with the OCC Recommendation to grant a 90 year lease for access to this property.

79/17 Short Discussion items

1. **Youth Engagement Strategy** – MR reported that the Football Training has moved to a Tuesday which has affected numbers attending Youth Club and they are considering moving it to a Thursday. MR said that he thinks that there should be much more on for youth eg Robot Wars and would there be anywhere suitable to hold events and could the Parish Council be a pathway to local resources and to see what things young people may like to do. MR and FB will speak to the School and the School Council regarding new initiatives. There were a few ideas raised eg the Skateboarders giving demonstrations, Art and Pottery Classes etc. It was also suggested that we could post something on the Watlington Town Noticeboard Facebook page.

2. **Triangle on Cuxham Road** – TJ brought some ideas on how this area could be designed so it is an interesting space. She gave her designs on a low maintenance area with a 'river' theme. KT stated that when this area was transferred to WPC from SODC it has a condition on the transfer that it has to be maintained as a recreational/amenity area. It was also noted that the people who had enquired about purchasing this piece of land are no longer interested. There will be an initial financial outlay in the design and hopefully a low maintenance cost for the future.

**Resolved:** That WPC keep this area in its possession and that this area be designed and maintained and that this issue be given to the Operations Committee to agree the design and implement it.

3. **Car Park Survey for Businesses**

**Resolved:** that this be given to the Watlington Businesses subject to final approval by IH and KT.

It was noted that Peter Richardson and Terry Jackson are hoping to distribute next Wednesday.

4. **Mason's Wood (Little Orchard)** – We have not received an update as yet from the Masons. KT has chased this up with John Collingswood. KT will check if we have a phone number for him.

5. **General Data Protection Regulations (May 2018)** – Brief from OALC was attached to the agenda.

It was noted that this brief is very useful. We need to appoint a Data Protection Officer and KT will speak to Rachel Gill about taking on this role when she starts as Assistant Clerk in January.

80/17 Update on on-going issues

1. **33 High Street** – TW reported that OCC are saying that the broken wall now needs to be re-built not just repaired.

2. **Air Quality** – IH had attended a meeting on this in SODC

IH said that Anna Badcock gave a good overview of the issues. It turned out that most of the Committee, had misunderstood the point of the meeting. Under determined probing by the member for Henley among others, it finally emerged that the motion was NOT to approve the trial of the clearway, but was to agree that more work had to be done before the trial could go ahead. That was a motion that IH would have agreed with and which it would have been good to have seen discussed in detail.

IH stated that this is very disappointing as effectively this pushes any action on air quality far into the future. Two hours were spent agreeing to do some more work without even discussing in any detail what this work should be, seemed to be an unnecessary waste of time and that he did have the impression that most of the committee had little idea of the issues involved. Watlington did however get good support from some members that the clearway approach was severely limited by the Town Hall / Couching St pinch points.

IH reported that we still have not seen the report and he has spoken to Jason Sherwood (OCC) who said he would try to get a copy to us. He has also offered to come to Watlington to update Council on air quality issues. It was agreed to invite him after he has finished his work on the Local Plan.

3. **Welcome Pack for new residents in Watlington** – TJ said that this is on-going.
4. **Comet Bus Service** – Setting up a Community Group – No update on this.
5. **Link with Icknield Community College School Council**- MR said that he and FB has a meeting with them on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.
6. **Chalgrove Solar Park** – No update
7. **Going Forward Buses** – Buses to Wallingford – IH said that this is now running 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday with 2 journeys each way.

IH is putting together a leaflet which will show all buses to and from Watlington which will be useful to our residents.

81/17 Correspondence

1. J Stillwell – Allegation that the Watlington Club is not giving an adequate service to the people of Watlington –this was attached to the agenda – **Noted and that IH/KT have sent a response to her.**

82/17 To note items for Future Meetings

There were no specific items raised for future discussion.

83/17 Any Other Business to note – Items to be notified to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED 9.55PM**

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