

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee Held on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 at 10.00am in the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Barry Adby
Ted Backhouse
Tony Williamson
Tim Horton

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

60/11 Apologies for Absence

Roger Beattie, Linda Nicholson

61/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2011 were accepted by Council on the 14/6/2011

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

62/11 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

63/11 Matters arising

There were none other than Agenda Items.

64/11 Outstanding Issues

Salt Bin (top of Howe Road)– Still Awaiting response from OCC re Filling of Salt Boxes- have given list of Watlington Salt Bins to OCC

Wooden Salt Boxes (Watlington) –BT to repair in July

Community Office –Decorating – Community Payback Team – BA to organise this.

Public Convenience – Bob Thomas has painted the doors in the ladies and disabled toilet. He will be painting the doors to the men's this week.

Pavilion Noticeboard – Awaiting Sports Club meeting. BA to speak to CA about this issue.

Wall by Bench, Junction of Gorwell/Brook Street – BA has spoken to Glyn Jones re trimming of the plants by the walls. He is happy with us doing this but has asked to take care with the rose plants.

65/11 Property

Car Park

The Clerk had prepared a draft survey to be used in the Car Park. It was agreed that trial be done in the next few weeks and if this is satisfactory that we go ahead with the full survey. A note will be kept of how many spaces are available at any one time. It was also discussed that it will be useful to see how many workers park in there, which we will have information on when the main survey takes place. At the

survey time, notes will also be kept to see how many spaces are available at any one time. It is hoped that the main survey will be done before the school holidays.

Planting of Tubs and War Memorial in Town and discussion on entrances to the town planting

It was noted that the planting of the tubs (apart from those around the office) and War Memorial have been done by the WIB group. The group had asked that WPC look into brick planters for the entrances of the Town and BA has investigated this and it would cost approximately £400 for one planter to be built, materials only. There was concern that as gates are often damaged by vehicles the same could happen to the planters. This information to be passed onto the WIB group.

Gates on Entrances to Town – It was noted that big signs are being put on the gates advertising events. The Clerk to write to the WBA asking that these should not be used for advertising. A note on this also to go in the Watlington Times.

Pavilion summer opening/toilets – Discussion

This issue was discussed. It was noted that the Sports Club are happy to sell refreshments and have the toilets available to use at the weekend. The Bread Bin have asked to put in a bid if we are planning on opening the facility for refreshments in the weekdays. Ted Backhouse has been to look at porta-loos which would cost in the region of £22.00 per week, serviced and we would have to take out insurance for it. There is a vandalproof toilet which is made of stainless steel and TB has asked for information on this. It was agreed that BA/KT speak to Sarah Smith, Ella Smith and further look into the toilet issue with a view that a motion goes to Full Council on this issue (due to timing).

It was agreed that we still pursue the extension to the building for a toilet and speak to RW about drawings for this and look into what grants may be available for this.

66/11 Open Spaces

Recreation Ground - Rabbit Problem

It was noted that Tony Yeulet is getting someone to look at and hopefully deal with this problem.

Paddock - Fence

There are a few rotting posts on the paling fences. BA and BT to repair these.

67/11 General Issues

Road markings – School Entrance – These are scheduled to be done this week.

Roads and Footpaths – State of repairs

It was noted that OCC have difficulties with their budget for road repairs. Gorwell is down to be re-surfaced. Tim Horton stated that he will do a systematic monitoring of all roads in Watlington, in his own right but will make this information available to the Parish Council.

Shirburn Road (Between Rec and Pyrton turn off) – It was noted that this road was cleaned but a gap was left in this area. Barry Adby reported that this was due to a Health and Safety issue and it will be cleared soon.

Twinning/Queens Jubilee 2012

Tim Horton reported that this committee will be happy to make arrangements to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. This to be an agenda item for the Strategy Committee when more information is known.

BT Phone Box in Hill Road Car Park

This phone box is in a poor condition. Barry Adby has contacted BT who have advised us that the repairs should be done within 14 days. It was agreed that we ask BT to paint the telephone box.

68/11 Correspondence

1. Information on Triathlon – 18/9/2011 – Notice of Special Event Order – **It was agreed that the route map be put on the noticeboard.**

2. Judy Crockett – Requesting a finger sign on post by Town Hall for Methodist Church and that the WPC re-join Gleam – **This was discussed and it was noted that we have numerous requests for signs on this fingerpost . It was agreed that this request should be sent to the Strategy Committee.**

GLEAM

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That we subscribe to GLEAM at a cost of £15 per annum.

3. ORCC – Community Bulk Oil purchasing scheme – **It was agreed to speak to Jill Bindoff regarding this as she represents ORCA.**

4. George Bruce – for information vandalism to allotment area – **Noted.**

5. Michelle Evans – Dogs not under control in the town.- **It was agreed that a note on this to be put in the Watlington Times.**

6. Paul Harris – Public rights of way – short questionnaire – **Tim Horton to respond to this questionnaire.**

69/11 Future Issues for Discussion

British Legion Fete - July

Emergency Plan – June

70/11 Any Other Business

Noticeboard in Car Park – It was noted that this could do with some work. The Clerk to speak to our Caretaker regarding this.

TPO's on Trees in Recreation Ground by Lampits Close – It was agreed to ask Robert Barber and Martin Gammie to look at these and recommend if any should have TPO's on them. It was agreed to ask Robert Barber to get in touch with Martin Gammie regarding this issue.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.34AM