

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee
Held on Wednesday 16th March 2011
at 10.00am in the Community Office

Present: Barry Adby – Chairman
Ted Backhouse – Vice-Chairman
Roger Beattie
Tony Williamson
Linda Nicholson

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: 1

25/11 Apologies for Absence
There were none.

26/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2011 were accepted by Council on the 8/3/2011

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

27/11 Declarations of Interest
There were none.

28/11 Matters arising

Toilets for Pavilion – It was noted that we have missed the deadline for the grant we were going to apply for funding. We had not received drawings and therefore could not get prices in time for the deadline. KT is trying to see if we could open the Pavilion for drinks and snacks over Easter. It is thought that this would be a good idea and then the toilets would be able to be open for the public.

Public Conveniences – We have had a problem over the last few weeks with a blocked toilet in the men's toilets. This problem was solved by BA and BT yesterday.

29/11 Outstanding Issues

Salt Bin (top of Howe Road)– Awaiting response from OCC to see if they will pay for the bin. It was noted that Salt Bins may not be refilled until after May.

Wooden Salt Boxes (Watlington) –BT to repair

Community Office –Decorating – Community Payback Team in Spring will be doing.

Public Conveniences – BT to paint doors in good weather

30/11 Property

Car Park – Discussion on what information required and what surveys need to be done.

A survey needs to be done to see who is using the car park. The Business Association suggested that the number of 2 hour spaces need to be increased and this issue has been referred to Operations from the Strategy Committee. TW said what do we need to survey and how will we use the information. It was agreed that we need to do a survey on the 2 hour parking spaces and early in the morning. It would also be useful to ask people why they are parking in the car park, if it is for shopping, Oxford Tube etc. We will need to draw up notices, a questionnaire and also anyone doing the surveys will need ID Badges. It was agreed that TW, TB and BA do the survey and that we ask PCSO Greenwood if it is possible for her to be around when the survey is happening.

31/11 Open Spaces

Recreation Ground

Trees in Sports Field – KT to speak to Robert Barber re this.

Litterblitz – BA reported that this is being organised by Watlington in Bloom for the 15th of every month and Terry Jackson will be putting up notices to advertise this.

32/11 General Issues

British Legion Fete – August 29th 2011

WPC Stall for this event. Information needed and who will be able to be there on the day. Agreed that we organise this after May.

Big Society Fund – Workshop at Didcot

RB reported that we have nothing that needs following up for this. RB stated that he is looking into funding for the Youth Club and the intention needs to be in by the end of the month.

33/11 Correspondence

1.OCC – Triathlon (18th Sept) – Meeting at County Hall on 30/3/2011 at 7pm

It was noted that BA and TB will attend if there are no other volunteers. It was noted that the main road between Henley and Wallingford will be closed. Roads will also be closed through Watlington and Christmas Common. The office has a

map of all the roads to be closed, these are namely the B4009 from Wallingford to Watlington through to Christmas Common and Henley.

2.Thames Valley Police – Do we want to nominate anyone for the Policing Awards? Deadline 8/4/2011

Resolved: That we nominate PCSO Diane Greenwood for this award.

3.Wallgate – Contract for handwashing units- Are we happy to continue with this. Contract will need to be signed and returned.

Resolved: That we continue with this contract for 2011/2012

4.Thames and Chiltern in Bloom Association – Notes and Entry Form for 2011.

It was noted that Watlington in Bloom(WIB) have had a meeting with TB,BA and IH. It was decided that WIB would come back to WPC with their intentions. We have now received an email from Terry Jackson which BA read out, The five points she refers to were discussed.

1. *We propose that the old oak barrels in the High Street be replaced with Cast Iron Planters which we hope to get Sponsorship for from Local Businesses and the Oak Barrells can be moved to the Car Park area as part of a badly needed a face lift.*
2. *If our proposal Number 1 is not successful we would like to propose that we be able to decide upon and plant the oak barrels in the High Street with an agreed budget from the Parish*
3. *We propose that the area of amenity planted originally with Dogwood should be dug out and replanted with grass underplanted with bulbs. As it is at the moment this area is a magnet for litter.*
4. *We propose that at least one sign should be erected either at one of the entrances to the town or in the centre of town announcing that we were RHS Regional Britain in Bloom Award Winners 2010.*
5. *We would like formal permission to carry out Work Parties in Mansle Gardens to Cut dead wood from Stump, Remove dying Crab Apple tree, remove ivy from Plum trees in the Hedge and from the Cherry trees and to cut out the Fleur de Lys Shape as per the plans submitted and agreed in principal (except for the extra entrances)*

It was agreed that Robert Barber should be involved with any tree issues. It was agreed that TW meet with our Tree Warden to discuss the above. It was agreed that this issue to be sent to the Strategy Committee to discuss.

5.Cate Adams – Memorial Bench in Watlington

It was noted that the bench at the bottom of the hill has been removed and that the hill belongs to the National Trust. WPC would have no objections to a bench being put in the location suggested by C Adams but she would need to contract the National Trust regarding this.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to C Adams saying that we support a bench in

this location but she would need to contact the National Trust as the land belongs to them.

34/11 Future Issues for Discussion

Pavilion Noticeboard – We had previously agreed to have a noticeboard on the Pavilion. The Youth Club agreed to pay towards it but the Sports Club at the time did not want to. Now there will be a new Sports Club committee in place it was agreed that KT contact the new committee to see if they would wish to have some space for notices and contribute towards it.

35/11 Any Other Business

Road Markings – It was noted that at the entrance of the school and exit from Icknield the road markings are very bad. It was agreed that we ask OCC to re-do these markings. It was also noted that some cars are parking badly on the corner, near the bottom of Love Lane and it was agreed that we ask PCSO Greenwood to look into this.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT
10.55PM**