

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee
Held on Wednesday 21st September 2011
at 10.00am in the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Barry Adby – Chairman
Ted Backhouse – Vice-Chairman
Roger Beattie
Tim Horton
Linda Nicholson

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

82/11 Apologies for Absence
Tony Williamson

83/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2011 were accepted by Council on the 13/9/2011

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

84/11 Declarations of Interest
There were none.

85/11 Matters arising
There were no matters arising other than agenda items.

86/11 Outstanding Issues
Community Office –Decorating – BT to paint ceiling and Barry Adby to speak to the new supervisor of the Community Payback Team regarding this.

Pavilion Noticeboard – The Sports Club do not want to share this noticeboard. WPC and Youth Club to share the cost and that this now to be ordered.

Paddock – Fence – BA/BT to repair.

Road markings – School Entrance – OCC have now re-marked these.

BT Phone Box in Hill Road Car Park – Awaiting response from BT re their schedule of re-painting.

Car Park Noticeboard –The Clerk to ask BT to refurbish.

87/11 Property

Car Park

Discussion on further surveys – TB stated that he does not think we will gain anything new by conducting another survey at this time. The results from the short survey are conclusive. The one thing that needs to be done is to check first thing in the morning(6am -8am) how many cars are parked for work/Oxford Tube. BA and TB to do this.

Arrows need repainting – The Clerk to ask BT to re-paint.

Space Marking – It was noted that these will need to be re-marked at some point. We have a quote for one company and it was agreed to look at how much it would cost if we did it ourselves. It was thought that perhaps different colours be used. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

88/11 Open Spaces

Recreation Ground

Toilet for Summer (Porta Loo). This was a great success over the summer period. The total cost of this was £139.43. TB was thanked for opening and locking them every morning and night.

It was noted that if we were to put them in again for Easter and next Summer it would need to be a budgeted item. Modular semi permanent toilets were also discussed and BA/TB to look into costs of these and also get the opinion of Rhian Woods. It was agreed to ask the Pavilion Committee to discuss this issue.

Rabbit Problem – We now have two people who are keeping them under control. It is hoped that we will make inroads into reducing the numbers over the winter period.

Ecoscape – Fitness Equipment – They have delivered a tub of bonding agent and 4 bags of mulch. BT/BA will now fill in the gap by a piece of the fitness equipment.

Dogs in the Recreation Area/Sports Field – It is noted that a number of people are walking their dogs between 6.30am and 7am who just open the car doors and just let their dogs loose and who do not pick up after them. The idea of them having to be kept on a lead was dicussed and it was noted that this would need a by-law. It was also noted that Diane Greenwood has spoken to a

person who regularly brings 8/9 dogs to the Sports Field. The idea of a 'dog toilet' was also discussed. It was agreed that we send an article to the Watlington Times and Henley Standard stating that we are asking the Police to prosecute anyone who is seen not picking up after their dogs in this area. It was noted that Chalgove have had some educational courses in the primary school for the children who then pass on the information to their parents/grandparents and this has been quite successful

Resolved: That we contact Jacky Nabb who runs these courses to meet with us with regard to possibly speaking to the Primary School about arranging some of these educational courses . It was noted that she will be giving a talk at the OALC AGM on 17/9/2011.

89/11 General Issues

Lorry Watch - The following was noted.

1. We would need to record lorries on all the 4 roads into Watlington.
2. Two people would be needed at all locations.
3. Would record every vehicle within a 1.5 hour period.
4. We would need to check the date with Trading Standards and the Police.

Resolved: That we get together a list of people willing to do this exercise and that we arrange a meeting with Trading Standards and the Police in late October.

Roads and Footpaths – The dreadful state of some of the roads and footpaths were discussed.

Resolved:

1. That we write to OCC and ask them to consider resurfacing Shirburn Street and Couching Street.
2. That we contact OCC and the Bus Company to see what implications the Gorwell Road Closure will have on the streets of Watlington.

Walk About Watlington – It was agreed that we have a walk around Watlington on the 18th October at 10am. KT and BT to be present. Members to email the Clerk with any areas they think should be included. BA/KT to put together the route.

Water Bowser – Agreed not to purchase one.

Emergency Plan review – The Clerk and LN to review the document and bring back to the next meeting with comments.

90/11 Correspondence

1. OCC – Invitation to Snow Day – on 8th and 29th October – **Noted.**
2. Ian Kent – re HGV's- **Discussed above.**
3. Mrs Marsden – arrows in car park –**The Clerk to inform her once these have been done.**
4. Jane – Dogs in Recreation Area-**Discussed above.**

5. OCC – Filling of Salt bins – **Discussed at FC**
6. OCC – Temporary Road Closure – Gorwell 17/10/2011 . Estimated duration 2 weeks – **Noted.**
7. OCVA – information – skills to help with local communities – **Noted.**
8. Playbus – Santa’s mobile grotto – Do we wish to have this in our area?
Resolved: That we would be happy to have this in Watlington
9. Ecoscape – reply to our communication on fading of colour- **Noted.**
10. SODC – Dog Bin Emptying schedule- **Noted.**
11. Southern Electric – re increase in prices - **Noted**
12. Pear Technology – Mapper for local councils – **Noted.**

91/11 Future Issues for Discussion – refer also to Forward Plan
Public Conveniences – October
Emergency Plan - October

92/11 Any Other Business

Public Conveniences – It was noted that we are coming to the end of five years (January 2012) of the 25 year agreement with SODC. Discussion took place on asking SODC to increase the payment for future years by RPI. Discussion also took place in using any surplus money to reburish them significantly. Agreed that this be part of the walk on the 18/10/12 and to ask Harvey Batten if he could be present for this part. This issue to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Britain in Bloom – The results will be out shortly.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.15AN