

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

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

Officer: Kristina Tynan

Members of the Public: 1

15/11 Apologies for Absence
Linda Nicholson, Angie Paterson

16/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2011 were accepted by Council on the 8/1/2011
Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

17/11 Declarations of Interest
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.
There were no declarations of interest.

18/11 Matters arising
Request for Salt Bin - Since the last meeting it has been noted that the location requested was not within the Watlington Parish Boundary, but within the Britwell Salome Parish. Mr Orpwood has had a letter sent reporting this.

It was noted that a bin could be put in the Watlington Parish which would be useful for local residents.

Resolved: That the Clerk send a letter, with a map showing preferred location to OCC and request that the install a salt bin here. Mr Orpwood to be informed of this.

19/11 Outstanding Issues
1.Proposal for toilets for the Pavilion – Awaiting drawings. BA has spoken to Neil Boddington who had said that they would be ready for this meeting. BA to speak to NB regarding this.

2. Decoration of Office – Community Payback Team – BA has spoken to the team leader regarding this who has said that they would be willing to do this. A date to be agreed for these works.

3. Public Conveniences

Painting of doors – Bob Thomas has this on his list to do in the Spring and that they be painted blue the same colour as they are at present.

Small Trees behind Public Conveniences – BA and BT to arrange for these to be removed.

4. Potholes – Noted that there are still quite a few that need repairing and that it is embarrassing that OCC have still not repaired these.

Resolved: That the Clerk contact OCC regarding these and that our County Councillor be copied in.

5. Watlington in Bloom - Further to the February Full Council Resolution, a meeting has taken place with last years members of the Watlington in Bloom committee. Present at this meeting were Councillors Ian Hill, Ted Backhouse and Barry Adby. Tim Horton, Terry Jackson, Peter and Jocelyn Woolley were present representing WIB. There was much discussion on various issues. They felt that it would be better for WIB to be an independent group rather than a committee of the Parish Council. It was noted that they would need to seek permission for any works they propose to do on Parish Council land. It was stated that the Council have no funds to put towards anything extra that is not already in the budget for 2011/2012.

The Parish Council await further information from this group on setting themselves up as an independent committee and a proposal on projects they are considering doing for the competition.

20/11 Property

Community Office – No issues to be discussed.

Public Conveniences – Drainage issue.

There has been a problem in one of the toilets in the men's convenience which has meant we have had to close the toilet affected. BT has rodded the drains and put some chemicals down. BA and BT to review the situation to see if our measures have worked or if we need to call a company out.

Pavilion

Noticeboard – To discuss whether this be ordered in this financial year.

Resolved: That we discuss this at the next Pavilion Committee meeting after the Sports Club EGM.

21/11 Open Spaces

Recreation Ground

Ditch by ½ Pipe area - If this area is cleared TW will remove any of the rubbish if he is told the location.

22/11 General Issues

1. Benches in the Town – Further to the Watlington Speaks questionnaire a number of people asked for extra benches in the Town. The most favoured positions for these are the Recreation Ground 33 requests - Hill Road 33 requests - High Street 21

requests and near Library bus stop and War Memorial 10 each. Discussion re residents donating some 'in memorium' benches

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council consider any request that they receive from residents. Each request will need to be considered on its own merit.

2. August British Legion Fete – Discussion of the WPC having a stall at this event.

Recommendation to Council: That we organise a display at this showcasing our new website and other Parish Council information and that the Operations Committee be responsible for the organisation of this.

3. Salt Bins – Discussion of repair and associated costs

It was noted that all the wooden salt bins could be repaired at a cost of approximately £100 with BT doing the work needed.

Resolved: That the materials be purchased and that the work be done by Bob Thomas during the warmer weather and that OCC is contacted about filling the salt bins during the summer months.

23/11 Correspondence

1. Mrs A Thomas – re Pyrton Lane – **Office has replied re this following letter from OCC. We note it is probably the responsibility of SOHA in this instance.**

2. OCC – Oxfordshire Play Space Survey – **TB to complete this.**

3. OCC – Pyrton Lane – Public Highway status – **Noted.**

4. John Howell – information required for broadband and mobile network in our community – **Noted.**

5. Southern Electric – Electricity Agreement due to renew on March 1st – We are a micro business customer – **Noted**

6. EPC – Commercial EPC for letting purposes – **Noted**

24/11 Any Other Business

Caretaker Roger Beattie asked about the Caretakers work schedule and the Clerk's managing of him -TW stated that anything to do with Staff would need to be an agenda item and taken in confidential session.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.50PM

