

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee
Held on Wednesday 21st March 2012
at 10.00am in the Community Office

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

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: 1

24/12 Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies

25/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd February 2012 which were accepted by Council on the 13/03/2012 to be agreed and signed by the Chairman
Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

26/12 Declarations of Interest
There were none.

27/12 Matters arising
Trees in Sport Field – This work is due to be done within the next 3 weeks. RB suggested that it should be done in the holidays.

Footpath on B4009 – This has now been cleared back to its original line.

28/12 Outstanding Issues
BT Phone Box in Hill Road Car Park – Awaiting response from BT re their schedule of re-painting.

Triathlon – Barry Adby and Robert Barber attended the meeting held in Henley Town Hall on 22/2/2012. Still awaiting a response from our MP John Howell. OCC do not have permission for the road closure as yet. TW suggested a meeting should be scheduled for after this event. There was one held after the 2011 Triathlon at which only Barry Adby attended. This year 2000 people are expected to take part in this event.

Hedge in Mansle Gardens – This was discussed and it was noted that the Chapel Street end needs cutting back.

Britain in Bloom – We are awaiting a proposal from them for this years planting.

29/12 Property

Car Park

Hedge on Johnson's Alley- The neighbours need to be contacted regarding this prior to us contacting BT. On-going.

Drains – Drains have now been flushed by Draingain, however leaves still need to be removed which will be done by Bob Thomas. The worst affected area is by the disabled car park spaces. KT to liaise with our caretaker. It was noted that the drains will need to be flushed every 6 months.

Lights in the Car Park – BA has been in touch with OCC however it is up to WPC to repair them.

Public Conveniences

Roof – This work has been commissioned and Colin King will be doing this work shortly.

Drain Clearance – These have now been flushed and a camera put through the drains.

Future improvements – A small group of councillors to discuss ideas with a view to seeking quotes to refurbish this property, which can then be discussed by this committee.

Cleaning Rota Poster – TW suggested that a poster be put up which shows when the toilets were last cleaned (as in Motorway Services).

30/12 Open Spaces

Recreation Ground

Dogs in Recreation Ground/Sports Field – Full Council agreed that following wording for flyers to be given out:

` Dear Dog Walker,

We would be very grateful if you could keep to the perimeter of the field and please ensure that your dog does not walk on the playing field areas. Kindly clear up all dog

waste and put it in the bin provided.

If the current dog waste problem is not resolved the Parish Council may have to consider banning dogs altogether from the recreation ground and sport field.

We hope that together we can keep this area in a condition that allow Sport to be played without the problem of dog waste.

Many thanks for your co-operation'

Noticeboard for Recreation Ground – The Clerk to order this asap

Woodchip around Zipwire in Recreation Ground – This will be ordered and put down. BA and BT to do this.

Signs for 'No Ball Games against this wall' - These have been ordered and will be put on the pavilion wall.

War Memorial and Tubs in Town Planting – The British Legion wishes WPC to continue to plant the War Memorial. We are awaiting a proposal for the tubs/planting from Britain in Bloom.

Resolved: that WPC continue to plant and maintain the War Memorial.

31/12 General Issues

Trees in the Town – OCC have put together a schedule of works for the trees in the Town. Robert Barber has a copy of the schedule.

Porta-Loo – This has been ordered and will be in place for the Easter Holidays.

Signs on Gates – It was agreed that we write to Parkers stating that no signs must be put on the gates. If any signs are put on the gates they will be removed.

Hedge on Cuxham Road – TW reported that the hedge at Bulrushes has been cut back.

32/12 Correspondence

Anna Thomas – Trees at Marlbrook- Robert Barber will contact her regarding these trees. It was noted that these trees belong to SOHA. - **The Clerk to write back to A Thomas saying that we are looking into this with our tree warden.**

33/12 Future Issues for Discussion

There were none.

34/12 Any Other Business

GoRide Buses parking in Hill Road Car Park – Roger Beattie stated that there are 2 of these buses parked in this car park and he said that he thought they should not park here. TW suggested that perhaps the Catholic Church could accommodate them.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.55AM