



## Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7PM via Zoom

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Matt Reid (MR) – Chairman  
Ian Hill (IH) – Vice Chairman  
Nicky Smallbone (NS)  
Andrew McAuley (AM)  
Tim Horton (TH)  
Roger Beattie (RB)  
Rob Smith (RS)  
Alex Basden (AB)  
Richard Dorney-Savage (RDS)  
Steve Bolingbroke (SB)  
Terry Jackson (TJ)  
Keith Woolfson (KW)

**Officer:**

Kristina Tynan (KT)

**In Attendance:**

Gill Bindoff – **NPAB**

**Press:**

Luke Adams – **Henley Standard**

**Members of the Public:**

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18/21 Apologies for absence

There were none.

19/21 Chairman's Remarks

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that he would move Agenda Item IIF and this will be discussed after matters arising.

20/21 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

21/21 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th January 2021 to be agreed and signed as a correct record

**Resolved:** That the minutes are a correct record of this meeting and will be signed by the Chairman when this is possible.

22/21 Matters arising from the Minutes

**Icknield Community College** – MR asked if IH had managed to get hold of the covenants for this land. IH said he would try and see if OCC will give us copies.

23/21 Update on COVID 19 and Watlington – Matt Reid

MR reported that the Clerk had circulated an email from OALC on this and when virtual meeting can start in May 2021. It was noted that the Town Hall would be a good venue for meetings. Things may change but we need to plan for face to face meeting starting in May. We need to have an annual meeting this year as one could not be had in 2020 due to the pandemic and we should plan for a

remote meeting.

24/21 Public Questions

There were none notified.

25/21 County Councillors Report - Cllr Stephen Harrod

IH reported that Steve Harrod has been chasing up various issues for us. Regarding the transfer of the CCT there has been a change in OCC's solicitors, and they are still trying to find their feet.

**[Post Minute Note:** SH had thought the meeting started at 8 and was unable to connect to the meeting]

26/21 District Councillors Report - Cllr Anna Badcock

MR said he had spoken to Anna Badcock about the sewerage problem at Webbs Yard. She had also said that she would be happy to attend a focused meeting on the Edge Road.

No report had been received.

27/21 To receive the Balance of Accounts, Receipts received and approve the list of Payments to be settled.

NS read out the Balance of Accounts and proposed that the list of payments be settled as per the prescribed process. The receipts were also noted. *(This information is attached as an addendum to these minutes).*

**Resolved:** That the Balances of Accounts and the List of Payments be settled and that they be signed by the Chairman and the Chair of Finance when it is possible to do so.

28/21 Committees:

**A: FINANCE** – There has been no meeting

**B: PLANNING** –3/2/2021 – Andrew McAuley

**Resolved:** That Council accept these Minutes

AM said that there are no recommendations but would like to bring the following application to the Council's attention [P21/S0047/FUL](#) Grove Farm Patemore Lane Pishill, Erection of 5 holiday pods, maintenance building, managers flat, parking and landscaping. The Planning Committee objected to this and has contacted AB to call it in to the SODC Planning Committee if the Officer recommendation is to approve. She has done this.

[P21/S0003FUL](#) Steve Orton antiques Shirburn Road – TH asked a question on transportation on this site. AM said there will still be a minibus and it will be for the exclusive use for the site, assisted living accommodation and in the affordable homes. Any excess in terms of capacity could be used for Watlington yet to be discussed. There would need to be in conversations with other developers along the road in terms of contribution for local transport as well. We are now in a slightly different position than we were originally, as it is no longer a care home and residents would also need to contribute. We will need to tread carefully with then in relation to our objectives for the future.

**C: STRATEGY**- There has been no meeting

There will be a special meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the next regular meeting will be in March.

**D. OPERATIONS** – 21/1/2021 – Ian Hill

**Resolved:** That Council accept these Minutes

**Path through Church Land and through Little Orchard**

Tom Bindoff was present to answer any questions.

IH reported that this was long before (2014) the Neighbourhood Plan and footpath issues take a long time to appear. However, it has now been brought forward. There was an objection from a resident (Footpath marked A-B) who had a photograph of a sign that was pinned to the front of the Church Hall which stated ' *These grounds are private property available for use of persons using this hall and no liability can be accepted for vehicles parked without authority and persons using these grounds without approval*'. Originally OCC were supporting making an order but since the sign came forward it was

taken by the County Council as evidence that there was not a footpath there. IH said that this is hardly conclusive and that it would be worth taking this issue further.

The part of the footpath marked B-C which goes through Little Orchard, was closed off but opened for a brief while but not on the original path but on the north east edge, but this has now been closed off too. IH said we need to decide if we wish to support this. TB stated that anything that has been done since 2014 is irrelevant. OCC have taken a neutral stand now and it has been passed to the Planning Inspectorate for a decision.

The owner could be approached to see if we would support a permissive path through his land on the original route as a separate issue to the one currently being discussed.

**Resolved:** that the motion below be deferred to the next Full Council and that Ian Hill and Tom Bindoff be delegated to produce a case to support it and bring it back to the March Full Council Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That the Parish Council support the claim for this footpath to be included on the map of Definitive Rights of Way and would object to any diversion to this path through Little Orchard.

**E. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD** – There has been no meeting.

OL reported that there has been no flooding on the cricket area and no surface water. The skatebowl has been flooded. KW stated that the Leagues are wondering what to do as they will not be able to complete a season and it will depend on when football can restart. The Cricket Club have had no information yet.

**F. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – 18/1/2021**

**Resolved:** That Council accept these Minutes

1. **Update on Edge Road** – Briefing paper will be circulated (MR had drafted) This paper included the following three recommendations.

MR stated that at this meeting only the 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation would be discussed. The other two will be part of a special Strategy meeting that will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. There were a number of people who will wish to speak at this meeting on the recommendations. It was also noted that we have not yet received the plan from AECOM.

#### **Proposed Motions from Matt Reid**

In light of the information provided above it is most likely a good time to restate our collective full council position on these important matters, so I would propose the following motions.

- 1) That WPC establish a new 'Interface Committee' to formalise and properly minute the meetings held between Watlington and Pyrton along with an appropriate 'terms of reference' that provides for 3 representatives from each parish.

After much discussion:

Vote: 10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

**Resolved:** That Motion 1 above be agreed and to note that this committee has no decision-making power and a remit to be written and a note of each meeting to be circulated to Full Council.

**The following two motions were not discussed, and it was agreed that these will be discussed at a special Strategy Meeting with all Councillors and members of the NPAB will be invited to speak. Other interested parties will be invited to register to speak also.**

- 2) That WPC express its support for an option for the Edge Road pass south of the ICC playing field extension and join with Pyrton PC in pushing for this option as part of the optioneering process before final public consultation. (We would of course work with the ICC Governors to specify appropriate safety mitigation measures).
- 3) That WPC do not object to Pyrton Parish Council 'exploring' this option for a lower connection to the B4009 and will engage in talks to assess its viability should it not be ruled out by OCC or AECOM.

**G. ALLOTMENTS** – There has been no meeting

NS said that there has been some flooding, but the level has recently gone down, and an allotment holder has written to Providence land and the SODC Planning Department about his concern that flooding could worsen if development takes place. However, there is a ditch in the allotment which has not been cleared for some time which may have made the flooding worse and it is thought that the ditch could be used to lessen the flooding if this was cleared

**Registration of Allotments and Recreation Ground** – Land Registry have come back querying if Watlington Parish Council and The Parish Council of Watlington are the same thing and IH said we need to sort this out as legally the allotments is owned by the Parish Council of Watlington. TH reported that the Allotments were given by Mr Hammersley in 1900 and took advice from his lawyers and were given free to the Parish Council. TH will give any relevant information to IH.

29/21 Correspondence for Information

List attached to the Agenda

**Council to consider: Letter Nos 20,21 and 22 – see correspondence list**

**Letter No 20 and 21 - Active Travel Schemes for Bicester and Witney** – Noted.

IH stated that he is still pursuing a scheme for the centre of Watlington with Steve Harrod.

**Letter No 22** – Heather Morrison asking is Council would be interested in buying a soldier silhouette. She would be happy to do some fundraising.

MR said he thought one by the cross would be a bit obtrusive. TH said that the RBL would be happy to provide storage. There would be a concern that it could not be in a location that it could be vandalised. AM said it could be in different places in different years. TH said we should get comments from the RBL.

30/21 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies

**WCAG** – They have started the thermal imaging of 50 homes.

31/21 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM**



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## Barclays Bank PLC

Please provide balance on Parish Accounts as at close of business  
On 8/2/2021

<b>Barclays Premium A/C</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>87,763.73 CR</b>
<b>Barclays Current A/C</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,571.45 CR</b>
<b>Barclays High Interest Bus A/C</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>80,008.51 CR (CIL: £19,205.67)</b>
<b>Barclays Pavilion Account</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>14,244.40 CR</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b><u>184,588.09 CR</u></b>

Account held by WPC for the Young People Fund	<b>£</b>	<b>26,538.24</b>
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Signature of Chairman:

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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

