



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Community Office At 8.00pm on Tuesday 12th February 2019

Present:

Councillors:

Matt Reid (MR) - Chairman
Andrew McAuley (AM)
Rob Smith (RS)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Fergus Lapage (FL)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Press:

David White – Henley Standard

Members of the Public:

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15/19 Apologies for absence

Ian Hill, Nicky Smallbone, Roger Beattie, Tony Williamson, Tom Bindoff, Stephanie Van de Pette.

16/19 Chairman's Remarks

It was asked how many Councillors we needed to be quorate. The Clerk reported that we need to have four. It was noted that the meeting was quorate with five Councillors present. MR stated that we have had resignations from Fiona Butler and Jeremy Bell. He will send a letter of thanks to them for their contributions during their term on the Council.

17/19 To receive Declarations of Interest

WBA request for funding for Art Weeks – TJ declared a pecuniary interest in this as she is one the exhibitors and will be selling her art work. RS also declared a pecuniary interest as his wife is also an exhibitor. They signed the 'Declaration of Interest' book and did not vote on this item.

18/19 Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 15th January 2019 to be signed as a correct record

Minute 10/19 - 40 Brook Street item page 4 'moments' should read 'moment'.

Resolved: That with the above change, the minutes are a correct record of this meeting and to be signed by the Chairman.

19/19 Matters arising from the Minutes

Meeting with Anna Badcock - (Minute 08/19 refers) - MR said that if any Councillors had specific questions to put to her when the meeting is convened, to inform the Clerk of them.

20/19 Public Questions

There were none notified.

21/19 County Councillors Report -

Cllr Stephen Harrod had sent his apologies for this meeting. He has sent through his regular monthly report which has been circulated to Councillors.

22/19 District Councillors Report

Cllr Anna Badcock sent her report today which was emailed to all Councillors. It was noted that there was nothing specific to note for Watlington.

23/19 To receive the Balance of Accounts, Receipts received and approve the list of Payments to be settled.
MR 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 Fergus Lapage (Committee Member of Finance).

24/19 Committees:
A: FINANCE – 17/12/2018- There has been no meeting.

B: PLANNING – 5/2/2019 – Andrew McAuley
Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2034 Response – Deadline 18 February 2019- This information was attached to the agenda.

It was noted that submissions must be sent in by the 18th February and the consultation is on the Local Plan being sound and legally compliant.

There was a discussion about the proposal for development in smaller settlements which is one of the points in the draft response. This point states that smaller settlements should be included as it is in the NPPF but not in the SODC Local Plan and they should be in line with National Policy.

The smaller settlements should be offered parity with the rest of Watlington as there is interdependency between them and us. 15% of our population are in the smaller settlements. When we look at required enhancements, they should be considered equally with those of the town.

AM stated that the issue is that the SODC interpretation goes against the NPPF and the legal findings state that you cannot restrict developments in settlements. It is the legal findings that are in front of us and this shows that the SO Local Plan is not sound and not compliant regarding legislation of the NPPF and legal cases. As the NPAB have spotted this, it is beholden on us to put this in the response.

A vote was then taken: **3 in favour, 2 against - CARRIED**

Resolved: That the draft response from the NPAB be agreed and sent to SODC. (attached)

Watlington Traffic Improvement Schemes – Information was attached to the agenda.

It was noted that these are traffic mitigation proposals and there should be no requirement for all of them but there are also measures such as enhancement needed. The Archstone proposals are to a degree prioritised with safety being paramount and with enhancements such as walkways and cycle paths.

There was a concern raised about proposed speed limits. It was stated that within the NP Plan feedback and analysis in February 2018 having speed limits of 20mph came out on top with those who attended the events. This is not in the NP but is a background document to the NP.

It was noted that there are some aspects that Councils cannot include in the NP such as traffic but as the Edge Road is paramount to the NP, so it is hard to split the two.

The Traffic Report runs alongside the development of the Edge Road as a practicality, but the Traffic Report had to be produced separately to safeguard the land. The priority order of 20 mph areas are in the priority order that people put forward. We would have to be able to enforce it.

A vote was then taken: **4 in favour, 1 abstention: CARRIED**

Resolved: That Council approve the list of traffic management/improvement schemes and that they be sent to OCC. That WPC take forward with discussions with the Developers and OCC by way of Section 106 agreements.

C: STRATEGY- 29/2/2019 and 7/2/2019 – Matt Reid

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

Grant Making Policy – The policy and form were attached to the agenda.

Resolved: To agree the Grant Making Policy and Grant application form.

Heathrow Airspace and Future Operations Consultation (deadline 4 March)

Resolved Unanimously That WPC do not put in a response to this consultation.

Watlington Business Association – Oxfordshire Art Week grant request

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That WPC awards £250 towards the Art Weeks promotional material.

Due to Council not being quorate to vote on this with two declarations of interest notified, It was agreed that this be delegated to the Finance Committee to decide.

D. OPERATIONS 23/1/2019– Terry Jackson

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

TJ stated that there are no recommendations from the Committee. Most items are on-going. One new initiative that was discussed is joining the 'Walkers are Welcome' group. She also reported that she will be organising a meeting on buses as eight people have shown an interest in this.

E. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD -4/2/2019 – Matt Reid

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

MR said that there are no recommendations from this committee. One urgent thing is to get WCC and WTFC to agree the percentage split for payment for utilities.

F. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – 21/2/2019 – Andrew McAuley

Resolved: Council to accept these Minutes

AM reported that the Pyrton Neighbourhood Plan will be going to referendum in March.

The PYR1 site for 37 assisted living units will be in front of the SODC Planning Committee on 20/2/2019. A Planning Committee representative will be speaking at this meeting in favour of the development as it is key to unlocking part of the Edge Road. The developers will give the land to OCC as they will not develop the road. The Officer recommendation is to approve this application. Shirburn and Pyrton Parish Councils are against this development.

The NPAB are keeping tabs on what CIL money will be coming in. WPC has £4000 already and the CIL money will be reported on at Planning Committee meetings. Self-built development does not attract any CIL. It would be up to Full Council to make decisions on the spending of CIL funds. There is a 5-year window to spend it otherwise SODC can claw it back. There are criteria about what it can fund.

It was noted that there will be a meeting on Friday with the SODC Insight and Policy Manager, Michelle Wells, to discuss having a Regional Neighbourhood Planning Forum. It will be an exploratory meeting to discuss a potential forum and what input Watlington could have. Members of the NPAB and the Planning Committee have been invited to attend.

G. ALLOTMENTS – 10/1/2019 – Matt Reid

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

This was the inaugural meeting of this committee. George Bruce was elected as Chairman and Robert

Rogers as Vice-Chairman. There is now going to be a monthly piece in the Watlington Times about the allotments. Two plot holders have given up as they stated they find it too political. MR said this is because there was previously no structure in place. FL said that he finds the allotments as friendly as they always have been.

25/19 Correspondence for Information

Correspondence was noted and most letters have been referred to committees.

26/19 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies

Watlington in Bloom – TJ said that they are hoping to have the Open Gardens event this year.

27/19 Confidential Item: EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC for Items 15 and 16

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That in the view that this item may lead to future contracts with the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw for the next two items (15 and 16)

Under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as defined in Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Items 15 and 16 of the Agenda were not discussed as they were discussed in open session at a special meeting of the Strategy Committee and the minutes will come to the next Full Council meeting in March.

28/19 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

Outreach Meeting –The Clerk will propose a date and book the Fox and Hounds at Christmas Common for this meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.08PM



Watlington Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Kristina Tyrman

Barclays Bank PLC

Please provide balance on Parish Accounts as at close of business
On 11/02/2019

Barclays Premium A/C	£	99,120.65 CR
Barclays Current A/C	£	3,200.00 CR
Barclays High Interest Bus A/C	£	9,779.69 CR
Barclays Pavilion Account	£	1,890.83 CR
Barclays Pav Development Fund (WTEC/WCC/WPC Fundraising)	£	1.20 CR (transferred to Pav A/C) CLOSING DOWN A/C
TOTALS	£	<u>113,992.37 CR</u>

Signature of Chairman:

Date: 12th February 2019

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