



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

Present:

Councillors:

Matt Reid (MR) – Chairman
Ian Hill (IH)- Vice-Chairman
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Nicky Smallbone (NS)
Stephanie Van de Pette (SvP)
Tom Bindoff (TB)
Roger Beattie (RB)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Press:

David White – Henley Standard

Members of the Public:

3

29/19 Apologies for absence

Andrew McAuley, Rob Smith, Bob West.

30/19 Chairman's Remarks

MR reminded everyone who will be standing for the Election to fill in their nomination forms. There will be a stand outside the Town Hall this and next Saturday to help encourage people to stand for the Parish Council.

31/19 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

32/19 Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 12th February 2019 to be signed as a correct record South Oxfordshire Local Plan (Minute 24/19 refers), paragraph 3. One change was agreed to replace 'us' with 'the town'.

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

33/19 Matters arising from the Minutes

Outreach Meeting – This will be held in June. There is a meeting arranged for next Monday to look at the road situation in Christmas Common with Steve Harrod, Vanessa Buckley and the Outreach Group.

34/19 Public Questions

There were none notified.

35/19 County Councillors Report - Cllr Stephen Harrod

Steve Harrod had sent his apologies. His monthly report has been emailed to Councillors.

36/19 District Councillors Report - Cllr Anna Badcock

Anna Badcock's report was received today and has been emailed to Councillors.

- 37/19 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, Nicky Smallbone.

- 38/19 Committees:
A: FINANCE – 7/3/2019 – Nicky Smallbone
The minutes from this meeting will be available for the next Full Council meeting.

B: PLANNING – 5/3/2019 – Matt Reid
Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

MR said that the Planning Training for Councillors will be done after the elections.

P19/S0479/FUL Little Stoney Farm, Britwell Hill – The committee objected to this application on several counts. Firstly, it is more than a variation of condition, the size and style of house is completely different. Secondly, given the level of glazing, there are concerns over light pollution and its effect on wildlife in the surrounding woodland. Thirdly, the design changes the look of the site from agricultural to residential and this is not in keeping with the surroundings.

P18/S0002/O Shirburn Road – 37 Assisted Living Units and provision of care home – This will be considered at the SODC Planning Meeting on the 20th March and AM will attend to speak in favour of this application.

C: STRATEGY- 7/2/2019 and 26/2/2019– Steph Van de Pette
Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

Recommendations from the meeting held on 7/2/2019

Cuxham Field

Renewal of current Lease of Cuxham Field

TB put in an amendment to the Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the current leaseholder be offered a 3-year lease, with no break clause and the annual rent to remain the same.

Vote: 2 in favour, 5 against - NOT CARRIED

A vote was then taken on the original recommendation

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the current leaseholder be offered a 5-year lease, with no break clause and the annual rent to remain the same.

Vote: UNANIMOUS in favour – CARRIED.

Potential site for Social Housing

TB put forward an amendment to the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That this specific site suggested for Social Housing is investigated at the present time.

Vote: 5 in favour, 2 against - CARRIED

Purchasing Recreation Sites

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the Clerk approach any eligible recreation space

owner to ask whether they would be interested in opening up a dialogue about selling their land.

Vote: 5 in favour, 2 against – CARRIED

Recommendations from the meeting held on 26/2/2019

Declaration of a Climate Emergency

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council to agree to:

- a) Join Councils, such as Bristol, Brighton and Oxford, in declaring a Climate Emergency;
Call on Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make local action on climate change easier;
- b) Work with other local authority organisations such as OALC (Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils) and appropriate government departments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- c) Recommend to Full Council within six months with the actions the Council could take to address this emergency.

A vote was then taken on a-c – 6 in favour, 1 against- CARRIED

Opposing Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council to agree to:

- a) Oppose the Expressway as it is currently proposed.
- b) Become a supporter member of the Expressway Action Group (EAG) joining 42 other local parishes and villages in opposition of the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway.
- c) Write to the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling MP requesting a full Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into the proposals and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) that looks at the impacts of both the proposed housing and transport development in a holistic manner.

A vote was then taken on a-c – 5 in favour, 2 against- CARRIED

Annual Parish Meeting 23/5/2019

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the Annual Parish Meeting have a speaker on Climate Emergency and to also ask the young people who attended the rally in London if they would like to come and speak at the meeting on this issue.

Vote: Unanimous in Favour - CARRIED

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (Deadline 25 Mar)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council agree to the response as drafted by Terry Jackson to be sent to OCC

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Deadline 25 Mar)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council agree to the response as drafted by Terry Jackson to be sent to OCC

D. OPERATIONS 20/2/2019– Tom Bindoff

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

Mrs Peiera had requested to speak on this item as she is the resident that is affected by the height of the hedge. She presented her case to Council for the hedge to be kept at about 12ft before the recommendation was voted on.

Johnsons Alley Hedge

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the Parish Council cut the Johnson's Alley hedge (up to 9ft) on an annual basis in line with the hedges on the other sides of the car park. That it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to receive funds from a resident to cut one of the hedges on a

different schedule from the other hedges in this area.

Vote: 6 in favour, 1 against – CARRIED.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2019

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. That we enter into a contract with Lee Collins for one year for the grass cutting contract. That we employ Tracey Bilcliffe directly for the paddock gardening. The Clerk will ensure that all contractors have the necessary paperwork.

Vote: Unanimous in favour – CARRIED.

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

MR said we need to ensure the WTFC and WCC sign their stewardship agreements which need to have agreement by both clubs of the percentage of the utilities bills to be allocated before they will sign them. MR will take up this issue and speak to both clubs.

F. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – 18/2/2019

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

It was noted that there will be an open event with Homes England in Cuxham on Thursday and in Stadhampton on Friday, both will be from 4-8pm. This is because they need to provide by-passes for these areas if Chalgrove goes ahead.

G. ALLOTMENTS – There has been no meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 14/3/2019

39/19 Policies and Strategies

Communications Strategy

It was noted that we are doing a lot of things on this already. Appendix A shows the strategy of the Council as a whole. Items will be added to this as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council adopt the Communications Strategy

Vote: 6 in favour, 1 against - CARRIED

40/19 Correspondence for Information

List is attached to the agenda.

41/19 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies

1. **Minutes from the FOWL meeting** – These were noted. There are some great events coming up such as a talk by Sir Philip Pullman.

2. **Bus Meeting** – TJ said that this took place and they will be investigating various ideas that were mooted.

3. **WBA** – SvP reported that the Community and Volunteer Fair and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday 8th June in the Watlington Club. This will promote our local organisations and to celebrate and thank all the volunteers without which a lot of things would not happen.

4. **Public Transport Representatives Meeting** – IH attended this and most of the speakers did not turn up. Cathy Champion, who was one of Jason Sherwood's colleagues at OCC has now taken on the position of South and Vale Community Infrastructure Officer and will be looking at 106 money and transport. It will be worth talking to her.

42/19 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

Allotment Rents – It was asked if rents can be paid electronically. The Clerk reported that they can.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM



Watlington Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Kristina Tynan

Barclays Bank PLC

Please provide balance on Parish Accounts as at close of business
On 11/03/2019

Barclays Premium A/C	£	95,151.14 CR
Barclays Current A/C	£	3,027.02 CR
Barclays High Interest Bus A/C	£	9,784.57 CR
Barclays Pavilion Account	£	2,371.13 CR
Barclays Pav Development Fund	£	0.00 CR CLOSED
TOTALS	£	<u>110,333.86 CR</u>

Signature of Chairman:

Date: 12th March 2019

1 Old School Place, Gorwell, Watlington, Oxon. OX49 5QH. Tel: 01491 613867.
Email: wpc@watlington-oxon-pc.gov.uk Website: www.watlington.org

Watlington Parish Council													
Accounts for Payment to be authorised at Full Council 12 March 2019													
Date	TO WHOM	DETAILS	Number	Allotment	Car Park	Pub Dev	Operations	Central	Wages	Pavilion	INCL VAT	VAT	EXCL VAT
01/03/2019	Wages	Staff wages	BACS						3595.62		3595.62		3595.62
01/03/2019	Wages	Wages	BACS						44.65		44.65		44.65
01/03/2019	Wages	Wages	BACS						178.60		178.60		178.60
12/03/2019	Amazon	Tops for Allotments	BACS	10.50							10.50		10.50
12/03/2019	Collingwoodworks	Replace Bollard	BACS				120.00				120.00	20.00	100.00
12/03/2019	Wiseharve Ltd	Computer Assistance	BACS					48.00			48.00	8.00	40.00
12/03/2019	Bongo	April Licence	BACS					22.56			22.56	3.75	18.80
12/03/2019	Wynestay Agricultural	Test Rubber Mat	BACS					19.99			19.99		19.99
12/03/2019	LOOP	Electrical safety items	BACS					169.32			169.32	28.22	141.10
12/03/2019	Executive Fire Protection	Annual service	BACS					105.57			105.57	17.60	87.97
12/03/2019	Watlington Environment Group	Insurance	BACS					297.92			297.92	31.92	266.00
12/03/2019	Watson Laurie	Youth Club Insurance (Grant)	BACS					249.97			249.97		249.97
12/03/2019	The Landscape Group	Paddock Gardening Feb	BACS				240.00				240.00		240.00
12/03/2019	Grandon	Car Park Bin	BACS		84.29			250.00			84.29	14.05	70.24
12/03/2019	Watlington Business Association	Art Weeks Contribution	BACS					45.00			45.00		45.00
12/03/2019	Petty Cash	Cash for Office	104247	10.50	84.29	0.00	360.00	1208.38	3818.87	0.00	5481.99	123.55	5358.44
Totals													
Receipts 12th February 2019 - 11th March 2019													
	Pavilion												
	Lettings	£	136.50										
	Loyalty Reward - Bank Charges/Trip	£	3.53										
	WTHC	£	416.66										
	Total	£	556.69										
	Parish Council												
	County Councils Grant outdoor	£	1,750.00										
	Car park rent	£	695.00										
	Bus Money	£	245.00										
	Photocopying	£	46.00										
	Internet	£	64.27										
	Loyalty Reward - Bank Charges	£	1.87										
	Total	£	2,802.14										

N. Sanderson

