



Minutes of the 'Remote' Meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 9th March 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)

Press:

Anne Colivicchi - Henley Standard

Registered to Speak:

Gill Bindoff- NPAB and 12H
Tom Bindoff – Agenda Item 12D

32/21 Apologies for absence
Alex Basden.

33/21 Co-option onto Council – Two Vacancies - We have had one application: Mrs Margaret Noon who has sent her apologies for this meeting as she had a prior commitment. All Councillors had read her application.
Resolved: That Margaret Noon be co-opted onto Watlington Parish Council.

34/21 Chairman's Remarks
MR said that it has been good that we continue to foster good relations with our neighbours, and we await the AECOM report.

35/21 To receive Declarations of Interest
There were none notified.

36/21 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th February 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.

37/21 Matters arising from the Minutes
Land Registered to Icknield Community College – IH is still trying to get the relevant information regarding this and covenants on the land.

38/21 Update on COVID 19 and Watlington – Matt Reid

MR referred to map the office put on Facebook which shows Watlington being white (less than 3 cases) however he said that Stokenchurch, where a lot of pupils attend ICC is still blue. As the schools have now re-opened, he said that care must be taken. The school children will be tested twice a week and the parents of school children are also eligible for two tests a week. Testing is a good thing to do but we must not let our guard down.

TH said that the Town Hall Trust Body are looking into the opening of the Town Hall when it is allowed and there will be a relaunch of this venue. He asked that if anyone had suggestions on doing this that they contact him direct.

MR said that when Council has 'Face to Face' (From 7th May 2021 at present) meetings the Town Hall would be the best venue to use in terms of social distancing and better air circulation than using the Parish Office.

39/21 Public Questions

There were none notified

40/21 County Councillors Report - Cllr Stephen Harrod

There was no report.

TH asked MR if he was content with the regularity of meetings that WPC had had with OCC and AECOM over the last 18 months and was concerned about a further delay of the AECOM report because they are talking to the Cricket Club. He said that it was first promised for July 2019 and it is now March 2021 and we still do not have this report and WPC has not been formally invited to an OCC/AECOM meeting. MR stated that we have had two meetings with OCC and AECOM, one meeting WPC was a participant and it was attended by MR, AM, IH and GB. At the other meeting that was held with Pyrton, WPC representatives were observers. MR stated that Steve Harrod has a neutral position on the issue of where the Edge Road goes but if Watlington and Pyrton agree a route he would support this. TH said that WPC should meet with AECOM urgently and have more representatives that the current 4 as he and TJ were involved with this issue in 2019 and felt that they have been side-lined.

MR stated that he is confident we will get what is best for Watlington and meetings with too many people can be counterproductive.

41/21 District Councillors Report - Cllr Anna Badcock

There was no report. It was noted that AB has not attended a Full Council meeting for a long time and TH stated that this is not the usual behaviour of a District Councillor, they should be prepared to attend regular meetings and not be selective about this as they are accountable to the community. It was noted that AB did attend a standalone meeting in February on the Edge Road. It was also noted that we now have new Councillors co-opted onto the Parish Council and it would be very useful to be updated on a regular basis.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to AB on this issue.

42/21 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.

The dog bin emptying schedule was brought up and the Clerk confirmed that we now have ScoopDotty Dog emptying our 10 bins weekly. WPC ceased the contract with SODC in October 2020 due to them having quadrupled costs. It was noted that several dog bins fill up within days and this issue will be on the Operations agenda.

43/21 Committees:

A: FINANCE – There has been no meeting

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

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

AM reported that the Planning Committee agreed to co-opt Fiona Danks onto the NPAB Committee.

He also said that there will be more applications on the Well House and the applicant has been in contact to let us know that the next application will be for changes are in keeping with the style and period of the property and for changes to the step which will give additional width on the pavement. It was noted that the Conservation Officer will have the final say on the application.

Regarding the application for Holiday Pods on Grove Farm, which is still active, there has now been notification for change of use of use of existing barns and any land within the curtilage to a hotel (Class C) [P21/S0878/N4C]. On this change of use the Parish Council are not allowed to comment only the immediate neighbours can do so. The Environmental Officer is of the opinion that this should go as a Full Application as there could be a significant noise issue.

C: STRATEGY - - 17/2/2021 – Andrew McAuley

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes

AM stated that this meeting was purely to look at the motion that MR had proposed:

'That WPC express its support for an option for the Edge Road to 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).

At this meeting it was agreed that the motion remain on the table until we have seen the AECOM report. It was also agreed to look at our Sporting Strategy and what other community groups would like to be in discussion about the land to the north of the Edge Road. AM stated that this land sits within Pyrton Parish and therefore we need to have a good working relationship with them. There are still issues regarding the connection to the B4009. Providence land also stated that there is no ambition to extend the number of houses above 100 and these would be built on 4 of the total sites 14 hectares. OCC are still in talks with ICC.

GB said that she was pleased that the NPAB members were able to take a full part in the debate.

Membership of Committee:

Resolved unanimously: That Steve Bolingbroke becomes a member of the Strategy Committee.

D. OPERATIONS – 18/2/2021 – Ian Hill

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes Council to accept these Minutes

Path through Church Land and through Little Orchard

IH had prepared a briefing note on this issue which was sent to all. TB stated that this is the only safe part of the stream in Watlington which children can paddle in and is therefore a special place for families. He reported that OCC in the first instance was going to support this footpath until the old sign on the Church Hall was sent to them and they then changed their position to neutral. TB confirmed that the time period is the 20 years prior to 2014 which is being considered.

TB stated that this footpath issue was not part of the save the Church Hall campaign or intended to stop development. He said that he is very keen that the footpath should not be closed. A question was raised about any potential legal costs and TB stated that there would be none. It was noted that Little Orchard is an important Green Space in our NP.

There was much discussion on this issue and Councillors gave their views on the recommendation. It is noted that this issue has been sent to the Planning Inspector to make the decision.

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.

A vote was then taken: 2 in favour, 8 against, 2 abstentions

NOT CARRIED

Meeting with Sports Clubs and Dog Walkers Group – IH reported that this was a useful meeting and KW stated that there was a lot of progress regarding the signs and this will be further discussed at the next Operations meeting.

Membership of Committee:

Resolved unanimously: That Rob Smith becomes a member of the Operations Committee.

E. PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD – There was a meeting on the 22/2/2021. The minutes will be sent out to Councillors. There were no Recommendation for discussion.

F. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD – 15/2/2021

Resolved: That Council accept these Minutes Council to accept these Minutes

Membership of Committee

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: To appoint a Councillor onto this committee following the resignation of Matt Reid.

Terms of Reference

Resolved: That these be reviewed by MR,AM and SB.

Resolved: that this be deferred to the next meeting.

G. ALLOTMENTS – There has been no meeting
NS reported that the flooding has now been alleviated.

H. INTERFACE COMMITTEE – To agree the terms of reference for this committee (V3)

Vote: 9 in favour, 3 abstentions

Resolved: That the Terms of Reference be agreed.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Watlington Parish Council back Pyrton Parish Council in their assertion that land on the north side of the new edge road should be made over to Pyrton Parish Council rather than OCC on the proviso that it is leased back to ICC on a peppercorn rent for the use of expanding the schools playing fields and offering additional recreational facilities for both communities.

Following the Strategy Meeting on the 17th February, this motion remains on the table and will remain so until the AECOM report is received.

MR stated that when the first meeting is held it will be open to all to attend.

44/21 To agree the date for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held via Zoom

The Clerk will send out two dates and the date will be the one that the majority can attend. This will be held via Zoom.

45/21 To discuss whether we hold a Community Awards 2021 Event

It was noted that the last Awards took place in 2019

After discussion a vote was taken: 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

Resolved: That a Community Awards 2021 Event takes place.

46/21 Correspondence for Information

The list was attached to the Agenda

Tim Horton referred to the Press Release 2nd March 2021 - **Councils looking into the possibility of a joint South and Vale Local Plan** and said this is a significant matter and Watlington Parish Council should put in a comment. AM said that this is not a formal consultation but will follow this up with

Anna Badcock and report back to Councillors.

- 47/21 Reports from Organisations and Representation on other bodies
Watlington in Bloom – TJ said this group will be busy in March.

Youth Provision - RDS said that there was a piece in the Watlington Times asking for residents thoughts and views on this matter. He said that he and RB have had some discussion but there is not enough information at this stage to put an idea through for discussion.

- 48/21 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair
To note any other matters raised by Members of the Council

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9PM

Addendums: Balance of Accounts and Payments and Receipts



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Barclays Bank PLC

Please provide balance on Parish Accounts as at close of business
On 8/3/2021

Barclays Premium A/C	£	93,587.40 CR
Barclays Current A/C	£	2,810.29 CR
Barclays High Interest Bus A/C	£	80,010.50 (CIL: £19,205.67)
Barclays Pavilion Account	£	13,903.21 CR
TOTALS	£	<u>190,311.40 CR</u>

Account held by WPC for the
Young People Fund

	£	26,538.24
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Signature of Chairman:

Date: 9th March 2021

Accounts for Payment to be authorised by Watlington Parish Council Full Council Meeting 9th March 2021													Paid
Date	TO WHOM	DETAILS	Number	Car Park	Pub Conv	Operations	Central	Wages	Pav	INCL VAT	VAT	EXCL VAT	Power
16/02/2021	Not just Autoparts	Hammeritie Paint	BACS			23.98				23.98	4.00	19.98	LGAS111
16/02/2021	SSE	Office Gas Bill	BACS				132.47			132.47	6.30	126.17	LGAS111
01/03/2021	Staff	Salaries/Wages	BACS					2958.74		2958.74	0.00	2958.74	LGAS112
01/03/2021	Screwfix	Pipe Insultatio to be refunded Pav	BACS						33.97	33.97	5.66	28.31	LGAS111
01/03/2021	Bongo IT	O365 outlook - 7130 NOV 2020	BACS				22.56			22.56	3.76	18.80	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Viking	Office Supplies and Stationary	BACS				49.50			49.50	8.25	41.25	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Ricoh	Quarter Copier Costs	BACS				362.21			362.21	60.37	301.84	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Devey Tree Care	Cutting Rec/Allotment Hedge	BACS			348.00				348.00	58.00	290.00	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Devey Tree Care	Annual Cut Hill Road Car Park Hedge	BACS	456.00						456.00	76.00	380.00	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Devey Tree Care	Mansle Gardens Heddge	BACS			300.00				300.00	50.00	250.00	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Bongo IT	O365 outlook March - 7711	BACS				22.56			22.56	3.76	18.80	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Computer Assistance	Remote Backup x 2 -5313	BACS				48.00			48.00	8.00	40.00	LGAS111
09/03/2021	Grundon	Bin Emptying	BACS	116.50						116.50	19.42	97.08	LGAS111
				572.50	0.00	648.00	637.30	2958.74	33.97	4874.49	303.52	4570.97	
Receipts - 9th February - 9th March 2021													
	Pavilion		Parish Council										
	Loyalty Reward	£ 0.42	Loyalty Reward	£ 0.30									
	Other	185.27	Swyncombe PC (SID Contribution)	£1,064.50									
			SODC Air Quality Grant (cycle racks)	£775.00									
			VAT Refund	8905.52									
	Total	£ 185.69	Total	£ 10,745.32									