



Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee Held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 8pm In the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Bob West (BW) -Chairman
Tom Bindoff (TB) – Vice-Chair
Ian Hill (IH)
Terry Jackson (TJ)
Roger Beattie (RB)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Members of the Public:

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41/19 Apologies for Absence

Jenny Wilkinson.

42/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2019 which were accepted by Council on the 9/4/2019 to be agreed as a correct record

Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

43/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

44/19 Matters arising

There were none other than agenda items

45/19 Update on Outstanding /Completed Issues

1. **Cherry Tree in Paddock** – Awaiting comments from CwT following a request for a price for a good pruning.

2. **Mat to be used for Parking at bottom of Love Lane between Schools and Chequers** – RB to obtain a quote.

3. **Kissing Gate with disabled access**- Awaiting Response from Watlington Public Charities – KT has chased up.

4. **I-Play** – RB said he met with Playdale and they said they need to take away the computer element and have it checked before carrying out the works as quoted for. This needs to be done and it may find that we do not have to do everything on the initial quote. They have offered us a half price cost to check the computer of £303 net. After discussion it was:

Resolved: That we get the computer element checked at a cost of £303.00 (net)

5. **Super User** - Training of people to officially identify potholes and repair them – Deferred to next month.

6. **Moving car park tubs to Couching Street/Brook Street Junction** – One has been moved. TB and TJ will arrange to move the other two.

7. **Litter Bins for recycling in the Town** – TJ to give find a cost for pole mounted bins. KT will write to SODC for approval to do this.
8. **MUGA** – The Planning Application has been resubmitted. The Parish Council recommended approval and to ask an Environmental Health Officer to visit site for advice on lighting and noise. We await SODC's determination this application.
9. **Deep Cleanse in Watlington** – 28th Feb – 5th March – Email has been received on works they did. They will be coming back to Watlington for 4 days 6th-11th June. TJ and JW have recommended areas for cleaning.

46/19 Highway/Footpath/Tree Issues

1. Highways

a) **Pyrton Lane Improvements** – Response from OCC – attached.

Peter Logan had asked to attend for this issue. He stated that the estimate from OCC is not for what the residents asked for. After much discussion it was:

Resolved: That we ask Lee Turner to attend a meeting with representatives from WPC and the Pyrton Lane Residents group. To arrange this for a Wednesday or Friday at anytime to suit him.

b) **Christmas Common** – Update from IH following meeting with OCC.

IH and KT met with Lee Turner to re-visit changing the priority of roads in this area. He ruled out the change in priority for the Northend Road due to vision safety issues. He was going to have a look into the possibility of the Hill Road change in priority. KT will chase him on this. KT is chasing Vanessa Buckley for a report and costings.

c) **Other Highway Issues**

Hill Road – To request OCC for 30mph reminders as there is no sign at the Carriers and we need at least two after the steep corner in Hill Road.

20 is Plenty signs – IH will chase OCC to see if they have revised signs following comments from TVP.

2. Footpaths

a) **Footpath 13** –TB said that the bid we originally put in to TOE was not successful, and they advised that the works we had the quotes for would not last long enough. We have now asked for quotes for a different specification and materials. Quotes have been requested. One has been received to date. We will then need to re-submit a bid to TOE. It was noted that we must submit this by the 6th June 2019. It was noted that if we were to be successful the best time to do the work would be in August/September.

Tree/Hedge Issues

No issues were raised.

47/19 Open Spaces

1. **Grass Cutting**

It was noted that the new company had missed cutting a few areas. The Clerk has been in touch and they will come back for a cut as necessary. The new gardeners are still finding their feet. It was suggested that after their next cut a councillor go and look at all the areas on the map to check that none have been missed out.

2. Recreation Ground /Sports Field/Pavilion

Request to have a mobile catering trailer in the Recreation Ground during the summer holidays, 7 days a week and would take up one car parking space.

After discussion a vote was taken, **1 in favour, 4 against**

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That we do not allow a mobile catering trailer in the recreation ground during the summer holidays.

3. Paddock

a) **Performance Space** – The Planning Application has been submitted. This will come to our Planning

Committee in due course.

b) **Noticeboard for Play Area** – RB is working on this.

4. Other Areas

a) **Triangle on Cuxham Road** – Tracey our gardener has done a good job with removing the weeds etc and tidying it up.

b) **Willow Close** – It was noted that the Industrial Estate have put up a huge sign on our land advertising the industrial units. No permission was sought. The Clerk will contact them to remove it.

c) **Green Area at Marlbrook** – Survey results will be ready for the next meeting.

48/19 Property

1. Car Park

a) **Purchase and installation of new/improved highway signs** – This was discussed by Full Council. The Clerk to obtain costing and permissions needed where necessary.

b) **Additional 2 hour stay bays to be marked out in Hill Road car park** – 11 new 2 hours spaces were agreed by Full Council. It was thought that a resin-based paint would be a good idea and will last longer. Quotes to have all the lining re-done will be sought.

c) **Mud in the Car Park** – Julia Spargo has agreed that this is a task the CPT could do. Awaiting a date from her as to when the team will be coming. We will need to order a skip in.

d) **No Entry sign on pole in the Car Park** – The Clerk will see if this can be replaced.

2. Public Conveniences

a) **Consideration of new hand units** – Full Council gave agreement to purchase 3 new units. BW to speak with Wallgate re cost. The Clerk and TJ will choose the colour of the units and surround.

3. Parish Office

a) **Carpet for Office** – Delegated to BW, IH, TJ and KT to choose the carpet and colour. John Hawkes will be contacted to do the work in the summer holidays.

49/19 Sub-Committees

1. **Allotments** – Nothing raised for discussion.

2. **PSFC**

Dogs on leads on the Sports Field – IH has been researching this and will bring this back to the next meeting.

50/19 General Issues

1. **Food Banks and Community Fridge Larder** – It was thought that there is not a suitable space in Watlington to have a larder in. JW is speaking to the Co-op about having a food collection point there.

2. **Great British Spring Clean** – 23rd March – TJ said this went very well and over 30 bags of rubbish were collected.

3. **Recycling** - KT has requested to join some recycling schemes and is waiting to see if we are successful – No update yet.

4. **Sign on the Ridgeway** – Email was attached to the agenda from Sarah Wright at OCC.
Resolved: To invite her to the June Operations Meeting.

51/19 Correspondence

No correspondence other than agenda items above needed discussion.

52/19 Future Issues for Discussion/Implementation

GoActive – to promote their activities

53/19 Any Other Business

Wed 12th June – Ladies Bike Road will be coming through Watlington.

Bob West thanked everyone on the Committee for their patience, help and efforts during the last 4 years.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.19PM

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