



Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee Held on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 8pm In the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill (IH)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Alex Basden (AB)
Terry Jackson (TJ)

Co-opted Member:

Jenny Wilkinson (JW)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

In Attendance:

Diana Ludlow

137/19 Apologies for Absence

Tim Horton.

138/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th October 2019 which were accepted by Council on the 12/11/2019 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.

139/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

140/19 Matters arising

There were none other than agenda item

141/19 Update on Outstanding /Completed Issues - See attached spreadsheet. (This was emailed out)

1. **Installation of a sprung gate at the Love Lane/Trackway Entrance** – work has been commissioned.

2. **Clearing of ditch on Trackway to Rec** - work has been commissioned.

3. **Footpath 13** – Grant form to County Councillor Fund has been sent and the Footpath Officer has been contacted regarding their agreed contribution (Spreadsheet 39). The Contractor has been appointed and works will start end of January/beginning of February.

4. **Update of Meeting with SODC Enablement Team** – IH reported that he and Nicky Smallbone gave them a list of all the projects we are looking at doing and were hoping to get guidance on grants. They were very impressed with our list, but they had limited information on new sources of funding. We asked if they could review any applications before being sent in, but they are not allowed to do this. Kath Dale, SODC Leisure Development Team has sent through a list of funding sources which is very useful. She also came up with helpful ideas for Sports and Recreation to boost leisure activities.

5. **Christmas Carols Christmas Eve** – A temporary street closure application has been submitted. IH and KT will look at what else needs to be done.

6. **MUGA** – update RB (Spreadsheet 1) – RS and NS will be putting in a grant application to SODC. The deadline is the 2nd December.

7. **Grass cutting contract –Update** (Spreadsheet 29) – Nine Tenders have been sent out to Contractors

142/19 Discussion items

Major Items

1. **Pyrton Lane /Christmas Common – Traffic Calming** (Spreadsheet 8 & 18)

Traffic Scheme proposals for discussion

Draft note from meeting with OCC was attached to the papers.

Christmas Common – The scheme has now been costed out and would cost in the region of £100K. The working group has been contacted and we will need to see where we go from here. We may need to propose to agree a reduced scheme with residents of Christmas Common, possibly consisting to bollards or posts along the verges.

Pyrton Lane – After discussion, the following was agreed:

Vote: 3 in favour, 1 abstention.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That some of the S106 money available for traffic calming works in Watlington be used for a scheme at Pyrton Lane.

That we ask Lee Turner to provide a firm costing for the minimum scheme the Pyrton Lane residents have accepted, namely:

- Two speed humps, including design, road closure, design and construction;
- Two additional wooden bollard posts (location to be agreed);
- A build-out feature at the northern end of the lane before the dog leg bends, or alternatively a third hump at this location.

The cost is envisaged to be approximately £10k before VAT.

2. **Other Highway Issue**

20mph for Watlington – Area to be looked at. (Spreadsheet 23) – The area that should be covered was briefly discussed. It was noted that it would cost approx. £3100 to obtain a 20mph limit for a scheme for the town (depending on exact areas not incl outskirts of town). It was thought that we need to look at Ingham Lane, Howe Road, Brook Street, Britwell Road, Cuxham Road, Shirburn Street, Hill Road. IH to look at what information we hold and if we need to commission some speed surveys.

The roads/streets speeds will need to be assessed. To make a road 20mph it must be proved that speeds on average must be 25 or lower. To make a road from 40 to 30 average speeds must be 35 or lower. (This is by looking at the information on the 85th percentile)

IH will contact OCC to see if they have the new 20 is plenty stickers in stock.

A discussion about doing a Speedwatch Operation in January was mooted and TJ said she will investigate doing this and possible dates etc.

3. **Discussion of dog fouling mitigation measures.** (Spreadsheet 19)

There had been a meeting with Rae Young and IH, KT and Nicky Smallbone attended. (IH will draft up a note) There was a good discussion on a number of issues. Following November Full Council where it was agreed that we would not enforce dogs on leads in the Sports Field due to the work that the Dog Walking Group has done (and will be reviewed in a year) it was thought that we now need to look at the problem in Watlington as a whole. The Group feel that more dog bag dispensers are needed especially on Brook Street near to the alley to West Meadow. They would like to also put some temporary ones along footpaths etc and KT will see if the Art Weeks people could come up with an idea for these. Black bins can now be used for DDog waste and we need to communicate this message. KT has spoken to SODC about stickers and will report back when we know if they will supply these to the PC. Rae Young will design some signs to put around the Sports Field and Rec regarding dog fouling

Minor Items

1. **Christmas tree collection point for January 2020** – It was agreed that the Rec by the car park was the best place. RB produced a photo of the area. It will need to have some barriers or similar to make sure

they are left in the right place. RB and Bob Thomas to do this. The Tree Barn at Christmas Common also recycles Christmas Trees.

2. Cuxham Triangle – Discussion of a bench for this area design and materials to be agreed. (Spreadsheet 11) – Mr Mogg has agreed that this area to be named ‘Lady Moggs Garden’ and is prepared to give a donation once the cost is known. It was thought that the ones made from recycled plastic would be best as they are durable and would not need any maintenance. TJ will send out the benches that she found.

3. Location of Birch Tree - donated by John Howell to be agreed. It was agreed that a Silver Birch be planted in the Paddock to replace the one that has permission to be removed.

4. I Play and possible new piece of equipment – Initial Discussion (Spreadsheet 17) – All Councillors to research this and bring back ideas to the next meeting.

5. Speed Indicator Device – Discussion (Spreadsheet 20) -IH reported that he has had some conversations about sharing a moveable device with 2 other parishes. It was thought that this was a good idea but that we should also have a dedicated one for Watlington.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council agree in principle that we share a moveable Speed Device with Cuxham and Swyncombe. Cost of the machine would be a third each. Pole/s would need to be purchased separately.

6. Tree Work at Sports Field – Quotation received.

A quotation has been received from Devey Tree Care and it was agreed that we accept this.

7. Safety Report on Play Areas – This has been conducted and we await the report.

143/19 Progress Reports (if necessary)

144/19 Sub-Committees

1. **Allotments** –There has been no meeting. A new noticeboard has been delivered.

2. **PSFC** -4/11/2019 – No recommendation to Operations.

145/19 General Issues

There were none raised.

146/19 Correspondence

Mr Thomas – **Small Children’s Play Area problems in the Paddock** – There were various suggestions regarding this eg CCTV, sensor lighting. It was agreed to put up some signs and discuss other measure at the next meeting.

147/19 Future Issues for Discussion/Implementation

Assessments of Roads in Watlington –TH

Dark Skies – TH

Church Lane Barrier

148/19 Any Other Business

New Football Club Container – This will be installed shortly by WTFC.

Water Butt – It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to install this by the Public Conveniences. TJ to hold onto it for the moment.

Sharing Car Park Enforcement – IH reported that we had previously received a letter from Sonning Common Parish Council asking if we would consider sharing enforcement. We wrote back to them to say we would be interested in principle in this idea. They have come back and said that now SODC are in the process of setting something up they have put this idea on hold until more is known.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55PM