



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2008

Present: Alice Wilkinson, (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Shirley Newman, Liz Black, Jackie Jeffery, Chris Drew, John Illenden, and John Davies.

Apologies for absence: Nick Ray, Michael Forrer, and District Councillor Pamela Graddon.

4495/08 Open Forum - There were no residents present.

4496/08 Youth Service report from Debbie Coleman

Debbie Coleman from the Wokingham Borough Council Youth Service addressed Council and explained that the Mobile Youth Facility had been sold and that the East Park Farm Pavilion was being used as an alternative. The pavilion would be open on Monday evenings for young people to attend. The sessions will be run by Professional Youth Workers. Debbie assured Council that reports indicating attendance and the work carried out with the young people will be provided. The Chairman explained that because of the information given to Council that the Mobile Facility would cease only £1500 had been budgeted for this financial year. The Chair further explained that requests for funding for projects has to be with Council before the end of November in the proceeding year, and that invoices need to be with Council in the February at the end of the financial year of the running of the project.

4497/08 Declaration Of Interest - None

4498/08 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2008 - The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4499/08 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

4500/08 Election 1st May 2008 for New Council - Because there were only 9 nominations for the Parish Council no election will be held and the nine have been declared as Councillors.

4501/08 Co-option to Council - Jim Gillett was co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy on Council.

4502/08 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

0529 Erect two storey front extension at 43 Park View Drive South - No Parish Council Comment

0553 (amend 1415) Two storey front extension at Willowdene, 2a Old Bath Road - No Parish Council Comment

0605 Erect two storey & single storey rear extensions plus raise roof with rear dormer windows at 55 Park View Drive North - No Parish Council Comment.

0667 Erect two storey front extension at 41 Chiltern Drive - No Parish Council Comment

b) Applications Approved - The following approvals were noted:-

0396 Single storey side and front extensions at 10 Foxes Walk.

0376 Conservatory at 41 The Hawthorns.

2895 Two Linked Detached Dwellings at 23 Park View Drive South (Not yet on Wokingham Borough Council Web Site) Consultation (Sandford Farm) – Nothing new to report.

c) Regional Housing Strategy

d) 25 Park View Drive - The developer has appealed.

There being no other Planning Business the Planning Meeting was closed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4503/08 Finance Reports – Council reviewed the provisional financial reports up to the year end, which were noted.

4504/08 Authorisation of Payments - Council considered the cheques report. Cheques as detailed were approved and signed.

4505/08 Donations - There were no new requests.

4506/08 Multi -Sport Area – A response from the F A is still awaited.

4507/08 External Audit for 2008 – Mazars LLP have requested that the documents for Audit be submitted before the end of July 2008.

4508/08 New Insurance Provider – Council considered quotes from our current provider and from the provider who unsuccessfully quoted last year. A further request had been made to a third insurer but they had not submitted a Quote. Following discussion it was agreed to place the insurance with our current provider AON.

4509/08 Youth Club Finance Council considered a draft document which sets out the terms under which the Council will handle the fund when transferred. Subject to one amendment Council agreed to accept these terms.

There being no other Finance business the Finance Meeting was closed.

REPORTS

4510/08 Village Hall Management Committee Report

Matters arising:

20 Year Celebration – Council reviewed progress in preparing an attractive programme for the weekend.

Replacement Trees - Council thanked Councillor Illenden for the excellent work in planting the replacement trees around the Village Hall.

Grant to replace toilets - The Clerk confirmed that £9039 had been deposited in the Village Hall Account.

4511/08 Amenities Committee Report

Matters arising:

Vandalism - Councillor Drew reported that in addition to the bench at St Patrick's, the old notice board at the bus stop on Old Bath Road had also been vandalised. Roger Burns is looking into the possibility of repair.

St Patrick's Annual Inspection Report - Councillor Drew explained that the recent inspection report had failed the Roundabout and the swings because they did not meet the latest standard. Councillor Drew had confirmed that whilst the new standards were not mandatory for older equipment we might be considered to be responsible if there were to be an incident. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that the cost of replacing both the Roundabout and the swings be explored.

4512/08 District Councillor's Report - Councillor Graddon was not present having sent her apologies. Council were informed that Councillor Graddon would not be standing at the forthcoming election. Council expressed surprise at her sudden retirement and asked the Clerk to write to her, expressing the appreciation for the support she had given to the Parish Council and to the efforts she had made at the Borough Council on behalf of the residents of Charvil, often without the wholehearted support from her fellow Borough Council members, and to wish her good fortune for the future.

ENVIRONMENT

4513/08 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights – Handover still awaiting land registration.

4514/08 Veteran Tree Survey - Councillor Illenden confirmed that he and John Donaldson have now identified and plotted 103 veteran trees in Charvil. The list will shortly be published and the list will be available on the Wokingham Borough Council web site.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4515/08 Quiet Lanes - Council reviewed a further response from Keith Baker to the parish Council's request that the process of designating Beggars Hill Road and Lands End Lane as Quiet Lanes be started as soon as possible. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Theresa May MP and to the Department of Transport to establish the intention of the Quiet Lanes statutory Guidance and how and by whom it should be implemented.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4516/08 Parish Conference - Wokingham Borough Council have been asked to put the issue of 'Quiet Lanes' on the Agenda for the 8th October 2008 meeting..

4517/08 Annual Parish Meeting 13th May 2008 – Committee lead members to let Councillor Ray have any updates to their presentations for projection at the meeting. The Clerk to organise the Cheese and wine etc.

4518/08 Anti-social Behaviour Group – Questionnaire to be completed by Councillor Illenden.

4519/08 Army Presentation Team - Councillor Wilkinson to attend.

4520/08 CCB Membership - Clerk to process membership at £30

4521/08 Twyford & District Volunteer AGM 14th May - No one available to attend

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, Fire Service Risk Management Plan, Town & Parish News.

Any other business

4522/08 Twyford Village Partnership - Councillor Illenden to represent Charvil P C.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 27th May 2008