



**CHARVIL  
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Present:** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Chris Drew, John Illenden, Jackie Jeffery, Michael Forrer, , Nick Ray. and District Councillor Pamela Graddon, one resident and one member of the press.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim Gillett, John Davies Shirley Newman, ,

**4208/07 Open Forum** - Mr Mobey attended to speak about a new application for extending The Orchards, Milestone Avenue. He had provided a copy of the letter he had sent to Wokingham District Council. He asked for Parish Council support for his objection and expressed particular concern at the still inaccurate plan of the relative positions of the two adjacent properties on Milestone Avenue.

**4209/07 Declaration Of Interest** - None

**4210/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2007** –The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**4211/07 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes** - None

**4212/07 PLANNING**

**a) Applications for Information and Comment:**

**0697 Erect 4 Dwellings at 15 Charvil House Road** - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write as follows:

*Council appreciates that some of the issues on the previous refused application have been dealt with but is still of the opinion that this proposed development is unacceptable. Council is still unanimously of the view that:-*

- 1. The still high density of the proposed development is out of keeping with the adjacent properties and with the current residential street scene. To quote an earlier refusal for a similar proposed back garden development in Charvil; "The development would be cramped and urbanising. There would be lack of space for landscaping, and limited private amenity space".*
- 2. Charvil House Road is a relatively narrow residential road where many properties have no off-road parking and consequently there is much on-road parking particularly on the South side. This will make exiting from the proposed side road difficult.*
- 3. There is no public transport from this part of Charvil, which means that the proposed development will not be sustainable and will generate considerable additional private car use and for which there is inadequate provision.*
- 4. This need to use cars will add to the already difficult access onto the A4 .*

***For all these reasons Council recommends that this application again be refused.***

**0522 (resubmission of 8992) Two storey side & single storey rear extensions at Orchard House, Milestone Avenue.** - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write as follows:

*Council is still concerned at this proposed large extension to an already extended house. Council considers that this resubmission has changed little from the previously refused application. All of the reasons given in your refusal document of the 23/11/2006 still apply. None of the reasons for refusal, appear to have been satisfactorily resolved:*

- 1. The proposed extension is excessive for a relatively small plot and would be out of character with the nearby properties on Milestone Avenue. As stated in the refusal document, It would still "be obtrusive and out of character and have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area".*
- 2. Council is also concerned that the proposed side extension is still close to the boundary and still completely dominates the windows of the adjacent property, "because of its design and siting it would cause an unacceptable overbearing effect on the adjacent residential property.*
- 3. The original comment that the block plans are not accurate and may cause confusion has also not been dealt with.*

***For these reasons Council recommends that this resubmitted application again be refused.***

**0666 Single storey rear extension at 26 Park View Drive South.** - No Parish Council Comment.

**0722 Resub of 0037 - Conservatory at 20 Newbury Close --** No Parish Council Comment.

**0910 Single storey side & rear extension 26 Old Bath Road** - No Parish Council Comment.

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

9462 Single storey front extension & convert garage to enlarge kitchen at 4 Charvil Meadow Rd.

0258 Replace conservatory at rear of Truleigh, Charvil House Road.

0524 Side & rear extensions at 49 Gingels Farm Road.

c) **Tree Preservation Order**

266 Consent to work on trees G6 and T1 at 1 Foxes Walk. - Noted

**Any other Planning Business – None**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**4213/07 Finance Reports** – Council approved the financial reports which had been circulated with the agenda.

**4214/07 Authorisation of Payments** - Council considered the cheques report. Cheques as detailed including payments of: £749 for the Newsletter.

**4215/07 Donations** A thank you from Berks. Blind Society was noted.

**4216/07 Appointment of Internal Auditor** – Postponed until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007-05-05

**4217/07 Village Hall Insurance** Council considered the quotes from the two insurers. Following discussion it was agreed that Council should accept the higher quote from our current insurers AON who are known to us and hoping that this might influence a satisfactory conclusion of our outstanding claim for the damaged bollard lights. It was also unanimously agreed that we purchase subsidence cover. The Chair of Finance and the Clerk were authorised to finalise the cover.

- 4218/07 Multi Sports Area** The Chair of Finance who has been handling the negotiation with Wokingham Borough Council reported that a planning application is to be submitted very soon and that he was currently discussing the maintenance and weekly inspection arrangements.
- Any Other Financial Matters** - None

## **REPORTS**

### **4219/07 Village Hall Management Committee Report of meeting held 17 April 2007**

#### **Matters arising:-**

**Village Hall Insurance** - See Finance above.

**Maintenance** - Council considered a proposal from the management Committee that we use R Byrne for minor tasks around the Hall and the village. A figure of £8.50 per hour was unanimously agreed.

### **4220/07 District Councillor's Report** - Councillor Graddon reported that:

Anti Social behaviour action is being considered in respect of the vandalised fence on Chiltern Drive.

Yellow lines on Milestone Avenue are being considered.

Wokingham Borough Council is considering what action can be taken in respect of the motor bikes being ridden on Charvil Country Park. Signs are to be erected prohibiting motor bikes.

### **4221/07 ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Country Park and Fishing Rights – Councillor Ray reported that progress is slow. It is proving difficult to hasten the discussions between Thames Water and the consortium solicitors. In anticipation of the hand-over a meeting was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am in the Village Hall to discuss Fishing Rites. Following the meeting a letter was sent to the Chief Executive, asking for the formation of a management committee to be formed on which Wokingham Borough Council and Charvil Parish Council would be fully represented.
- b) Veteran Tree Project –is awaiting a map to indicate the site details for the allotted 58 trees in the parish ( 7 in the meadows and 51 in the country park )
- c) Village Hall Trees – The promised map has still not been forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to chase up the requests for action on protecting trees on Edward Road and 2-4 Old Bath Road.

### **4222/07 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

- a) Highways Policy – Facts Sheets on Variable Speed Limits and on Quiet Lanes were again considered. It was agreed that The Village Society be asked press for Beggars Hill Road and Lands End Lane to be designated.
- b) Bus Shelters on A4 - awaiting response to request for views in Charvil News and from the Annual Parish Meeting.
- c) Sign on Beggars Hill Road - The Clerk was asked to write Wokingham Borough Council supporting the residents request for a sign 'Unsuitable for heavy vehicles.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4199/07 Village Fete** – Confirmation of date 8<sup>th</sup> July. Confirmed that Council members will do BBQ.
- 4223/07 Post Office Closures** - Councillor Forrer to complete Questionnaire.
- 4224/07 Children’s Centre Project Group** - The Chair reported on the papers. Councillor Jeffrey to attend the next meeting.
- 4225/07 Campaign against Waste** - Minutes of the last meeting were noted. Clerk to ask Pete Baverstock about recycling Village Hall Waste.
- 4226/07 Keep Mobile AGM on 28 April** - No one available to attend.
- 4227/07 Youth Service reports** - Included with documents circulated for information
- 4228/07 Wokingham Borough Council Charity Diner** - Noted
- 4229/07 Annual Parish Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007** – Lead Members to prepare reports for inclusion in presentation, to be prepared by Councillor Ray. Clerk to provide Notices and flyer for newsletter and to organise refreshments.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 4230/07 Documents for circulation** - The Chair asked councillors to circulate the envelope more speedily. The information loses its value if not circulated in the time between meetings.
- 4231/07** The street sign at Park View Drive South is broken. Clerk to contact Wokingham Borough Council.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm**

.....Signature  
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006