



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th April 2009

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

Apologies for absence - Nick Ray, and District Councillor Emma Hobbs.

4821/09 Open Forum - A resident Paul Gregory of Beggars Hill Road asked that the Council give its full support to the Loddon Valley Action Group which has now elected to become a formal party to the enquiry and as such is allowed legal and expert representation and to cross examine. The Group will be holding a public meeting on the 30th April and is seeking Parish Council support. The Chair thanked Mr. Gregory for his comment and explained that she was aware of the meeting and that this was to be considered later in this meeting.

Another resident Dave Blackwell of Wenlock Edge offered his help in any issues involving The Country Park and Fishing. The Chair thanked Mr. Blackwell and confirmed that his help would be welcomed when the proposed new Country Park Management Policy Committee is convened by Wokingham Borough Council.

4822/09 Declaration Of Interest - None

4823/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2009 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4824/09 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - None

There were no other matters arising, which were not on the agenda.

4825/09 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

0593 2/4 Two storey side extension at 17 Cheviot Drive. - No Parish Council Comment

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0432 Vary consent to convert garage to habitable accommodation at 21 Park View Drive South
- No Parish Council Comment

0670 Raise roof and insert rear and side Dormer windows to create first floor accommodation, new porch and recladding of external walls & new roof finish, at 2 Old Acre Lane. -
No Parish Council Comment

0711 Two storey rear extension, flat roof to pitched roof and new septic tank at 102 Milestone Avenue. - No Parish Council Comment.

b) Appeal The following appealed application was Granted:-

1269 Industrial building for BIC use at Grove Service Station, Old Bath Road.

c) Appeal The following appealed application was Dismissed:-

1186 Front extensions at 32 Park View Drive South. - The Clerk was asked to establish what action Wokingham Borough Council now propose to take.

The Clerk was also asked to establish progress on 25 Park View Drive South.

d) **Approved** The following approved application was noted:-

0263 Conservatory at 5 The Hawthorns.

0164 Change of use at The Homestead, Park Lane

0258 Rear and side extensions at 28 Strathmore Drive

e) **Refused** - The following refused application was noted:-

0338 Replacement pitched roof to summer house at 13 Charvil House Road

0278 CLPU for Additional windows would not be lawful at 24 Old Bath Road

f) **Planning Seminar** - Four Councillors Alice Wilkinson, Chris Drew, Liz Black, and Jackie Jeffery had attended. The meeting had been useful. In particular information had been obtained on the rules pertaining to S106 agreements, on Village plans, and on the availability of information on the Govt. website – planningportal.gov.uk

g) **Sandford Farm** - The chair explained that the appeal meeting had been upgraded to a full Public Enquiry lasting up to six days. This means that consideration is not confined to the narrow grounds upon which Wokingham Borough Council had refused the application. All relevant issues are now open to be debated and considered. The Loddon Valley Action Group have therefore elected to become a formal party to the enquiry and as such will be allowed legal and expert representation and to cross-examine. The Group will be holding a public meeting on the 30th April and is seeking Parish Council support. Following discussion Council agreed unanimously to support the group and to donate £500 to the action fund. The Clerk was asked to confirm this to the Action Group Chairman David Parker.

There being no further planning business the Planning Meeting was closed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4826/09 Finance Reports –The Vice-Chair of Finance reviewed the monthly financial reports which were noted.

4827/09 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques as detailed were approved and signed. Authorisation of payments included Subscription of £50 to CCB Community Buildings Advice, and a donation of £150 to Berkshire Blind Society, and as agreed at the last meeting the quote from Aon was acceptable and a cheque for £1485.02 was signed

4828/09 Donations – A request for a donation to Open Spaces Society was refused.

4829/09 Donations – Council noted a thank you letter from Charvil Cricket Club

4830/09 Parish council Insurance – Quote received from Allianz the only known provider. To be signed at next meeting.

4831/09 What Can Councils Do – A list of activities which can be funded by Parish Councils was noted.

4832/09 National Savings Account – Four Councillors; Alice Wilkinson, Jim Gillett, Shirley Newman, and Nick Ray were nominated as Signatoores.

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

REPORTS

4833/09 Village Hall Management Committee – Notes of a meeting held on 21st April 2009 were noted.

Matters arising from the Notes –

Village Hall Floor Seal - The intention to reseal the floor was noted. It was pointed out that the floor should not be sanded.

Floor Cleaning - The question of annual service of the floor cleaning machine was referred back to the Management Committee.

Village Hall Advice Service - The subscription of £150 has been reduced to £50. A cheque for £50 was signed.

4834/09 Amenities Committee - Notes of a meeting held on 21st April 2009 were noted

Replacement play equipment - The ground clearance of the roundabout was checked and declared to be satisfactory. The cheque was posted. The new equipment is proving to be popular.

Grass cutting and tree pruning – Council agreed confirmed committee decision not to use selective weed killer around trees. The Chair offered to hand trim the grass around the base of the trees. Councillor Illenden offered to raise the crown of all the mature trees in the Autumn. Council gratefully accepted both these offers and thanked Councillor Illenden for planting the two replacement trees.

4835/09 Borough Councillor's Report - Councillor Hobbs was not present.

ENVIRONMENT

4836/09 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights – Council heard that Nick Christo was temporarily indisposed. The Clerk was asked to invite Nick Christo to make a return visit to the Parish Council.

4837/09 Landfill in The Hawthorns – See above re proposed visit by Nick Christo

4838/09 Additional Tree Planting in Charvil - The planting of trees on Wenlock Edge was deferred.

4839/09 Emergency Flood Plan for Charvil - The Chair offered to obtain a sample copy from another Council. Councillors were again asked to search for the CD which was circulated in the items for information envelope.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4840/09 Railtrack obstruction of Waingels Road – Still awaiting a response from Wokingham Borough Council. The Chair offered to write to Chief Executive about lack of response to messages from Wokingham Borough Council officers. The Clerk was asked to draft a suitable letter.

4841/09 Part-night Lighting Trial - Council noted a response from Keith Baker

4842/09 Highways Wish List - A decision was deferred for Councillors to consider and for a decision at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4843/09 Adopt Borough Parish Charter – A decision was deferred for Councillors to consider the Charter document and for a decision at the next meeting.

4844/09 Rurality for Pharmacy - The decision not to change the rural status of Charvil has been challenged. Council considered a draft response to the hearing on the 'grounds for appeal' document following which the Clerk was instructed to send the letter.

4845/09 Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May - Councillors were asked to update their presentations for Councillor Ray to collate the items for the presentation. Councillors

Davies and Drew will not be present. It was agreed that the Chair of the LVAG and Nick Christo be asked if they would like to attend the meeting as guests of the Parish Council. The Clerk offered to organise the refreshments and notices.

4846/09 Invitation to Meeting with the Police - Unfortunately this clashes with the Parish Council AGM. The Clerk was asked to send apologies.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents circulated after the meeting) Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, Corporate News, BALC reports, LINKs Report, Berkshire Records Office Newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 19th May 2009