



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th February 2009

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

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

4759/08 Open Forum - There were no residents who wished to speak.

4760/08 Declaration Of Interest - None

4761/08 Appoint Charities Trustee - Gary Brooks introduced himself to the Council explained his background and that as a resident he was prepared to become the Charvil Nominated Trustee to the Sonning Almshouses Charity. Following consideration Council unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Brooks as the Charvil Nominated Trustee. The Clerk was asked to inform the Charity of the appointment of Mr Brooks.

4762/08 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2009 – It was noted that neither Councillor Drew nor Councillor Davies were present at the meeting. The minutes so adjusted were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4763/08 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes

Brian Balchin to speak on Sandford Farm Flooding & Landfill - Will attend next meeting on 24th March 2009.

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

4764/08 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

2734 Revised for boundary definition on plans to demolish garage & side extension and erect two storey side/rear extension plus front porch at 21 St Patrick's Ave.-
Approved below.

2734 Revised for roof pitch on plans to demolish garage & side extension and erect two storey side/rear extension plus front porch at 21 St Patrick's Avenue. - Approved below.

0164 Change of land use to include skips and Portable WC's at The Homestead Park Lane. - No Parish Council Comment

0263 Single storey rear extension to form Conservatory at 5 The Hawthorns. - No Parish Council Comment

0258 Two storey rear, first floor side plus front porch. Convert garage to habitable room & raise roof to create room in loft space at 28 Strathmore Drive. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write as follows:-

"Council considers this application to be over development of the site and as such detrimental to the street scene.

The two storey extension would dominate and overlook the rear of the adjacent property and carried out in isolation would prevent a similar extension to the adjacent property. The owners of the adjacent properties should be consulted."

2709 Two storey front extension at 7 Old Bath Road. - No Parish Council Comment.

b) **Appeal** The following appealed application was noted:-

1269 Appeal at refusal to erect new building at Grove Service Station, Old Bath Rd.

c) **Approved** The following approved applications were noted:-

2676 Two storey front extension at 6 Fairway Drive

2737 Demolish Garage and erect Single storey side / rear extension at 72 Old Bath Road.

2709 Two storey front extension at 7 Old Bath Road.

2665 Single storey side extension at 49 The Hawthorns

2667 Demolish existing and erect 2 dwellings at 2 Stathmore Drive.

2734 Demolish Garage & side extension and erect two storey side extension plus front porch at 21 St Patrick's Avenue.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4765/08 Finance Reports –The Vice Chair of Finance reviewed the monthly financial reports which were noted.

4766/08 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques as detailed were approved and signed. Authorisation of payments including half yearly accommodation expense of £325 (Adjusted to include agreed annual increase for 2008-09 from £350 to £500 per annum), and donations of £202 to Charvil Pre School, and £200 to Twyford & District Volunteer Centre.

4767/08 Donations – Council unanimously agreed a donation of £280 to Charvil Cricket Club to cover the cost of coach training..

4768/08 Multi -Sport Area – Council considered a response from Nick Christo. The Clerk was asked to request an updated response before the next meeting.

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

REPORTS

4769/08 Village Hall Management Committee – The February meeting was cancelled.

4770/08 Amenities Committee - The February meeting was cancelled.

Replacement play equipment - Councillor Black reported that the replacement play equipment for St Patrick's had been ordered from Playground Facilities.

4771/08 District Councillor's Report - Councillor Hobbs submitted a written report which was circulated to Council.

ENVIRONMENT

4772/08 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights –Councillor Jeffery offered to contact Nick Christo and suggest dates for an early meeting.

4773/08 Landfill in The Hawthorns – a response from Nick Christo was noted. The Clerk was asked to suggest to applicants who are affected by the disputed landfill claim to contact Nick Christo.

4774/08 Tree Preservation Orders were noted:- T1 & T2 at rear of 2 Old Bath Road and T83 Land to rear of 24 Gingells Farm Road

4775/08 Tree Planting in Charvil - Councillor Illenden informed Council that he had ordered the 2 replacement trees for the Village Hall grounds. It was also suggested that trees be planted at a number of places on Wenlock Edge. Council supported this suggestion but

it was emphasised that formal approval to the project would need to be obtained from Wokingham Borough Council and that the residents would need to be consulted.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 4776/08 Railtrack obstruction of Waingels Road** – It was noted that ground work was taking place on railway property inside the fence. The Clerk was asked to establish exactly what are the proposals for improving Railtrack access and in particular when will the footpath be restored and will the restoration be proof against heavy vehicles crossing.
- 4777/08 Gritting of The Hawthorns** - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Julia Treadwell, and request that The Hawthorns be added to the secondary gritting list for next year as is East Park Farm Road.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4778/08 Village Fete – Wokingham Borough Council Charge** – Nick Christo's comments were Noted. There will be no charge in the coming year but future years are under review.
- 4779/08 Mains Drainage** - Councillor Gillett reported that all but three residents had responded and the application form has been submitted to Thames Water. The Clerk was asked to chase Thames Water and establish a time scale for processing the application and ask to be kept informed at each stage.
- 4780/08 Freedom of Information - Model Publication Scheme** -Following discussion the Model Publication Scheme and a revised notice were unanimously adopted.
- 4781/08 Invitation to Royal Garden Party** – It was agreed that the Chairman should attend.
- 4782/08 Adverts - Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club** - Request for publicity was passed to Councillor Black. Following discussion on use of the web site it was agreed to:-
Publicise the web site in the news letter.
Publish the news letter on the web site but not to accept adverts.
- 4783/08 Tenant Services Open Day** - noted
- 4784/08 Dates for Meetings** - It was agreed to change the dates of the May and June meetings.
*May meetings brought forward **Village Hall to 12th May, & Parish Council to 19th May**
June **Parish Council** meeting moved to **30th June**. A revised schedule to be circulated.*
- 4785/08 Manned Refuse Vehicle** New Timetable for 2009/10 circulated.
- 4786/08 Link ballot form** - Noted

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents to be circulated after the meeting) Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, Local Council Review, Clerks & Councils Direct, Wokingham C A B Newsletter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4787/08 Items for Borough / Parish Conference** - to be held on Thurs 22 Oct – Councilors were requested to present any issues for the agenda before the next meeting.
- 4788/08 Alternative Grass Cutter (Manor Estates)** - Noted and circulated with information docs.
- 4789/08 B A L C Master Class on Planning** - 16th April 6-9 pm – Four places to be reserved.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm**

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 24th March 2009