
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd February 2010

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett (Vice Chair), Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, Chris Drew, Michael Forrer, Liz Black, Nick Ray, and John Illenden.

Apologies for absence - John Davies, and District Councillor Emma Hobbs

5084/10 Open Forum There were no residents present.

5085/10 Declaration Of Interest - None

5086/10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2010 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

5087/10 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes -
There were no matters arising, which were not on the agenda.

5088/10 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (ref 121)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

0105 Demolish existing and erect two 4 bedroom detached houses on land at rear of 42 & 44 Old Bath Road. - *No Parish Council Comment on this Application*

0238 First floor front extension and Loft conversion at 5 Charvil Meadow Road. - *No Parish Council Comment on this Application*

2051 Additional/revised plans for the refurbishment and extension of Nursing Home at Bridge House, High Street, Twyford. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to confirm that Twyford P C were opposed to this application. This was confirmed from the minutes of their meeting. The Clerk therefore responded as follows:

'This proposed extensive development would be a significant incursion into the narrow green strip which, separates Charvil from Twyford. This narrow green strip is part of the Loddon Valley Country Park, which extends from The River Thames to Dinton Pastures and beyond. Encroaching into the narrow green strip between settlements has been a reason for refusal on many applications to build in the green gap surrounding Charvil and contradicts the Wokingham Borough Council Core Strategy, which requires Green Gaps to be retained.

The proposed development would concrete over a large area of grassland, the run-off from which would increase the flood risk from the neighbouring River Loddon.

Council is also concerned at the increase in traffic using Old Bath Road which would result from the proposed 'High Density' development.'

0107 Revised Plan for Summerhouse at 15 St Patrick's Avenue. - *No Parish Council Comment on this Application*

b) Applications Approved – The following approved applications were noted:-

2550 Two detached houses and one bungalow at 43 Old Bath Road.

- c) Applications Refused The following refused applications were noted:-
 2627 Two storey side/rear extensions, raise roof, convert garage, single storey front extension & change windows at 28 Strathmore Drive.
- d) Application to operate a Pharmacy in Park View Drive South, Charvil - Council considered the responses from other interested parties and decided that no further comment was needed.
- e) Letter to Central Planning from LVAG. Noted
- f) Revised WB Core Strategy Adopted. Noted and circulated in envelope
- g) Strategic Development Locations - Consultation. - Noted

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 5089/10 Finance Reports** – The Chair of Finance reviewed the monthly financial reports which were unanimously approved.
- 5090/10 Authorisation of Payments** – Cheques as detailed, were approved and signed.
- 5091/10 Donations** - Requests from Twyford & District Volunteer Centre and from Berkshire Blind Society were considered by Council and awards were deferred until the next meetings. The Clerk was asked to provide a list of S137 donations during the current financial year.
- 5092/10 Replacement Computer** - Council unanimously agreed that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a replacement computer to a total value not to exceed £700.
- 5093/10 Multi Sport Area** – Council noted an extract from the Henley Standard indicating that Wokingham Borough Council were to build a BMX track in Wargrave using ‘Playbuilder’ money. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Wargrave Parish Clerk and establish the accuracy of the report. The Clerk was also asked to invite Nick Christo to attend the next P C Meeting on 23rd March.
Clerks Note: The Clerk at Wargrave confirmed that the Newspaper article is correct.

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

REPORTS

- 5094/10 Village Hall Management Committee** – The meeting due to have been held on 16th February 2010 was cancelled.
- 5095/10 Amenities Committee** – The meeting due to have been held on 16th February 2010 was cancelled.

Vehicular Access onto St Patrick’s Recreation Ground. Councillor Illenden was authorised to spend up to £200 on the purchase of hedge plants for the East boundary of the recreation Ground. The money to be recovered by a grant to be obtained by Wokingham Borough Council.

Insurance Cover to be obtained for Roger Burns Roger Burns is in contact with insurance Companies to obtain cover.

Clerks Note: I have spoken to Roger Burns since the meeting to look at an insurance policy which is primarily designed to provide Public Liability cover. I asked him to let me have a letter indicating an increase in the hourly rate he charges us to include the cost of this cover. I again emphasised that his litter picking duties should be confined to footpaths/pavements and open spaces. I specifically instructed him not to do any litter removal from the roadway.

5096/10 Borough Councillor's Report - Councillor Hobbs had submitted a written report which had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors discussed the issues raised and the clerk was asked to write to Councillor Hobbs asking what action is being taken in respect of these issues. The Clerk was also asked to inform Councillor Hobbs that Roger Burns litter picking duties are confined to footpaths/pavements and open spaces. He is specifically instructed not to do any litter removal from the roadway (Beggars Hill Road is of course, a road without a footpath), and that Wokingham Borough Council have a statutory requirement to clean roads at regular intervals. The Clerk also to ask about extensions at Post Office on Park View Drive South.

ENVIRONMENT

5097/10 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights – No Progress - Deferred to next meeting.

5098/10 Replacement Tree planting at Village Hall - Councillor Illenden informed the meeting that the trees would be planted as soon as the ground conditions were suitable.

HIGHWAYS

5099/10 Street Lighting on Waingels Road - Council considered a Draft Letter to Scottish & Southern Energy. Following discussion it was agreed that subject to further revision by Councillor Gillett the letter should be sent. Note: - The letter also includes reference to the high charges for V Hall Electricity.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5100/10 Lake Naming – Council considered the suggestions forwarded to date. The Clerk was asked to establish the accuracy of the suggestion relating to an air crash in that area during WW2, and the contact details for the family of the Pilot and Navigator who were killed in the crash.

5101/10 Document Archive - Following discussion it was agreed that initially we should destroy all the copies of planning applications and plans retaining only the previous six months. The existence of the Wokingham Borough Council on line archive makes the storage of these old application documents unnecessary.

5102/10 Election of Parish Councillor Representatives to W B Strategic Partnership - Following discussion the ballot paper was completed and signed.

5103/10 NSPCC request for publicity in Village Magazine - Council agreed to publish in Charvil News.

5104/10 SLCC Annual Conference - Noted

5105/10 Health & Safety and Risk Management - Conference details to be passed to the Assistant Clerk.

5106/10 W B Annual Community Conference - Noted

5106/10 Link Steering Group request for Parish Representation - Noted

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents circulated after the meeting)

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5107/10 The Vice Chair of Council reported that the application for mains sewage in the Waingels Rd area had been passed for engineering appraisal.

5108/10 Councillor Black reminded Council that contributions for Village News are required by Mid March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 23rd March 2010