



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

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, John Illenden, Nick Ray, Liz Black, Michael Forrer, & John Davies.

Apologies for absence - Jim Gillett, Chris Drew

4907/09 Open Forum There were no residents present

4908/09 Declaration Of Interest - None

4909/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2009 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4910/09 Minutes of the AGM held on 30th June 2009 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4911/09 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - None

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

4912/09 PLANNING

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

There were no new applications to consider.

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

0821 Two storey side/rear extension plus raise roof to create habitable accommodation in roof space. Convert garage to habitable accommodation at 28 Strathmore Drive. Following discussion it was agreed not to make any additional comment.

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

1138 Remove conservatory and build single storey rear extension at 56 Park View Drive North.

0865 Two storey and single storey front and rear extensions at Ninkuj, Waingels Road.

e) **Sandford Farm – Public Enquiry O/2008/1282** - A request for further funding for the action group was deferred until the next meeting for further information on any shortfall in funding to be provided.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4913/09 Finance Reports –The Chair of Finance reviewed the monthly financial reports which were unanimously approved. A refund of Vat for 2008-2009 was noted

4914/09 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques as detailed, including a subscription of £40 to CCB and £1500 for youth worker support were approved and signed.

4915/09 Comment from Internal Auditor - The Chair of Finance had reviewed the Council's

risk management policy arrangements. These were considered to be still appropriate and the Council's Risk Management Statement was unanimously approved by Council. It was confirmed that the statement needed to be reviewed annually.

- 4916/09 Multi Sport Area** – In the light of the comments from Nick Christo at the last meeting it was agreed that Council should approach Sport England direct in order to obtain a grant towards the cost of providing the facility. The Chair of Finance and the Clerk were asked to process an application.

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

REPORTS

- 4917/09 Village Hall Management Committee** – Notes of a meeting held on 21st July 2009 were noted.

- 4918/09 Amenities Committee** - Notes of a meeting held on 21st July 2009 were noted
St Patrick's Play Ground - Safety of swings – Council has been assured by the manufacturer that the swing meets all the relevant standards. It was also noted that the swing is on a safety surface which also meets all the relevant standards.

St Patrick's Vehicle Access - Meeting of Councillors with the University and the Grass cutting contractor has taken place. The meeting had concluded that metal posts be erected at strategic places by the university and that two seats be installed by the Council also positioned to make entry difficult for large vehicles. The purchase of the two seats at £1100 was approved.

- 4919/09 Borough Councillor's Report** - Councillor Hobbs was not present

ENVIRONMENT

- 4920/09 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights** – The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the Open Forum minute from the last meeting to Nick Christo for information and comment. The Clerk was also to ask for an update on publishing the proposed draft report on fishing

- 4921/09 Landfill in The Hawthorns** – Nothing new to report.

- 4922/09 Additional Tree planting at Village Hall & Wenlock Edge** - The broken tree on the Hawthorns to be replaced in the Autumn. Nick Christo had informed Council that Wokingham Borough Council had a stock of trees which are available to Parish Councils. Councillor Illenden had been unable to contact Nick Christo. The Clerk was asked to contact Nick Christo and establish how we obtain access to the tree bank.

- 4923/09 Emergency Plan for Charvil** – The suggested report is not available. Following discussion it was agreed that any emergency response in the case of flooding was a Wokingham Borough Council responsibility. In recent months they had handled the provision of sand bags and warnings to residents. The Parish Council response to all emergencies has been confined to making the Village Hall available for emergency use.

- 4924/09 Traveller incursion on to East Park Farm Sports Facility** – Nothing new to report.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 4925/09 Railtrack obstruction of Waingels Road** – It was reported that the footpath in front of the new vehicular entrance gate is repeatedly being blocked by vehicles. The information has been forwarded to Councillor Hobbs.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4926/09 Rurality for Pharmacy - Hearing set for 31 July – Noted.

4927/09 Link – Request for information - Noted.

4928/09 Report from Debbie Coleman on Youth Work – Report Noted

4929/09 Village Fete B B Q – Report Noted.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Documents to be circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, Minutes & Statement of Accounts, Staff Bulletin, Transformation Update, Neighbourhood Services Bulletin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 25 August 2009