



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30th June 2009

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, John Illenden, Nick Ray, Liz Black, Chris Drew, District Councillor Emma Hobbs, Nick Christo from Wokingham Borough Council and 3 residents.

Apologies for absence - Jim Gillett, Michael Forrer, John Davies,

4876/09 Open Forum - Roger Burns & Eddie Donlan both representing the Charvil Fete Committee pointed out that confusion had been caused by the wording in the edited extract from the minutes of the February 2009 Parish Council meeting. The Clerk apologised and explained that this had intended to point out Wokingham Borough Council had agreed to refund the 2008 fee which had been paid but were still considering a charge for future years i:e 2009. The representatives then expressed concern that despite repeated requests to Wokingham Borough Council the fee paid for 2008 had not been refunded and the approval for the 2009 fete had not yet been granted. Nick Christo who was present at the meeting undertook to investigate this as a matter of urgency. Borough Councillor Hobbs explained that she was still trying to get this years charge removed.

There being no further comment from residents the Chair then formally welcomed Nick Christo to the meeting. Nick Christo had agreed to update Council on the long standing issues from earlier meetings:-

1. Multi-use games area – MUGA Nick Christo explained that because of the financial situation there was no possibility of money being available in this financial year. However next year it might be possible but the competition for available funds will be very strong.
2. Charging for Hawthorns Park for Village Fete use. - See above
3. Traveller incursion on to East Park Farm Sports Facility - Nick Christo explained the work which the Borough Council had carried out in recent months. This work, as had become evident more recently, was not adequate. The Chair confirmed that the Council view was still that once again the intruder had ultimately gained access to the field by sawing through yet more of the remaining wooden bollards. It appears evident that this weak point has to be rectified. Nick assured Council that the incursion was under review and that hopefully more solutions would be put forward but it had to be accepted that a simple solution may not be found. District Councillor Hobbs supported this view.
4. Charvil Country Park – Nick Christo reported on a meeting he had held with the Charvil Representatives at the Country Park. At that meeting it was agreed that the management of the Park should be 'Low Key' and not prohibitive as had previously been suggested. It had been agreed that too long a period of free resident access had taken place for a strict management regime now to be imposed. A resident Fiona Mowlem expressed concern that at the present time fishing was not being managed and that this had resulted in little effort to clean up the debris around the lakes. The Chair explained the long saga of the hand-over of the site which had left it unmanaged for many years. Nick Christo confirmed that

the Country Park will now be properly managed by countryside services in the same way as Dinton Pastures. Alice Wilkinson asked about the future of the Charvil Country Park Management Policy Committee. Nick Christo explained that The day-to-day management will be carried out by the Countryside Services Department and the committee would be convened when policy issues needed to be resolved. A fishing proposal for the North Lake is in preparation and this will be shown to the committee representatives and if necessary the committee will be consulted. Black Lake is not intended to be fished.

5. Landfill site behind Village Hall – Nick Christo explained that all applications have to be referred to environmental health and it is expected that those for these contested areas will be considered sympathetically, but any problem applications should be referred to his department.

Sandford Farm Paul Gregory a resident from Beggars Hill Road confirmed that he had attended the final sessions of the Sandford Farm Public Enquiry and that the Inspector had stated that there will be a condition to exclude vehicle access to Beggars Hill Road as Paul Gregory had requested.

4877/09 Declaration Of Interest - None

4878/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2009 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4879/09 Minutes of the AGM held on 19th May 2009 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4880/09 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - None

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

4881/09 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

0865 Two storey and single storey front and rear extensions. Ninkuj, Waingels Road. - No Parish Council Comment

1029 Conservatory at 95 Milestone Avenue - No Parish Council Comment

1138 Remove conservatory and build single storey rear extension at 56 Park View Drive North - No Parish Council Comment

0835 Revised plan for Second entrance drive to allow off-road parking at 99 Old Bath Road - No Parish Council Comment

b) Refused - The following refused applications were noted:-

0593 Two storey side extension at 17 Cheviot Drive.

0670 Refurbishment of 2 Old Acre Lane

0711 Two storey rear extension, flat roof to pitched roof and new septic tank at 102 Milestone Avenue.

0821 Two storey side/rear extension plus raise roof to create habitable accommodation in roof space. Convert garage to habitable accommodation at 28 Strathmore Drv.

c) Approved The following approved applications were noted:-

0849 Conservatory plus part conversion of garage at 3 The Hawthorns.

0432 Convert garage to habitable room at 21 Park View Drive South.

1029 Conservatory at 95 Milestone Avenue

0870 Two storey rear extension with side dormer at Charvil Post Office, Park View Drive S.

0903 Two storey side/rear extension at Ashley View, Beggars Hill Road.

- e) **Sandford Farm – Public Enquiry O/2008/1282** - The Chair thanked everyone who had attended the hearing, and explained that it could take six weeks or longer for the result to be published. 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.
- f) **Development Management Planning Enforcement Briefing Note** - Noted
- g) **Development Management Planning Appeal Briefing Note** - Noted

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 4882/09 **Finance Reports** –In the absence of the Chair of Finance the Chair of Council reviewed the monthly financial reports which were unanimously approved.
- 4883/09 **Authorisation of Payments** – Cheques as detailed were approved and signed. A mandate to pay the Telephone Bills by Direct debit was also signed.
- 4884/09 **Comment from Internal Auditor** - Review the risk management arrangements annually and that this should be recorded in the minutes. The Chair of Finance had agreed to review Councils risk management – deferred to next meeting.

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

REPORTS

- 4885/09 **Village Hall Management Committee** – Notes of a meeting held on 16th June 2009 were noted.
- 4886/09 **Amenities Committee** - Notes of a meeting held on 16th June 2009 were noted
St Patrick's Play Ground - Safety of swings – ROSPA have been consulted.
St Patrick's Vehicle Access - Meeting with University to take place.
- 4887/09 **Borough Councillor's Report** - Councillor Hobbs reported that the Street Lighting Trial had started.

ENVIRONMENT

- 4888/09 **Country Park Management and Fishing Rights** – See Open Forum.
- 4889/09 **Landfill in The Hawthorns** – See Open Forum.
- 4890/09 **Additional Tree planting at Village Hall & Wenlock Edge** - The broken tree on the Hawthorns to be replaced in the Autumn. Nick Christo informed Council that Wokingham Borough Council had a stock of trees which were available to Parish Councils. Councillor Illenden to follow up.
- 4891/09 **Emergency Flood Plan for Charvil** - Deferred to next meeting.
- 4892/09 **Traveller incursion on to East Park Farm Sports Facility** – See Open Forum.
- 4893/09 **Campaign Against Waste Minutes** – Noted.
- 4894/09 **Tree Preservation Order 1291/2009** – has been confirmed.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4895/09 Railtrack obstruction of Waingels Road – It was reported that the footpath in front of the new vehicular entrance gate is to be repaired.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4896/09 Rurality for Pharmacy - Hearing set for 31 July or 7 August – Noted.

4897/09 Anti-Social Behaviour - A letter from Thames Valley Police asking for information on the riding of 'off road bikes' in the Country Park was noted.

4898/09 WDALC Meeting on 2nd July – No one available to attend.

4899/09 Course on Health & Safety Legislation – 7th July - No one available to attend.

4900/09 Age Concern AGM 16th July - No one available to attend.

4901/09 Invite to Wings-2009 SHOWCASE at Windsor on 5th or 6th August - Noted

4902/09 Readibus AGM 2nd July - No one available to attend.

4903/09 Poor's Land Charity Audited Accounts – The Chair confirmed that Accounts are satisfactory.

4904/09 BALC training assessment needs – The Clerk to complete questionnaire.

4905/09 CCB's Annual Conference at Newbury Racecourse on 14th July – Noted.

4906/09 Village Fete B B Q – Noted

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents to be circulated after the meeting) Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, CAB report, Open Space, Local Council Review, Sustainable Communities Act,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm

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Chairman of the Council

Signed on 28 July 2009