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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Present** Alice Wilkinson, (Chairman), Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, Chris Drew, Nick Ray.

**Apologies for absence** - Jim Gillett, John Illenden, Michael Forrer, John Davies, Liz Black and District Councillor Emma Hobbs

**4685/08 Open Forum** - There were no residents present.

**4686/08 Declaration Of Interest** - None

**4687/08 Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008** - The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**4688/08 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes** - There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

### **4689/08 PLANNING**

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

2156 Revised/Retrospective for existing Detached House on Plot 1 at 25 Park View Drive. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to comment as follows:

*This appears to be another attempt to circumvent the previous approval which had specifically insisted on the design for this house and the additional houses in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Plan / planning regulations.*

*Council is concerned that this Revised/Retrospective application is in violation of the earlier appeal approval and should be refused. The changes to the rear of the building as demanded by the Inspector should now be enforced.*

2158 Revised/Retrospective for existing Detached House on Plot 2 at 25 Park View Drive. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to comment as 2156 above.

2284 Erect single storey side extension with room in raised roof space and front and rear dormers. Ashley View, Beggars Hill Road. - No Parish Council Comment.

#### **b) Appeal**

1186 Single storey front extension & convert garage to habitable room at 32 Park View Drive South. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to comment as follows:

This is yet another example of a retrospective application where the developer has ignored the planning procedures. The style of the front extension is not in keeping with the street scene and had an application been submitted before building, it would have been refused and an alternative acceptable design agreed upon. It is therefore the view of this Council that the appeal against the Wokingham Borough Council decision should be refused, and the developer made to change the design to comply with the Planning Authority requirements.

1269 New Building for B1C use at Prince Bros. Old Bath Road. - No Parish Council Comment

#### **c) Approvals - The following approved application was noted:-**

2095 Conservatory at 2 Simmons Fields.

1269 New Building for B1C use at Prince Bros. Old Bath Road

**d) Refused on appeal - The following item was noted:-**

0472 Demolish existing & erect 2 five bedroom detached dwellings at 2 Strathmore Drive.

2821 Demolish existing & erect 3 four bedroom detached dwellings at 2 Strathmore Drive

**e) Public Enquiry– re: Industrial Estate and Retirement Home at Sandford Farm, Woodley to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am.** - Appeal withdrawn and Public Enquiry cancelled.

**f) Western Parishes Liaison Meeting** – On 28 October - Councillor Jeffery to report at next meeting.

**g) Core Strategy – Land allocation** - A draft response was considered and was unanimously approved by Council.

There being no further Planning Business the Planning Meeting was closed.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**4690/08 Finance Reports** – Councillor Ray reviewed the monthly financial reports and drew attention to the Village Hall balance which appeared to be heading for a deficit even after transferring the £2k Parish Council support. Council should therefore exercise caution when considering any non-budgeted expenditure.

**4691/08 Authorisation of Payments** – Cheques as detailed were approved and signed including a £100 Donation to Keep Mobile and £150 to Charvil Voices.

**4692/08 Donations** - A Requests from Wokingham C A B was considered. After discussion it was agreed to an award of £200.

**4693/08 Multi -Sport Area** – A response from Paul Turrell is still awaited. A report from Councillor Hobbs who had undertaken to revisit the issue with the Borough Council is also awaited. Similarly Nick Christo is to attend the next Parish Council meeting. It was therefore agreed to defer further action to the next meeting.

**4694/08 Charities Trustee** – The replacement Trustee for Charvil will attend the January meeting. Councillor Wilkinson was unanimously appointed as the temporary trustee to Sonning Educational and Welfare Trusts, and the Poor's Land Charity.

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

### **REPORTS**

**4695/08 Village Hall Management Committee** - Notes of a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October were noted.

**Matters arising:**

Revised Village Hall Charges for 2009 - Councillor Ray explained that he had been asked to provide a revised list of charges. In the absence of any reliable indicators he had increased the figures to achieve an overall increase of 3%. Following discussion Council unanimously approved the changes.

Toilet Water Heater - The replacement water heater has been installed.

**4696/08 Amenities Committee Report** - Notes of a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October were noted.

**Matters arising:**

St Patrick's Playground Equipment Replacement – The grant to part cover the cost of replacement has been set at £7500

Replacement bench at St. Patrick's –The replacement seat and bench has been ordered.

Street Cleaning – The contractors charge has been increased to £5.50 per hour for litter picking and £9 per hour for maintenance work with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. Council unanimously agreed to accept this increase.

**4697/08 District Councillor's Report** - Councillor Hobbs had sent her apologies together with a short written report which was circulated at the meeting:-

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

**4698/08 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights** – The hand-over has been confirmed. Wokingham Borough Council in process of arranging a meeting. Nick Christo has been invited to attend the next meeting.

**4699/08 Landfill in The Hawthorns** - A reply has been received from Wokingham Borough Council which indicates that the land owner is responsible for establishing the true nature of the land-fill if any. The Clerk was asked to respond pointing out that Wokingham Borough Council are the land owners. WBC should therefore carry out whatever work is necessary to establish that, as claimed by residents who have lived next to the area in question continuously from as far back as 1955, no land-fill took place.

#### **HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**4700/08 Quiet Lanes** It was agreed at the last meeting that the only way forward was for residents to petition Wokingham Borough Council.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**4701/08 Village Fete – Wokingham Borough Council Charge** – No response has been received to the letter sent to Paul Turrell at Wokingham Borough Council. Nick Christo to be asked when he attends the next meeting.

**4702/08 Mains Drainage** – All the documents are with Councillor Gillett and he is seeking support from residents in the Beggars Hill Road area. Nigel Mobey has established that the houses at the Southern end of Milestone Avenue are on mains drainage. He is making the other residents aware of the possible opportunity.

**4703/08 Reading Citizens Advice Bureau AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008** - No one available to attend.

**4704/08 Local Health & Social Care Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009** - No one available to attend.

**4705/08 Consultation – Code of Conduct** – Councillor Ray to consider whether a response is needed.

**4706/08 Review of Concessionary Travel** - Noted

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (Documents circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, Corporate News, Town & Parish News, Local Council Review, Clerks & Councils Direct, Building Schools For the Future. Berkshire Record Office Newsletter.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm**

.....Signature  
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008