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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Present** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett (Vice Chair), Michael Forrer, Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, Liz Black, Chris Drew, and District Councillor Emma Hobbs

**Apologies for absence** - Nick Ray, John Davies, and John Illenden.

**5010/09 Open Forum** There were no residents present.

**5011/09 Declaration Of Interest** - None

**5012/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009** –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**5013/09 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes** -

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

**5014/09 PLANNING** (ref 119)

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

2185 Single storey rear extension to form conservatory at 10 St Patrick's Avenue.

2260 Demolish existing & erect 3 Four bedroom dwellings at 43 Old Bath Road. - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to comment as follows: -

*This application is a new submission by a new contractor with new plans to develop this site. The plans approved for the previous contractor were a reasonable balance to take into account the reasonable concerns of neighbouring residents. These new plans take no account of these concerns and should therefore be rejected.*

2364 Erect first floor extension over existing garage at 103 Old Bath Road.

2381 Single storey rear conservatory and replace bedroom windows at 5 St Patrick's Ave.

**b) Appeals**

1864 First floor side extension at 129 East Park Farm Drive.

1282 Sandford Farm – Public Enquiry – Initial report from Department is now available.

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

1888 Single storey rear extension at Strawberry Acre Farm, Beggars Hill Road.

1849 Rear & Front extensions at 30 Park View Drive South.

1875 Rear & Front extensions at 92 East Park Farm Drive

2038 Convert Garage to habitable accommodation at 48 East Park Farm Drive.

2109 Single storey rear extension at 9 Simmons Fields.

**d) Refused The following refused applications were noted:-**

1864 Erect first floor side extension at 129 East Park Farm Drive. (now appealed above)

1825 Erect first floor front extension at 34 Charvil House Road.

e) **Wokingham Borough Council /Parish Planning Liaison Meeting Minutes.**

– Noted

f) **Wokingham Borough Council – Core Strategy Note on Inspectors report –**

Following discussion the Clerk was asked to establish the likely impact of the inspectors comment and whether it was appropriate to comment.

*Clerk's note: - Have spoken to Jim Dunning. He explained that the inspectors report is binding. It can only be accepted or rejected. If it is rejected WBC will have to start again, i.e. no core strategy to work to until then. This is most unlikely to happen. There is consequently no facility for us to comment at this time, other than through our District Councillor who will have to vote on acceptance.*

*I then spoke to Graham Ritchy who has the detail of the core strategy at his finger tips. He was of the opinion that the status of Hicks site on Park Lane has not been affected by changing the 25 house limit. The site status has been given greater cover by section 4.16 on Page 11.*

The preservation of gaps has been deleted but the need to preserve the identity of settlements has been preserved. Section 7.3 to 7.4 on page 30. Again the opinion was offered that this was unlikely to alter the status of Hicks land. He did however say that WBC need to find another 100 houses, in addition to those already designated to be built in the strategic areas, in the period from now up to 2026. These are likely to be built in areas on the edge of settlements but in units of less than 25.

**Village Design Statement** - Following consideration of a report by the Clerk on discussion with Clerks from Councils who had or were producing a Design Statement / Village Plan. It was again concluded that without considerable public support and interest the production of a Design Statement / Village Plan was not likely to be successful.

g) **S106 Process at Wokingham Borough Council** - Noted

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

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**5015/09 Finance Reports** –In the absence of the Chair of Finance, the Chair of Council reviewed the monthly financial reports which were unanimously approved.

**5016/09 Authorisation of Payments** – Cheques as detailed including Donations of £100 to Keep Mobile and Sue Ryder Care were approved and signed.

**5017/09 Donations** - A thank you letter from LVAG was noted.

**5018/09 Budget for 2010 to2011** – Setting a date for the Budget meeting was deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

**5019/09 Multi Sport Area** – An updated report from Nick Christo was noted.

**5020/09 Map of Charvil** – The map is being mounted and framed.

**5021/09 Review gas and electricity suppliers** - BALC were unable to offer any help. Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs offered to consult Wokingham Borough Council Solicitors.

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

## **REPORTS**

**5022/09 Village Hall Management Committee** – The meeting Scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 was cancelled.

The Village Hall Budget for 2010 to 2011 will be decided at the 8<sup>th</sup> December Meeting.

**5023/09 Amenities Committee** – The meeting Scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 was cancelled.

Weekly Play Inspection Procedure - Reports from the insurers and from BALC were again discussed. It was agreed that Roger Burns could carry out the play equipment inspection subject to his taking out his own insurance cover. The fee for which would be recovered from the Parish Council as part of his fees.

Vehicular Access onto St Patrick's Recreation Ground. Awaiting further work by Reading University.

**5024/09 Borough Councillor's Report** - Councillor Hobbs reported that:-

Work on clearing the ditches is to start shortly.

Hedges on East side of Park Lane to be cut.

Milestone Avenue and Thames Drive surfacing work is to start shortly.

Planning permission is being sought to use land at Wenlock Edge for allotments.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**5025/09 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights** – A meeting with Sam Bartram is being arranged for early December.

**5026/09 Tree Preservation Order 266/1994 for work on trees at 6 Foxes Walk** – Noted.

**5027/09 Replacement Tree planting at Village Hall** - Still awaiting access to trees at Wokingham Borough Council tree bank.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5028/09 Borough- Parish Conference 22 October 2009** - awaiting Minutes.

**5029/09 Travellers and Gypsies Legal Note** - Noted

**5030/09 Police and Parish Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Jackie Jeffery reported.

**5031/09 Area Youth Committee 22 October** – Minutes circulated

**5032/09 Charvil.com modifications.** - Deferred to next meeting

**5033/09 Representation on Wokingham Borough Strategy Partnership** - Noted

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (Documents circulated after the meeting) : -  
Wokingham Borough Council Meetings/Agendas, Staff Bulletin, Clerks & Council Direct.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm**

(Documents to be circulated after the meeting).

.....Signature  
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 15 December 2009