



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd September 2008

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, John Illenden, Chris Drew, John Davies, and Liz Black. There were no residents present.

Apologies for absence - Michael Forrer, Jim Gillett, Nick Ray and District Councillor Emma Hobbs.

4631/08 Open Forum - There were no residents present.

4632/08 Declaration Of Interest - None

4633/08 Minutes of the meeting held on 26th August 2008 - The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4634/08 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

4635/08 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

1844 Redevelopment of Waingels College to provide Additional facilities, with new access on to Waingels Road at Waingels College Denmark Ave Woodley- No Parish Council Comment.

1944 Erect first floor side extension plus loft conversion with rear dormer window at 24 Old Bath Road- No Parish Council Comment.

b) Approvals - The following approved items were noted:-

1587 Erect 2 detached 4 bed houses & 1 detached 4 bed bungalow at 43 Old Bath Rd.

RM/1385 Reserved Matters for erection of 4 dwellings re: Access, appearance, landscaping for O/0474 at 2 & 4 Old Bath Road.

1518 Two storey rear extension at 19 The Hawthorns.

1583 Convert garage to habitable accomodation at 94 The Hawthorns.

1428 Paved rear terrace at Herons Creek, Thames Drive.

c) Refused - The following refused item was noted:-

1186 Retrospective for front porch & convert garage to habitable room at 32 Park View Drive South.

1266 Two storey side extension, front porch and single storey extension to enlarge garage. at 39 Chiltern Drive.

1402 Two storey side extension at 117 The Hawthorns.

d) Certificate of Lawful Use CLUP - The following item was noted:-

1348 Loft conversion with front and rear dormer velox windows at 3 Simmons Fields

- e) **Planning Policy Briefing** – On 17th September.
- f) **Western Parishes Liaison Meeting** – On 28 October - Councillor Jeffery to attend.
- g) **Wokingham Borough Core Strategy Development Plan** - No Parish Council Comment
- h) **Borough Housing Land Availability Workshop** – On 23 September. Councillor Jeffery to attend. - No one was available to attend.
- i) **Minerals & Waste Core Strategy** – Comment sent.
- j) **Permitted Development Update** - Noted

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chair of Planning, Councillor Davies took the chair

- 4636/08 **Finance Reports** – Council reviewed the monthly financial reports which were noted.
- 4637/08 **Authorisation of Payments** – Which included. £250 for Air Ambulance and payments for Toilet refurbishment. Cheques as detailed were then approved and signed.
- 4638/08 **External Audit report for 2007-8** – The external auditor was completed successfully.
- 4639/08 **Donations** - Two new requests were considered.. After discussion it was agreed that neither met the Councils criteria for award of a donation. The Clerk was asked to write to the applicants accordingly.
- 4640/08 **Multi -Sport Area** – A response from Paul Turrell is still awaited. Council asked that the Clerk contact Wokingham Borough Council asking why communications to the Council are not being acknowledged.

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

REPORTS

- 4641/08 **Village Hall Management Committee**, Notes of a meeting held on 15th July were noted.

Matters arising:

Toilet Refurbishment – It was noted that the work had been satisfactorily completed.

The Clerk was asked to record the Parish Council's appreciation to Tracy Ray the Assistant Clerk for having project managed the refurbishment of the Toilet facilities and for carrying out the cleaning of the Village Hall after the walk out by the cleaner.

- 4642/08 **Amenities Committee Report**

Matters arising:

- i) **Action on St Patrick's Playground Safety Report** – The recently received quotes for replacement equipment which meet the new standards are still being considered
- ii) **Replacement bench at St. Patrick's** – Waitrose have responded indicating that they are no longer making direct grants. Instead they are running a monthly scheme where organisations can apply for funding for projects. These will then be included in a list upon which Customers will vote for a winner.

iii) Waste bin at Park Lane / Old Bath Road Junction - The missing waste bin is one belonging to the Parish Council. Following discussion it was agreed to delay refurbishment until an assessment of need can be determined.

iv) Weed growth through tarmac footpaths - Weeds including Buddleia are growing through the footpath surface. Clerk to contact Wokingham Borough Council asking for weed killer to be used. The hoeing carried out last time had minimal effect.

4643/08 District Councillor's Report - Councillor Hobbs was not present.

ENVIRONMENT

4644/08 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights – The hand-over is still awaiting land registration confirmation. Clerk to contact Wokingham Borough Council.

4645/08 Landfill in The Hawthorns - Following information from Councillor Hobbs and further consideration of a response from the Environment Agency, the Clerk was asked to request Wokingham Borough Council to investigate the designation of a site behind the village Hall which is dated before the Village Hall was built (or planned), quoting the Defra correspondence.

Other Environment business

4646/08 Training - Council approved Councillor Illenden attending a training seminar on Managing Ancient Trees.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4647/08 Old Bath Road Bus Stop - Councillor Drew reported that he had noted that the Bus stop on Old Bath Road had been moved away from the specially prepared kerb area. He had contacted Wokingham Borough Council who had reinstated the bus stop.

4648/08 Highways Issues - Councillor Drew asked Council to recommend projects for submission to Wokingham Borough Council.

4649/08 Quiet Lanes Council reviewed a draft response to a letter from the Wokingham Borough Council Solicitor. Councillors approved the letter and again expressed disappointment at the lack of support. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to hasten the promised further response from Keith Baker.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4650/08 CCB Annual Meeting & Conference July 15 – Councillor Illenden attended and presented a short written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

4651/08 Campaign Against Waste – 6th October - Cllr Illenden to attend

4652/08 Town & Parish Council Conference – 8th October - Councillor Black may attend.

4653/08 Village Fete – Wokingham Borough Council Charge – No response has been received to the letter sent to Paul Turrell at Wokingham Borough Council.

4654/08 Village Footpath Walk - Following discussion It was agreed that the Village footpath walk on Saturday 27th September would be cancelled. It was however confirmed that one or more Councillors had walked each of the Charvil footpaths in the last 12 months.

4655/08 WDALC - A G Meeting - 2nd October – No one available to attend.

4656/08 Mains Drainage – Council considered a request from residents of Waingels Road, Beggars Hill Road and Lands End Lane to be provided with mains drainage by Thames Water to replace the septic tank drainage which they currently have. Following discussion Council unanimously agreed to support the resident’s application on the understanding that this support should not result in any financial cost to the Parish Council. It was also considered appropriate for the Council to inform residents of Waingels Road and Thames Drive of the scheme. The Clerk was asked to obtain the application forms and to liaise with the residents through Councillor Gillett.

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. Help & Care – Newsletter, Berks. Record Office Newsletter, CCB Newsletter

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4657/08. Councillor Wilkinson reported that Hicks Developments had had cut back the hedge on their land on the West Side of Park Lane. However the under growth from the hedge was still encroaching in to the footpath and also needed to be cut back. It was also noted that the hedge top had not been cut back for several years and that this was resulting in the hedge base thinning. The Clerk was asked to report this to Wokingham Borough Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 28th October 2008