



# **CHARVIL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

**Present:** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Steve Gray, John Illenden, Jackie Jeffery, Shirley Newman, Michael Forrer, Nick Ray and District Councillor Pamela Graddon and four residents.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim Gillett,

**3813/06 Open Forum** - Tony Aubrey addressed Council in his capacity as manager of Charvil AFC. He reported on the success of the club and how it was being well supported by the community and other organisations. He thanked the P Council for its support particularly for making St Patrick's available free of charge for use by the under 7's. The Chair thanked Tony for all the good work he is doing for the young people of Charvil.

The other residents attended to hear the Council discuss the proposed yellow lines on Milestone Avenue. They produced photographs demonstrating the congestion which occurs on that section of road when vehicles are parked in the hashed area.

Tony Aubrey asked about fishing on the lakes of Charvil Country Park. It was explained that the land had still not been handed over.

**3814/06 Declaration Of Interest** - None.

**3815/06 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2006** – The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**3816/06 Matter arising from Minutes above not on the agenda:**

**Council Membership** - The Clerk had initiated the co-option procedures including notices, with a view to co-opting two new members at the next meeting. Councillors were asked to intensify their efforts to find nominees.

**3817/06 PLANNING**

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

6665 Convert loft with front & rear dormers at 4 Park Lane - No Parish Council Comment

6817 First floor side extension with rear dormer at 112 The Hawthorns - No Parish Council Comment

6872 First floor side extension with porch roof at 23 Milestone Crescent. - No Parish Council Comment

6885 Two storey rear extension at 42 Park View Drive North - No Parish Council Comment

b) Approvals Noted

6507 Change use of garage to Studio(vary cond.18) at 123 East Park Farm Drive

6545 Two storey front extension at 73 Park View Drive North

6564 Vary cond.10 of consent 96/63308/F for Briafields Kennels Waingels Road.

c) Refusal on Appeal

4799 Outline Planning Application for 60-72 Park View Drive North - Noted and copy circulated for information.

- d) Tree preservation order 275/1984 Pruning at 27 The Hawthorns - Noted
- e) Tree preservation order 266/1984 Refusal to fell at 8 Foxes Walk - Noted
- f) Telecommunications Roll-out Meeting - Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> January meeting Noted
- g) Mobile Phones & Health Report - Noted and circulated for information
- h) Residential Design Guide Scoping Report – Consultation ends 9<sup>th</sup> March
- i) Variation of Charvil Ditch to Main River - Wokingham District Council have indicated that this is an administrative move to change responsibility for maintenance.
- j) Modify Definitive Map – Loddon Drive Wargrave – Footpaths Association prompted Wokingham District Council to initiate moves to designate route as public right of way. Residents of that part of Loddon Drive have objected claiming it is a private road. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Wokingham District Council fully supporting the Order to designate the route from Charvil to Wargrave via Loddon Drive as a Public Right of Way / Public Footpath. It was noted that many residents of Charvil have walked and cycled this route for 20 years or more.
- k) Certificates of Lawful use - Old documents on the origins and purpose of these certificates were distributed for reference.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**3818/06 Finance Reports** – Councilors considered the financial reports from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Following discussion these reports were unanimously accepted. During discussion reference was made to falling usage of the Village Hall. A suggestion to consider reduced fees for afternoon use was referred to the Village Hall management committee.

**3819/06 Authorisation of Payments** - Council considered the cheques report. Cheques as detailed, were cleared for payment and signed.

**3820/06 Donations** Following discussion on repeat requests, the previously agreed donation of £200 to Reading CAB was reduced to £100 (the cheque was amended accordingly). The request from Vivaci was deferred to the next meeting. Following discussion a donation of £200 to The Sonning Playground Appeal was agreed by a majority of 5 to 1

**3821/06 Wokingham District Council External Funding Reports** – Nothing new to consider.

**3822/06 Internal Audit Report 2005** – Council considered the current measures in force to ensure security of Council administration. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the current systems were adequate to ensure the smooth running of the Council services in all foreseeable circumstances.

## **REPORTS**

**3823/06 Amenity Committee Report** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 were noted by Council.

### **Matters arising from the Report** -

- i. **Roundabout at St Patrick's** - It was noted that quotations were still being sought for the modifications to bring the equipment into line with the latest standards.
- ii. **Sports Arena at East Park Farm** – There was still no response to the letter to the Chief Executive at Wokingham District Council setting out the proposal and suggesting method for funding. The clerk was asked to contact the C Executive.

**3824/06 Village Hall Management Report** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 were noted.

**Matters arising from the Report** -

- i) Outstanding Village Hall Fees - The action taken by the Village Hall Management committee was noted.
- ii) Village Hall grass cutting. Quotations being sought.
- iii) Cleaning Contractor The 3% price increase for Hall cleaning was approved. Clerks Note; The cleaner started on 1-10-2003.
- iv) Small Business Rate Relief It has been noticed that Parish Councils are now eligible for rate relief of 50%. The Clerk was asked to pursue a claim.

**3825/06 Parish Plan/Village Design Statement** - No one was available to attend a Village Design Workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**3826/06 District Councillor's Report** - Councillor Graddon reported on the implications of the District Council budget, and upon a favourable report from the District Audit.

**3827/06 Youth Service Report** - Council considered and noted a report from Debbie Coleman. A report on the recent Motor Cycle event at East Park Farm was also noted. The offer to continue the youth service provision in Charvil at a cost of £2170.42 was unanimously accepted. The Clerk was asked to confirm acceptance.

**3828/06 Sonning, Charvil & Hurst Neighbourhood Action Group** - The Clerk had attended meeting on 31 Jan – Minutes were circulated with agenda. Clerk explained action decided upon and the need for Councillor representation. It was agreed that Councillor Illenden attend the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**3829/06 Country Park & Fishing** The Clerk reported that Wokingham District Council are still waiting for a response from the contractor's solicitor. The Clerk was asked to report progress at the next meeting.

**HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**3830/06 Prohibition of Waiting (Yellow Lines) on Milestone Avenue;** Following discussion in which the comments by residents were taken into consideration, Council instructed the clerk to write as follows;

*Council has asked me to express concern at the late distribution of this notice, and to the wording of the notice which has discouraged many supporters of this order from expressing that support. You are aware that this is a contentious issue, therefore Council believes that the deadline should be extended and a new notice sent out asking for 'comment' rather than 'objections'. The recent Council Meeting, (which was attended by a number of residents all of whom were in support of this order) discussed the implications of this order and decided that (irrespective of issues relating to the Kebab van) there are important highway safety concerns to justify this order. In particular;*

- *This section of road is part of a system for safe exit and entry from and onto the A4.*
- *The section from the slip road is one way.*
- *Large vehicles cannot safely turn left from the slip road onto this one way section if vehicles are parked in the hashed area. The hashed area was introduced for this reason.*
- *This section of road is the only exit for all the houses on Milestone Crescent and the main exit for all the houses on Milestone Ave, and access should not be restricted.*

Council agreed to support this order by a majority of 4 in favour to 1 against and with 2 abstentions. The one vote against was in relation to access for cycle racing support vehicles, which use the lay-by on some Sunday mornings, and for walking groups who use this as a start point.

- 3831/06 Street Name Plates** - Council considered a letter from Wokingham District Council asking for details of Name Plates which needed replacement. The following were noted; Milestone Avenue plate at slip road off A4
- 3832/06 Prohibition of Waiting - Chiltern Drive** - Following discussion in which the written comments by a residents were taken into consideration, Council unanimously agreed that this restriction was necessary on safety grounds. Vehicles should not be allowed to park close to a main road junction. Council instructed the clerk to write confirming Councils unanimous approval for the lines to be provided.
- 3833/06 Traffic calming on Park Lane** - The Chairman read out a letter from Wokingham District Council asking for views in response to a petition requesting that the current traffic calming measures be reviewed. She also read out an anonymous letter indicating that the petitioners were not against traffic calming measures but were concerned to establish if there were now more effective measures than road humps. The Chairman emphasised that not only were residents of Park Lane concerned, pedestrians, cyclists and most vehicle drivers who use Park Lane were also concerned to reduce speeding traffic. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Wokingham District Council asking that, before consulting all residents of Charvil, all the available options including road humps be reviewed and assessed for effectiveness and that a survey be carried out of the type and frequency of vehicles now using Park Lane..
- 3834/06 Highways Consultative Board 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Councillor Forrer to attend.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3835/06 Standards of Conduct- The Future** - Chair reported on her review of the report and recommended that it be read by all Councillors. It was therefore circulated for information.
- 3836/06 Dates for Future Meetings** - Copies of the list of dates for 2006 were distributed.
- 3837/06 Vacancies for LEA Governors** - Notice passed to Councillor Illenden
- 3838/06 CCB Rural Housing Needs** - Clerk to respond stating ‘No apparent need in Charvil’
- 3839/06 District Parish Conference - 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Councillor Illenden to attend
- 3840/06 Campaign against waste Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Councillor Illenden to attend
- 3841/06 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (Documents to be circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham District Council Meetings Agendas, Minutes & News Releases. Wokingham District Council Staff Bulletin, District/parish conference Agenda, Berkshire Communicator, Wokingham District Sports Council AGM, and Society of Clerks magazine.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 3842/06 Southlake Angling request Link to Charvil.com** – Defer to next meeting
- 3843/06 Calor Village of the Year Competition** – Councillor Jeffrey to explore
- 3844/06 Village Fete** -
- 3845/06 Litter Pick** - Arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> May meet at Village Hall at 10am
- 3846/06 Village walk** – 25<sup>th</sup> June meet at 12-30 for lunch

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-00**

.....Signature  
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006