



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th March 2008

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

**Apologies for absence:** Jim Gillett, Liz Black, John Davies.

**4471/08 Open Forum** - There were no residents present.

**4472/08 Declaration Of Interest** - Councillor Wilkinson expressed a 'neighbour' interest in planning application 0376.

**4473/08 Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008** - The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**4474/08 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes** - There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

### **4475/08 PLANNING**

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

2895 Additional re - 2 linked detached dwellings & garages at 23 Park View Drive South: Further comment, as follows, was sent before the meeting because of an early closing date.

*In the light of the more recent submission of a Design and Access Statement this Council would reinforce its objection to this application.*

*As stated previously this Council has serious concerns about the proposed access (through Pipistrelle Way ) and would support the residents of Pipistrelle Way in objecting to this proposed development. Residents are concerned at the danger, damage and disruption which servicing a building site through Pipistrelle Way, which is a narrow, brick tile surfaced cul-de-sac without footpaths and close to the frontage of properties, will cause. Site vehicles accessing through Pipistrelle Way would be unacceptable and cause much aggravation.*

*Council therefore recommends that this application be refused.*

*The Parish Council unanimously supports Councillor Graddon's request for this application to be listed.*

0376 Conservatory at 41 The Hawthorns. - No Parish Council Comment

0396 Single storey side and front extensions at 10 Foxes Walk. – Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write as follows:

*The extension is close to the rear boundary. Neighbours, particularly those in the Hawthorns should be consulted.*

0472 Demolish existing and erect 2 detached dwellings at 2 Strathmore Drive - No Parish Council Comment - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write as follows:

*Three previous applications have been submitted for demolishing the existing building and redeveloping this site. The first application was for rebuilding three houses on the site and this was followed by an application for building two houses on the site. Both of these were refused by Wokingham District Council and both were dismissed on appeal. More recently a third application was submitted to develop 3 houses, this was again refused by Wokingham Borough Council.*

*This new application is similar to the second application 1999/70159/F for demolishing the existing house & erecting 2 detached dwellings, which was refused by Wokingham District Council and again dismissed on appeal.*

**Street Scene.** *Whilst there has been some change to the lay out on this new application it will have a similar damaging effect on the open street scene of Strathmore Drive as that of the previous refused applications by presenting a cramped development at the entrance to the estate. The reference to Pipistrelle Way has no relevance to the street scene at the entrance to Strathmore Drive, which was the reason for previous refusals. Reference to the proposed redevelopment of 43 Old Bath Road, which has recently been refused, should similarly not influence the decision on this application.*

**Highway / Traffic** *In addition Council is concerned at the effect of such a development on the already hazardous junction of Old Bath Road with Park Lane, Which is very close to the proposed entrances to this site. These problems have been little improved by the recent introduction of a mini roundabout, nor by the access created for Pipistrelle Way. Having an additional access close to the exit from Strathmore Drive can only add to the danger at these junctions.*

***All the reasons given for rejecting the previous applications still apply to this new application. It is therefore this Council's recommendation that this application should be refused.***

0450 Erect Single storey and two storey rear extensions at 102 The Hawthorns - No Parish Council Comment.

#### **b) Appeal**

0697 & 1486 Two & Four Houses at 15 Charvil House Road hearing to be held on 3 April. The Chair of Planning will try to attend.

#### **c) Approved - The following approvals were noted:-**

0128 Erect Car Port between Garage and Dwelling at 105 The Hawthorns

2872 Erect gates, shed, kennels & canopy ( Retrospective) at Briafields, Waingels Rd.

0211 Erect Hay and Straw Barn at Newlands Farm, Loddon Drive

#### **d) Refused**

3113 Demolish single storey side extension and erect two storey side extension plus raise existing roof at Pooh Corner, Waingels Road.

#### **e) Consultation ( Sandford Farm) – Nothing new to report.**

**There being no other Planning Business the Planning Meeting was closed.**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 4476/08 Finance Reports** – Council reviewed the financial reports up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008 which were noted.
- 4477/08 Authorisation of Payments** - Council considered the cheques report. Cheques as detailed including half yearly payments of Home as Office expense to the Clerks were approved and signed.
- 4478/08 Donations** - Council unanimously approved a donation of £150 to Berkshire Blind Society. Council noted a thank you letter from Charvil Girls Choir.
- 4479/08 Multi -Sport Area** – The Chair of Finance reported that a response from the F A is still awaited..
- 4480/08 Appoint External Auditor for 2008** – The appointment of Mazars LLP was noted.
- 4481/08 New Insurance Provider** – Clerk to obtain a quote.
- 4482/08 Youth Club Finance** - The Clerk was asked to respond to the recent letter from the Youth Club asking for details of how the money will be held and used.

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

## **REPORTS**

### **4483/08 Village Hall Management Committee report**

#### **Matters arising:**

Village Hall Exterior Lights & Insurance - The claim has been settled.

20 Year Celebration – Council reviewed progress in preparing an attractive programme for the weekend.

Replacement Trees - Councillor Illenden reported that delivery was imminent.

New Years Eve booking complaint - Response sent.

### **4484/08 Amenities Committee report**

#### **Matters arising:**

St Patrick's - Progressing. - Councillor Drew to hasten invoice for payment in this financial year.

- 4485/08 District Councillor's Report** - Councillor Graddon to provide a written report to be circulated to Council Members.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- 4486/08 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights** – Council applauded the news that the land had at long last been handed over. Councillor Ray was thanked for his efforts in applying pressure to get the hand-over expedited.

Council considered the reference by Chris Buggy to reconvening the Charvil Country Park Management Committee. The Clerk was asked to write to Chris indicating that the Charvil Representatives on the committee would be Councillors Jeffery, Illenden and Ray.

- 4487/08 Veteran Tree Survey** - Progressing

- 4488/08 Parish Councils Duty to Conserve Biodiversity** - Noted

**HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**4489/08 Quiet Lanes** - Council reviewed a response from Keith Baker to the parish Council request. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Keith Baker stating that the Parish Council had noted his comments but would never the less like the process of designating Beggars Hill Road and Lands End Lane as Quiet Lanes to be started as soon as possible.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**4490/08 Parish Conference** - Council agreed that ‘Quiet Lanes ‘ be suggested.

**4491/08 Dates for Future Meetings** – Dates of Meetings for 2008 sheet circulated.

**4492/08 Youth Work Support** - Wokingham Borough Council have been informed that only £1500 had been included in next years budget. It was agreed that Debbie Coleman be invited to attend the April meeting.

**4493/08 Election 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008** - Nomination Documents were completed at the meeting. Clerk to deliver to Wokingham Borough Council before deadline for nominations. Clerk to publicise election on Notice Boards.

**4494/08 Keep Mobile AGM** - No one available to attend.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

(Documents circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Staff Bulletin, Corporate News, Town & Parish News, Clerks & Councils Direct, Wokingham Borough Council Cycling Strategy, Standard Board Newsletter, N A L C Magazine, Open Space, Berks. Record Office Newsletter, Flood Risk Newsletter, Berks Fire Authority Risk Plan. Waingels College – Pathfinder Project, Information on Adult Outdoor Exercise/Play Equipment.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm**

.....Signature  
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008