



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th November 2007

Present: Alice Wilkinson, (Chairman), Nick Ray, Shirley Newman, Jackie Jeffery, Chris Drew, John Illenden, John Davies, Michael Forrer, Liz Black,

Apologies for absence: Jim Gillett, and District Councillor Pamela Graddon.

4375/07 Open Forum - There were no residents present.

4376/07 Declaration Of Interest - None

4377/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2007 The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4378/07 Urgent Matters Arising from the above Minutes - Councillor Drew informed Council that the visit to Wokingham Borough Council Environmental Services had been arranged for Thursday the 6th December at 2pm. Full details will be sent by e-mail.

4379/07 PLANNING

a) Applications for Information and Comment:

2570 Erection of two storey side and rear extensions 60 Park View Drive North – *No Parish Council Comment*

2504 Erection of two storey side extension 17 Charvil Meadow Road – *No Parish Council Comment*

2673 Erection of part two storey and part first floor extension to front to dwelling, 7 Old Bath Road – *No Parish Council Comment*

2239 Additional details re proposed erection of paved terrace at rear of dwelling, Herons Creek, Thames Drive – *No Parish Council Comment*

2697 Proposed single storey side extension to 24 Old Bath Road – *No Parish Council Comment*

2755 Proposed Two and single Storey Rear Extensions and replacement Garage at Rose Cottage, Lands End Lane – *No Parish Council Comment*

b) Approved - The following approvals were noted:-

2430 Two storey front extension to provide double garage, playroom and extended hall with bedroom and en-suite above, and demolition of existing garage at Milton, Milestone Avenue.

2446 Proposed erection of single storey side extension to form conservatory (retrospective)

2470 Proposed erection of new dwelling, plus demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (amendment to consent F/2007/1952)

1422 Change of use from, public open space to multi-use games area for public use

c) Refused- The following refusals were noted:-

2342 Two storey rear extension and roof conversion to dwelling, 13 Charvil House Road

2433 Erection of 8 flats, demolition of 43 Old Bath Road

d) Name for development at 25 Park View Drive South - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to inform Wokingham Borough Council that Council favoured the name "Hughie's End".

There being no other planning business the Planning Meeting was closed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4380/07 Finance Reports – Council deferred consideration of financial reports until the next meeting. The payments report from the 1st October 2007 was approved.

4381/07 Authorisation of Payments - Council considered the cheques report. Cheques as detailed were approved and signed.

4382/07 Donations - There were no new requests for donations. Payment of £100 awards to :- Wokingham Citizens Advice Bureau, Twyford & District Volunteer Centre, Milestone Avenue Residents Association, and to Keep Mobile, agreed at the last meeting, was deferred until the next meeting.

Any other finance business not on the Agenda

4383/07 Budget 2008 – 2009 - It was agreed that a budget meeting is to be held on 7th January 2008. The venue is to be confirmed.

4384/07 Inland Revenue demand for a debt outstanding from 2002 - The Chair of Finance explained that the underpayment had apparently resulted from a fault in the Inland Revenue computer. The outstanding amount has been paid but this included interest which the Clerk is to contest.

4385/07 Youth Club - The Charvil Youth Club Committee, at a closure meeting attended by Parish Council representatives, agreed to transfer the balance of between £4K and £5K to the Parish Council to be held in escrow for future youth activities in Charvil.

4386/07 Multi -Sport Area – The Chair of Finance reported that planning permission had been granted and that the contract is to be signed.

4387/07 Sonning Welfare Trust. Annual Report and Accounts - The Chair of Finance explained that one of the trusts for which he was appointed as Parish Council Trustee holds monthly meetings which he is unable to attend on a regular basis. He suggested that if a replacement trustee can be appointed it would be beneficial for the trust. Councillors were asked to consider the options.

REPORTS

4388/07 Village Hall Management Committee report of meeting held 20th November 2007

Matters arising:

Village Hall Exterior Lights & Insurance - Councillor Davies to provide Clerk with invoice on which to claim for external lights.

20 Year Celebration – Council reviewed progress in preparing an attractive programme for the weekend. Consideration of an additional entertainer had been rejected by the committee.

Hire Charges - Councillor Newman reported that the recommended increases for 2008 had been calculated by the Chair of Finance.

Appoint new cleaners - Councillor Newman reported that a new cleaning contractor had taken over.

Replacement Trees - Councillor Illenden to purchase trees as soon as available.

4389/07 Amenities Committee report of meeting held 20th November 2007

Matters arising:

Notice Board - The replacement board has now been erected.

Weekly Visual Inspection of Play Equipment. - Roger Burns has commenced weekly inspections.

Old Bath Road Notice Board - Councillor Drew reported that the locked Notice Board near the bus stop on Old Bath Road has been vandalised. Roger Burns is attempting a repair.

4390/07 District Councillor's Report - Councillor Graddon had offered her apologies.

ENVIRONMENT

4391/07 Footpath 53 Hearing – Councillor Illenden had attended the hearing and reported that the Right of Way had not been granted. Council expressed disappointment.

4392/07 Dog Fouling - Council considered an e-mail message from a resident about dog fouling on East Park Farm recreation area. Following discussion it was agreed that the problem be publicised in the next issue of Charvil News and that a copy of the message be forwarded to Wokingham Borough Council.

4393/07 Country Park Management and Fishing Rights – Councillor Jeffery introduced a draft response to the letter from Wokingham Borough Council. Following discussion she was asked to proceed with the response. Councillors Ray and Illenden offered to help with the drafting.

4394/07 Tree Preservation Order 266/1984 – Permission to prune trees - Noted

4395/07 Parish Councils Duty to Conserve Biodiversity - Noted by Council and passed to Councillor Illenden for further consideration. Councillor Illenden was asked to provide details for the purchase of a Bat Detection Device.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4396/07 Councillor Forrer reported that the cowling from the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing on the A4 at the junction with Park View Drive South has been vandalised. The Clerk was also asked to report fly tipping on Lands End Lane.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4397/07 Code of Conduct - One declaration form is still to be returned to the Clerk.

4398/07 Presentation on new Highways Process - The Clerk was asked to re-circulate correspondence for comment before responding.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Documents circulated after the meeting) - Wokingham Borough Council Meetings Agendas, & Minutes, Town & Parish News, W.B.C. Staff Bulletin, Borough News, Town and Parish |Conference information pack and minutes, Highway Maintenance Management -Winter Service Plan, Ways to tackle climate change.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm

Part 2 deferred to next meeting.

.....Signature
Chairman of the Council

Signed on 18th December 2007