



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th January 2017

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), Jim Gillett, John Hobson, Jackie Jeffery, Paul Mundy, John Davies, James Bell and Fiona Mowlem

Apologies for Absence

Absent Lauren McCann

6754/17 **Open Forum** – There was one resident present to observe, one resident interested in joining the Parish Council and one member of the press *Clerk's note: the possible council candidate has since withdrawn due to a change of circumstances*

6755/17 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

6756/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2016** - The minutes were approved by Council.

6757/17 **PLANNING** (ref 205)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment

163421 Application for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 55, The Hawthorns – no Parish Council comment

163463 Application for vehicular access to serve temporary works compound required for electrification of railway (retrospective) on Land south of Waingels Road the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Council appreciates and supports the electrification project, but does have some concerns about this gateway. Council has reservations about the siting of the compound itself but appreciates that this is not the subject of this application.

As far as the gateway is concerned, Council would not like this access to set a precedent for future gateways onto Waingels Road from this agricultural area.

Further, although this application is to serve the temporary compound, there is nothing in the application to suggest the application itself is for a temporary gateway; Council would like a condition to be placed on any approval of this application that the gateway be returned to its original form once the compound is removed.

163521 Application for the proposed erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension and two storey side extension to Paradise, Beggars Hill Road – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following were noted

161992 Application for the proposed part two storey part single storey front extension, part conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation, conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation, to include dormer extensions and alterations to fenestration at 72, East Park Farm Drive

162278 Application for the proposed erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension to the existing dwelling, raising the roof to incorporate an additional habitable room and installation of rear dormer window at 20, Charvil Meadow Road

162747 Application for the proposed single storey front extension to existing dwelling at 22 Cheviot Drive

163201 Certificate of Lawful Development to erect single storey rear extension at 21, Mendip Close

c) Planning Application Refused – The following was noted

163141 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor side extension to 12, Quantock Close

d) Appeal

160902 Application to erect a five-bedroom dwelling and a triple garage on Land off Waingels Road – It was noted that this appeal had been allowed, and the Charvil Parish Council had taken the matter up with Wokingham Borough Council, who, while unhappy with the decision, did not feel the case was strong enough to take any further. At present, it is defending a larger development questioning the five-year housing supply.

e) Local Plan Update – Representatives of the seven Northern Parishes of Charvil, Hurst, Wargrave, Sonning, Twyford Ruscombe and Remenham met to discuss their respective potential sites, and their general grounds for objection. It became clear that for all, there were common threads based on fears for infrastructure, green belt and flood plain. It was agreed that a joint letter should be sent to the Borough and a second meeting was held to finalise the broad content and Cllr Gillett has drafted a letter for all clerks and borough councillors to sign and send to Wokingham. *Clerk's note: this letter was duly delivered and has received two replies, acknowledging it.*

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

FINANCE

6758/17 Finance Reports – It was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously.

6759/17 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments:

- £453.87 to the assistant clerk
- £545.62 to Gopak
- £736.48 to ISS Facility Services Ltd
- £1038.31 to NIC Services Ltd
- £446.40 for litter picking
- £41.51 to Castle Water
- £829 to Herald Graphics
- £114.16 to the clerk
- £113.02 to the former assistant clerk
- £143.82 to Southern Electric
- £184.93 to SSE Contracting
- £216.82 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
- £527.24 to Royal Berks Pension Fund

And S137 payments of:

- £200 to Thames Valley Police
- £300 to Keep Mobile
- £300 to Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre

6760/17 To approve the budget decisions made by the Finance Committee on 9th January – It was resolved to approve the budgets which was done unanimously

6761/17 To approve the final precept figure – It was resolved to increase the precept by 2%, or to £28.89 per Band D property.

6762/17 To approve the re-appointment of David Weller as the internal auditor – It was resolved to approve this re-appointment but Council may change next year.

- 6763/17 **To approve and sign the direct debit mandate for the pavilion energy** – It was resolved to approve this which was done unanimously and was duly signed by Cllrs Drew and Jeffery. *Clerk’s note: on returning to WBC, they have informed Council that we need to make our own arrangements for an energy supplier.*
- 6764/17 **To approve and sign the Standing order mandate for the change in wages** – It was resolved to approve this which was done unanimously and was duly signed by Cllrs Jeffery and Drew.

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

REPORTS

- 6765/17 **Amenities Committee**- The Minutes of a meeting on 9th January were noted. It was noted that the toddler cupboard is to be cleared out, shelving installed and then groups will be allocated space by mutual agreement.
- 6766/17 **Report from the Borough Councillor**
The Borough Councillor was not present but the chair read a report provided by her. She noted that many of the ditches had been cleared and that fly-tipping had been removed. She also mentioned that the lane markings at the Wee Waif roundabout need to be improved so that the right-hand lane from the Old Bath Road should have a “turn right” arrow so everyone knows drivers intend to head down the A4. Council agreed the roundabout was dangerous but have asked the clerk to get more information from the Borough Councillor on this item.
- 6767/17 **Environment**
It was noted that the TPO works request 163009 at 60, Park View Drive North was refused and the TPO request 163231 at 7 Foxes Walk was approved. It was also noted that the council had received an updated TPO for the Wee Waif to reflect what is currently there. Council are a little concerned that this is still inaccurate so Cllrs Hobson, McCann and Jeffery are going to check the accuracy of this and all the other TPOs in Charvil with the possible help of the Veteran Tree Society.
- 6768/17 **Highways** – Council considered whether they should request the Borough to remove the pinch point on Waingels Road, and it was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to the acting head of Highways with this request.
- 6769/17 **To consider the response from the Sonning PCC and the next steps regarding Jubilee Hall** – The response was noted and it was felt that once the pre-school had met with the Church, Council would respond appropriately, possibly asking for a copy of the “Deed of Gift”. Some residents have asked for the building to be listed as an asset of community value, and council agreed that if this seemed appropriate, they would do it. *Clerk’s note: given that the response from the Church was not encouraging, and the pre-school are considering their future, it did not seem useful at this point to respond to the Church at this point.*
- 6770/17 **Update on Lighting Plans for East Park Farm** – The clerk reported that these were to be installed this week. *Clerk’s note: These have now been installed.*
- 6771/17 **To consider the list of assets passed to Council by Dee Maddox-Hinton** - Council agreed that they were not in a position to take on any more assets t this point.

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.35pm

Chairman’s Signature