



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th March 2017

**Present** Chris Drew (Chairman), Jim Gillett, John Davies, Lauren McCann, Paul Mundy, James Bell and Fiona Mowlem

**Apologies for Absence** John Hobson and Jackie Jeffery

**Absent** Lauren McCann

**6789/17 Open Forum** – Jane Hartley, who is interested in joining the Council, attended

**6790/17 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

**6791/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 2017** - The minutes were approved by Council.

**6792/17 PLANNING** (ref 207)

**a) New Applications for Information and Comment**

170548 Application for prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.9m and the height of the eaves would be 2.5m at 11, Park Lane (this notification is for information only)

**b) Planning Applications Approved** – The following were noted

170016 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 3 roof lights, conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation and erection of in-fill side extension, to include raising of existing flat roof and internal alterations at 22, Chiltern Drive

**c) Planning Application Withdrawn**

170078 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear and side extension, erection of single storey to form a new porch and new dormers to the front and rear at 15 Old Bath Road

**d) Appeal allowed** – the following was noted

F/2014/2503 Application to erect 25 detached houses with associated roads, garages, parking spaces, Gardens and landscaped areas on land west of Park Lane

**e) Call for Sites for Joint Minerals and Waste Plan** – To Note that this started on 13th March and finishes on 5th May

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

### FINANCE

**6793/17 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously.

**6794/17 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments:  
£137.67 to the assistant clerk

£60 to Paul Corby  
£736.48 to ISS Facility Services Ltd  
£654.91 to NIC Services Ltd  
£19.24 to Tracy Ray  
£156 to Rosemor International  
£1119.77 to the clerk  
£264.6 to RES  
£45 to Open Spaces Society  
£1500 to Twyford District Youth Centre  
£216.82 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd  
£835.79 to Royal Berks Pension Fund  
£1150.01 to PAYE

**6795/17 To note the financial position of the pavilion in its first year of trading under Charvil Parish Council management** – This was deferred until April when full figures should be available

**6796/17 To Approve and sign a new Standing Order for salaries for the new financial year**  
– This was duly approved and signed

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

## **REPORTS**

**6797/17 Amenities Committee**- The Minutes of a meeting on 6th March were noted.

The agreement with the tennis club was approved, and the clerk reported that payment for 2016 had been received. It was resolved to delegate the final discussions with the tennis club to any three members of the Amenities Committee, unless any material amendments need to be made. This was unanimously approved.

Council considered a request from Reading AFC to play at East Park Farm. After a long discussion, it was agreed to offer them training facilities but explain that the pitches are full size so they may not be appropriate, and that Council were not willing to hand over the management of the pitches. The clerk was also asked to suggest that they would be welcome to use St Patrick's Recreation Ground but that as Council cannot charge for its use under current terms, they would have to arrange line painting etc. themselves. The clerk was also asked to approach the University to see whether it would be possible to ask the teams to pay the extra costs. *The University have suggested that for Council to be able to charge, the lease may have to be rewritten.*

**6798/17 Report from the Borough Councillor**

The Borough Councillor had nothing to report except on Highways (see below). The clerk was asked to find out if she had managed to get a reply from the Church on the Deed of Gift of the land that Jubilee Hall is built on. *Clerk's note: on hearing that she had not, the clerk contacted them, and was sent a Trust document, stating that the land was gifted to the Parish of St Andrew, Sonning, for the benefit of the Church parish and that if it were to be sold, the proceeds were to for ecclesiastical purposes laid out in the PCC (Powers) Measure 1921.*

**6799/17 Environment**

**To note the approval of TPO application 170251 to fell a lime tree at 8, Charvil Meadow Road** – This was noted.

**To note the TPO application 170298 to prune a walnut and cherry tree at 42, Park View Drive North** – This was noted

**To note the progress of getting a group of tree wardens for Charvil** – Cllr. Hobson sent an e-mail to explain that they had had an interesting meeting with the Veteran Tree Association, and because the association felt their information on Charvil was inaccurate, the new group were going to start surveying the whole village. Regarding any trees under threat on Park lane, the clerk was asked to contact Wokingham as the Association does not deal with TPOs. *Clerk's note: On requesting the area's trees to be considered, WBC have asked Council to suggest any extra trees to be considered for*

*protection, but that if they can be felled as part of the planning process, this takes precedence over the order.*

Cllr. Mowlem asked if the water quality of the stream between East Park Farm and the country park could be checked as there have been some reports of effluent and other pollution recently.

Cllr. Gillett reported that the sewer work on Waingels Road would not happen until next year.

- 6800/17 Highways** – Cllr Mowlem reported on the efforts to get some response on the possibility of getting the Borough to adopt Pipistrelle Way. As the Borough Councillor reported that she is working on this, the clerk was asked to see what she was doing. The Borough Councillor also reported in writing that she is trying to get part of Chiltern Drive resurfaced.
- 6801/17 To consider whether the Parish Council wants to push for a new Pre-school premises if a suitable partner can be found to run it** – While Councils feels there should be a pre-school in Charvil, and could contribute funds towards a new building if CIL money is forthcoming with the Park Lane development, there needs to be extensive discussion with the school as to what is needed and where. Cllrs Hobson, Mundy, Mowlem and Bell have been given the remit to consider costs, providers, possible locations etc.
- 6802/17 To consider the licence renewal application for the kebab van in Milestone Avenue** – Council considered all the arguments presented to them by the local residents, but after lengthy discussion, it was felt that as nothing had materially changed since last year, Council had no grounds to object.
- 6803/17 To hear a report from the clerk on the latest clerks' meeting with the borough** – The clerk reported that the Borough is looking to extend cemetery provision, and that they had not made extra provision in the new SDL's. She also reported that the preferred sites consultation part of the Local Plan will be in the summer and that there is general dissatisfaction with WBC on the Local Governance Review as they do not seem to have a clear plan for fitting new communities into parishes.
- 6804/17 To note the illegal use of motorbikes in the country park and on the grassland at East Park Farm** – It was reported that this was still happening and that the clerk should contact Simon Bartlam to ask him to look out for this.
- 6805/17 To Consider an alternative plan for the transfer of the vegetable plots to Charvil parish Council** – The preferred position is to continue with a rolling lease but if this needs to change, then WBC to pay the legal fees.

**There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.45pm**

**Chairman's Signature .....**