



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd May 2017

Present Jim Gillett (Chairman), John Hobson, Jackie Jeffery, Paul Mundy, James Bell, John Davies, Fiona Mowlem and Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs

Apologies for Absence None

Absent

6818/17 Open Forum – Claire Andersen attended the meeting as she is interested in joining the Council. She introduced herself and explained why she was interested and was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting, which she did.

6819/17 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

6820/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2017 - The minutes were approved by Council.

6821/17 PLANNING (ref 209)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment

- 171060 Application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation at 18, Pipistrelle Way – no Parish Council comment
- 171058 Application for the proposed erection of a part two storey/part first floor side extension with front dormer window and conversion of loft with rear roof lights to create habitable accommodation at 16 Gingells Farm Road - no Parish Council comment
- 171156 Application for proposed erection of single storey rear and side extensions, conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and internal alterations at 34 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment
- 171231 Application for the proposed first floor side extension over existing games room to form habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestration at 21 Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment
- 171262 Application for the proposed raising of roof and rear dormer extension with Juliet balcony and roof lights to front elevation to facilitate additional habitable accommodation at 15A Charvil House Road – no Parish Council comment
- 171216 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension following part demolition of existing double garage at 2, Gingells Farm Road – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Refused – The following was noted

162238 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor front extension over existing garage and single storey side/rear extension at 2 Strathmore Drive

c) Appeal – the following were noted

- 161565 Appeal regarding land adjacent to Model Farm Cottages, New Bath Road
- 163141 Application for the proposed first floor side extension to 12 Quantock Close was dismissed

- e) **To note the latest maps for the Local Plan and to decide whether they were happy with them** – Councillors were quite happy with the maps but Cllr. Hobbs explained that the Head of the Council and all the Lead Councillors have now changed, so that this may lead to some revision of how the Local Plan may be conducted going forward.

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

FINANCE

6822/17 Finance Reports – It was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously. After examination of the end of year balance sheet, it was agreed that reserves should be reduced

6823/17 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments:

£433.28 to the assistant clerk
£38.99 to Cathedral Hygiene
£736.47 to ISS Facility Services Ltd
£970.56 to NIC Services Ltd
£110 to Omega Security Ltd
£271.80 to Rosemor International Ltd
£1648.09 to EDF Energy
£132 to Woodley and JFI Roofing
£79.99 to the clerk
£2041.54 to Business Services at CAS Ltd
£30 to CCB
£239.40 to Playsafety Ltd
£67.05 to David Weller
£216.82 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
£552.91 to Royal Berks Pension Fund

6824/17 To consider the quotations for a new wooden fence round the East Park Farm playing fields including a strip on the fourth side with wire attached to catch some of the footballs - After some discussion, it was agreed that there should be a four-bar fence behind the goals rather than having wire, as it would have a similar effect but would look nicer. It was resolved to offer AES Ltd the contract, if they could set the fence posts in concrete in line with the other quotations and keep their costs below that of the other contractors. If they could not, then Council will reconsider their position. *Clerk's note: they were still the cheapest so the decision stands*

6825/17 To Approve the updated asset register – It was resolved to approve this now it was fully up to date, which it was unanimously.

6826/17 To consider quotations for bollards between the tennis courts and the stream at East Park Farm - There was some discrepancy between the quotations as to how many bollards were necessary, and in addition, there needed to be more at the Pavilion end near to the small Pavilion car park. The Council also wanted telescopic bollards on the paths rather than fold-down. Given the change in specification, it was agreed to offer the chance for all to re-quote for the modified version.

6827/17 To consider quotations for painting the pavilion – It was resolved to award the contract to Iain Cox, which was agreed unanimously.

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

REPORTS

6828/17 Amenities Committee- The Minutes of a meeting on 8th May were noted.

6829/17 Report from the Borough Councillor

The Borough Councillor reported that there is a new Head of Council, Charlotte Haitham-Taylor, and a new cabinet. She reported that she had written to Mr Hicks to see

what he might like to do for the people of Charvil, now he has his planning permission and is awaiting reply. She reported that ISS had been fined for its use of weedkiller, and it should not happen again. She said that she is now involved with Children's Services and that this may impact on the parish Council. There are on-going problems with fly-tipping and with residents falling victim to scams. She is pushing for the re-surfacing of Chiltern Drive.

6830/17 Environment

To note the updated TPO at 117-119 Old Bath Road from 917/1998 to 1586/2017 –

This has been updated to protect the younger trees

To note any progress with the mapping of Charvil's trees – In the absence of a councillor for Charvil, there has been no progress

6831/17 Highways

Council was in favour of the idea of purchasing its own Speed Indicator Device, and the clerk will get in touch with traffic management to decide where it should go, and what Council needs to do to install one legally.

The Borough Councillor suggested that progress on the issue of adoption of Pipistrelle Way had stalled but that Council should write to Ian Haller to see if an exception could be made to WBC policy as it is no fault of the residents that the development does not currently comply.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the feedback from residents regarding the Waingels Road pinch-point was that they would like it to stay.

Council considered the WBC Transport Vision and felt it was all very laudable, but would need major changes in road infrastructure

6832/17 To note that Council will not be involved in the barbecue that the fete this year -

It was noted that Cllrs Gillett and Mundy would help drive the train

6833/17 To consider changes that need to be made to the website – The plan set out by the

web designer was approved but councillors would like to preview the changes before they go "live"

6834/17 To consider who might like to get involved with the Twyford Area

Neighbourhood Acton Group – Cllr Hobson has agreed to represent Charvil

6835/17 To Resolve that Charvil Parish Council qualifies as of 22nd May 2017 for the General Power of Competence, having a CiLCA qualified clerk and at least 2/3 of its Councillors are elected – This was unanimously approved

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman's Signature