



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th November 2017

Present Jim Gillett (Chairman), Jackie Jeffery, Claire Andersen, James Bell, Jane Hartley, Adrian Keward and Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs

Apologies for Absence Paul Mundy, Fiona Mowlem and John Hobson (John Davies has resigned from the Council)

Absent

6922/17 Open Forum – There were no residents present.

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Borough Councillor John Halsall attended to discuss his Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham. He ran through the background of the problems with the developers being slow to build once planning had been granted, resulting in the successful appeals, and how this is influencing the Borough's approach to the Local Plan. He feels that the Borough needs to take control of the developing itself because most local people can't afford the types of homes the commercial developers want to build, and that this development needs to be done close to urban centres with good transport links, possibly by redeveloping the centres of Twyford and Woodley, and some parts of Wokingham. Much of the development he envisages is flats, but some Charvil councillors felt that these are only suitable as rental properties. He ran through the Local Plan timetable; appealed for as many people as possible to write to Theresa May and WBC in planning terms; explained how much local support he has already for his campaign to prevent development of the greenbelt and grade one farmland; and how much money he will need to fight this campaign successfully. Council felt that the brownfield sites that Cllr. Halsall was referring to should be included in the sites being considered and asked why this had not yet been done and that while they would consider the request for funds, this would have to be considered carefully with all the other Budget issues. The Chairman thanked Cllr Halsall, and he left at 8.50pm as did Emma Hobbs.

6923/17 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

6924/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2017- The minutes were approved by Council.

6925/17 PLANNING (ref 215)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment

173088 Application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension to create habitable accommodation plus erection of two side dormers at 99 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment

173248 Application for the proposed expansion of the existing caravan site at The Homestead, Park Lane – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

While the Parish Council is sympathetic to the housing needs of those living on the site, it is concerned about the change of use from commercial (B8) to residential

accommodation (C3) in an area designated as countryside and outside the development limits.

If the Borough is minded to approve this application, Council would like a condition to be included that only allowed employees to live on the site.

b) Planning Application Approved – The following were noted

- 152886 Application for submission of details to comply with the following conditions of planning consent 152179(25/9/2015). 3. External materials. 4. Ground and Building Levels. 6. Cycle parking. 7. Access. 9. Landscaping. 11. Details of Boundary walls and fences at 111 Old Bath Road
- 171943 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/front extension to dwelling plus conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 41 Cheviot Drive
- 171952 Application for the erection of a single storey side extension (retrospective) at 36 Park View Drive South
- 172211 Application for the part conversion of existing garage into storeroom and gym with raised roof levels plus first floor side/rear extension at 33 St Patrick's Avenue
- 172520 Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling plus part conversion of existing garage at 6 Wenlock Edge
- 172567 Application for proposed erection of single storey side extension following conversion of existing car port to garage and existing garage to habitable accommodation at 13, Strathmore Drive

c) Planning Application Refused – The following was noted

- 172243 Application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension at 14, Chiltern Drive

d) Planning Applications Withdrawn – The following were noted

- 170586 Application to vary condition 2 and remove condition 10 of planning consent F/2014/2072 (proposed erection of detached dwelling with new access, hard and soft landscaping and associated works). Variation of condition 2 to change approved plans to allow re-siting of approved dwelling by 1.5 metres. Removal of condition 10 to remove the requirement to comply with the code for sustainable homes at 111 Old Bath Road
- 172439 Application for the erection of detached dwelling, hard and soft landscaping and associated work at 111 Old Bath Road

- e) To consider whether to put Charvil Parish's name to the letter that is to be presented by Cllr Lee to the Secretary of State for Housing** – After some discussion, it was decided by a majority to put Charvil's name to the letter, with one abstention. *Clerk's note: after the budget, Barkham Council felt it more appropriate for each Parish to write its own letter.*

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

Cllr Jeffery left at 9.15

FINANCE

- 6926/17 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously.

- 6927/17 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments:

£79.68 to Grundon Waste Management Ltd
£33.42 to Contract Natural Gas Ltd
£29.65 to British Gas Services Ltd
£61.93 to Aquacare
£83.66 to Bowak Ltd
£74.49 to the Assistant Clerk

£239 to ADD Plumbing Solutions
£30 to Thames Valley Bin Hygiene Services
£736.48 to ISS Facility Services Ltd
£168 to IPS Fencing of Slough
£94.5 to Loddon Door Services Ltd
£60.94 to the Clerk
£3327.50 to NIC Services Group Ltd
£96 to BALC
£364.54 to Business Services at CAS Ltd
£48 to Hags SMP
£54 to OCS Group UK Ltd
£378.82 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
£1807.91 for payroll
£132.85 to Viking
£2900.40 to Morelock Signs Ltd
£864 to BBM Contracts Ltd
£1024.6 to Berkshire Pension Scheme

- 6928/17 To note the sink-hole in the football pitch and repair costs, and to consider whether any further action should be taken** – The clerk was to ask the assistant clerk or Roger Burns to monitor the pitches weekly, and to find out how much it would cost to do a sonar survey.
- 6929/17 To consider the report on how to repair the pavilion properly and to approve the repair if the WBC's insurance won't cover it** – The clerk reported that WBC are sending out a surveyor. Council decided that there needed to be another quotation for the repair in case it cannot be repaired under the insurance policy. The clerk was to try to find out when there would be a decision from Wokingham and a decision would be made at the next meeting.
- 6930/17 To consider whether Council would accept an aluminium replacement bar or whether to incur the cost of removing the existing structures and replacing with steel frames and bars** – This was deferred to next meeting when a decision MUST be taken

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

REPORTS

- 6931/17 Amenities Committee** – The minutes of a meeting on 6th November were noted.
- 6932/17 Report from the Borough Councillor** – Cllr. Hobbs asked the clerk to pass on that residents had complained of items being stolen from their post boxes in Milestone Avenue
- 6933/17 Environment**
It was reported that the school wish to plant trees in their specified area in the country park and Cllr. Andersen reported that she had four people interested in conducting a tree survey, and they will meet with the Veteran Tree Association in January
- 6934/17 To hear an update from Cllr. Hobson on the Fete Committee** – this was deferred
- 6935/17 To consider the proposed dates for the 2018 Council meetings** – it was decided that April's meeting be held on 23rd April because of Easter.
- 6936/17 To Consider whether Council should install CCTV at East Park Farm** – This was deferred.
- 6937/17 To consider how Council might be able to help the survival of the Duke of Edinburgh programme in Twyford** – the Clerk reported that it will continue until next summer but will need to find an alternative way to fund itself from that point on. Council were sympathetic to the cause but said they needed more information and suggested that they should apply for a grant. *Clerk's note: They said they would try to apply in July as they will be clearer as to what they need by then.*
- 6938/17 Feedback on Finance Training** – This was deferred
At this point, Standing Orders were suspended

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6939/17 Local Plan Update – Cllr Hobbs has promised to ask for the slides from the Local Plan meeting she and the Chairman attended. At this meeting, they looked at the maps and there were concerns about the green belt and top-grade agriculture. Councillors present raised the point that infrastructure improvements would be necessary to facilitate any successful development in this area. It was stated again that villages would need to develop Neighbourhood plans, and the question was raised as to whether this would come out of the £10 per household fighting fund. The answer was possibly not, but would need to be confirmed.

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman's Signature