

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th December 2012

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy, Chris Drew, Lauren McCann, Piran Trezise, James Bell, John Davies, Jackie Jeffery and Borough Councillor Nick Ray.

Apologies for absence – Liz Black

5847/12 Open Forum – Patrick Heather, of the Twyford Village Partnership, attended to ask for Council's support for the proposed Community Hub in Twyford. He gave a brief history of the project, explaining that the major impetus came from the community's wish for a new library. The Hub would bring together many of the Community services under one roof and 25% of the funding would come from the community. He has letters of support from many Twyford organisations, and increasingly, from the wider community. Council unanimously agreed to add their support to this project. The chairman thanked Patrick for coming and he then left. *Clerk wrote a letter of support to The Village Partnership.*

5848/12 Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Mundy lives close to one of the proposed sites and Cllr. Wilkinson is the Chairman of governors at Sonning Primary School. The clerk has given all Councillors a waiver so they can discuss the precept at future meetings.

5849/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th November 2012 – The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the above Minutes –

There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

5850/12 PLANNING (ref 156)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

2391 Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, part new roof to existing garage at 30 Thornbers Way – No Parish Council Comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following planning approval was noted

1629 Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 142, Park View Drive North

c) Planning Applications refused – The following planning refusals were noted

CLP/2012/2041 A loft conversion with a rear dormer window extension at 10, Charvil House Road
2038 Raising of roof to existing garage block to create habitable accommodation at Three Barns, Loddon Drive

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

FINANCE

5851/12 Finance Reports - Reports were unanimously approved.

- 5852/12 Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including payments of £150 to Keep Mobile and £200 to Charvil and Sonning Junior Cricket Club.
- 5853/12 Donations** – Council considered a request from Charvil Community Tennis Club for a donation. Because of the uncertainty over the immediate future of the tennis courts, Council felt they would like to consider this once there is more clarity from Wokingham.
- 5854/12 Date for Budget meeting in January** – This is to be held at the Chair of Finance’s house on 10th January at 8pm *Clerk’s note – this was moved to 17th January.*
- 5855/12 To authorise the purchase of ten chairs and a chair trolley for £500** – This was unanimously approved.
- 5856/12 Annual Return** – The clerk reported that this had been returned approved apart from that the clerks should not include depreciation of assets and that the clerk had omitted “Charvil Parish Council “ from the top of two pages on the return.

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

REPORTS

- 5857/12 Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting this month.
Council considered a request from Suzanne Newman for an extra piano tune. It was agreed that Council should only pay for one tune per year and if users wish for it to be done more often, then they should pay for it.
- 5858/12 Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month.
- 5859/12 Borough Councillor’s Report** – The Borough Councillor reported that the waste bags for 2013/14 will be stronger and slightly bigger as a result of customer feedback.
- 5860/12 ENVIRONMENT** – Nothing to Report
- 5861/12 HIGHWAYS** - See under school update.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5862/12 Update on the Primary School** – Cllrs Drew, Mundy and Bell had attended a meeting with Piers Brunning and Brian Grady the previous week. They were generally delighted with the plans put before them, as they had taken into account most of the concerns that had been raised at the previous meeting. It was quite apparent that Piers’ team are only concerned with replacing the amenities lost as a result of the school build, and to get any extra would probably mean negotiating with Parks and Open spaces. However, while Council felt most of the proposed plans were fine, two things stood out that should be altered. One was the amount of parking – it was felt it would be preferable to have fifty spaces, not the current 35. The second issue concerned the tennis courts; in the present plans these are two separate courts, and Council felt they should be side by side as at present, and that there should be three not two. The clerk was asked to report these issues back to Piers Brunning. Council would consider moving the football pitches closer together if needs be to accommodate these, and would also consider paying for some of the extra amenity. The BMX track is a bit of a problem as the land on the other side of the stream is environmentally sensitive, and this would be the obvious place to put it. Council also noted that Wargrave Piggott Senior School has been recommended to run the school. Cllr. Drew is to meet Wokingham’s traffic consultants on 15th January at 8.30 so they can see how bad the traffic problems are each morning around the roundabout on the A4 and on the Old Bath Road and Park Lane.
- 5863/12 To Consider whether Charvil Parish Council agrees in principle to investigate further the viability and desirability of taking over the running of the East Park Farm Pavilion** – After some discussion, the clerk was asked to find out if Wokingham would even consider handing over the running of the pavilion to Charvil Parish Council, and if so, would Council also have to take over the tennis courts and the sports pitches as well.

5864/12 Meeting Dates for 2013 – It was proposed that the meetings should be moved to the third Monday in the month and the Village Hall ones to the first Wednesday from February. The clerk was asked to check for hall availability and circulate new dates.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Copies available from the Clerk) – Wokingham Borough Council Meetings/Agendas;

Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman updated Council on the length of time it has taken the Environment Agency to produce a report about the sewerage problem on Waingels Road. Both he and the Borough Councillor were to write to complain at the lack of progress.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm